

## The Fortnightly Rant

### It's New! It's Entertaining! It's Depraved!

The failed steak salesman and serially-bankrupt ex-casino owner turned reality TV star currently playing President is often called a divisive figure. Surely, though, he has one quality about which everyone can agree: as a bold innovator, he is without parallel.

No prior President ever had sufficient imagination to tell four non-white female Members of Congress—three of them native-born—to go back to the crime infested countries from which they came.

No other President ever had a third-wife First Lady who tweeted out a photo of herself and her grinning, thumbs-up husband with a baby who'd just been orphaned by an admiring mass shooter.

Certainly he's the first President brazen enough to suggest that a former Chief Executive may have had a mutual friend, who just happened to be a particularly monstrous child molester, murdered in a prison under the jurisdiction of an Attorney General whose father had inexplicably given said molester-to-be a job for which he was unqualified: teaching the young children of wealthy families.

The incumbent's mode of thinking—if use of that word is permissible here—appears to be unique. Let us hope it is, anyway.

It seems to be working for him, too; at least, so far. Despite his obvious self-dealing, his failure to see that the laws of the land are faithfully executed, and his random, reckless approach to governance in general, he still has yet to be impeached. Of course, that may say more about the failures of Congress, and specifically the alleged Democratic leadership, than the actions of the Tweeter-in-Chief.

Why does it work?

**A Box of New, Improved Hammers**  
Americans have always admired thinking that's "outside the box;" first because it's a cliché, and thus requires no thought; second, because the term emerged from the corporate world, which gives it added authority among the credulous. This tendency is probably intractable since, unlike most nations which evolved out of the mists of barbaric history, America, an accumulation of roamers, rovers, and adventurers, actually invented itself.

By creating a box of his own, the confines of which lack rhyme, reason, or fixed definition from one day to the next, Dolt #45 has, in effect, boxed in his opposition.

#### New Wrinkle, Old Goal

Despite this innovative method, the goal is an old one.

The moral void occupying the Oval Office is the human equivalent—again, we're using terms loosely here—of the clickbait headlines so ubiquitous in the digital swamp we call the internet. If you pay attention you can't help thinking, "What? No. That can't be—or shouldn't be."

Every day comes something new, something unpredictable, and, more often than not, something revolting. Every day it seems that some moral limit must have been reached; every day we re-learn how feeble are our imaginations.

Of course, not everyone feels this way, and therein lies the point. A charlatan free from the shackles of shame can dazzle the right audience. Pit them against those who, given the choice, would prefer not to watch a man bite the heads off chickens, and you can make racism the new NASCAR.

Last night he brought his bad medicine show to Manchester. Let's hope we all lived through it.

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Ⓐ WORK IN PROGRESS: THE MAKING OF A SHITHOLE COUNTRY

### The New New Colossus

Like the brazen giant of old Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;  
Here at our sea-washed, darkened gates shall stand  
A mighty despot with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoning lightning, and his name  
Father of Force. From his weaponed hand  
Glares world-wide scorn; his wild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.

"Give us your lands, your precious oil!" cries he  
With smirking lips. "Give me your wealth, your riches,  
Keep your huddled masses yearning for our shores,  
Keep the wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Keep these, the homeless, tempest-tost away,  
I build my wall beside our golden door!"

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[See also: a letter from Ms. Pistole on page four.]

## The Alleged News®

### There'll Be a Hot Time...Everywhere, From Now On

Cleverly publishing on August 13th, at the height of the heat of the summer, the *Washington Post*, as yet un-shuttered by Executive Order, has posted an interactive article online which, if we had a functioning political system, would no doubt spur a prompt response.

As things stand, though, with the citizenry powerless to effect change while Moscow Mitch wields the gavel in the Senate, one can only wonder what other means might be found. Residents of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China appear to have found ways to get the attention of the pertinent authorities.

There does seem to be some risk involved. At least one person has already had an eye shot out, and, as was proven at Tiananmen Square, there's more mayhem where that

came from. Still, the alternative does seem to be dying slowly.

#### Time for the Fake Guillotines?

Perhaps the time has come for someone to draw up a set of plans for a Do-It-Yourself Cardboard Fake Guillotine.™ These could be built by teams of like-minded people, perhaps while enjoying a few malt beverages, at a total cost of approximately nothing. Mounted on bicycle wheels and rolled through town, they would be clearly incapable of actually hurting anyone, yet ominously reminiscent of a time when aristocrats were briefly able to transcend their inherent lack of empathy and understand that their own well-being was at stake, too.

Now, where were we?

#### Is it Just Us, or Is it Hot?

The *Post* analyzed "more than a century of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration tem-

perature data across the Lower 48 states and 3,107 counties," and made it possible for the reader to quickly find his or her own county.

To provide context and allow the horror to become more fully evident, the paper noted that "The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change warns that if Earth heats up by an average of 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit, virtually all the world's coral reefs will die; retreating ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica could unleash massive sea level rise; and summertime Arctic sea ice, a shield against further warming, would begin to disappear." So, clearly, a global 3.6 degree rise would not be good.

How bad is it now? The world is already halfway there, at 1.8° F. "But," the *Post* points out, "that's just an average."

Hence the article, which, cut-

ting to the chase, says Rockingham County, New Hampshire is already up 3.2° F. If our math is right, we're already 88.8 percent screwed.

Never mind the latest horror movie. Check out [washingtonpost.com/graphics/2019/national/climate-environment/climate-change-america](http://washingtonpost.com/graphics/2019/national/climate-environment/climate-change-america) if you want to get scared.

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#### Dept. of Flotsam, Jetsam, & Lagan

Having given the only news story that actually matters "a lick and a promise," let's indulge in some light entertainment.

Dismissive hand waves by the Chief Executive notwithstanding, the FBI has warned on multiple occasions that Russia is aiming to meddle in the 2020 elections, as it did to noteworthy effect in 2016. Bills are pending in both houses of Congress which would attempt to make our elections more secure.

They're not going anywhere, though, because Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell won't bring the matter to the floor. In unrelated news, after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell single-handedly got sanctions against a Russian oligarch lifted, his company announced that the largest new aluminum manufacturing plant in 40 years would be built in McConnell's home state.

Decades of furor over the existential perils posed by deficit spending having miraculously dissipated—perhaps it was all just a misunderstanding—a bipartisan agreement has been reached [*i.e.*, Republicans decided] to lift the debt ceiling and schedule the next panic for about six months into the next [possibly Democratic] Presidential term.

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**The Seacoast Helicopters Saga Continues**  
The *Portsmouth Herald* on Tuesday quoted Bruce Cultrera saying his business, Seacoast Helicopters, is up for sale.

"That doesn't mean there's a buyer," Cultrera told the Award-Winning Local Daily, "all I'll say is we're putting the company up for sale and we have ceased flight operations," confirming what relieved Portsmouth residents have known since late June.

There may not be any helicopters, either. Sources at the airport told us that they were trucked away weeks ago. Cultrera told the paper, though, that his decision to sell the business was sparked by the loss of his more senior pilots, who he said had been "hired away." Without pilots or helicopters, what is left?

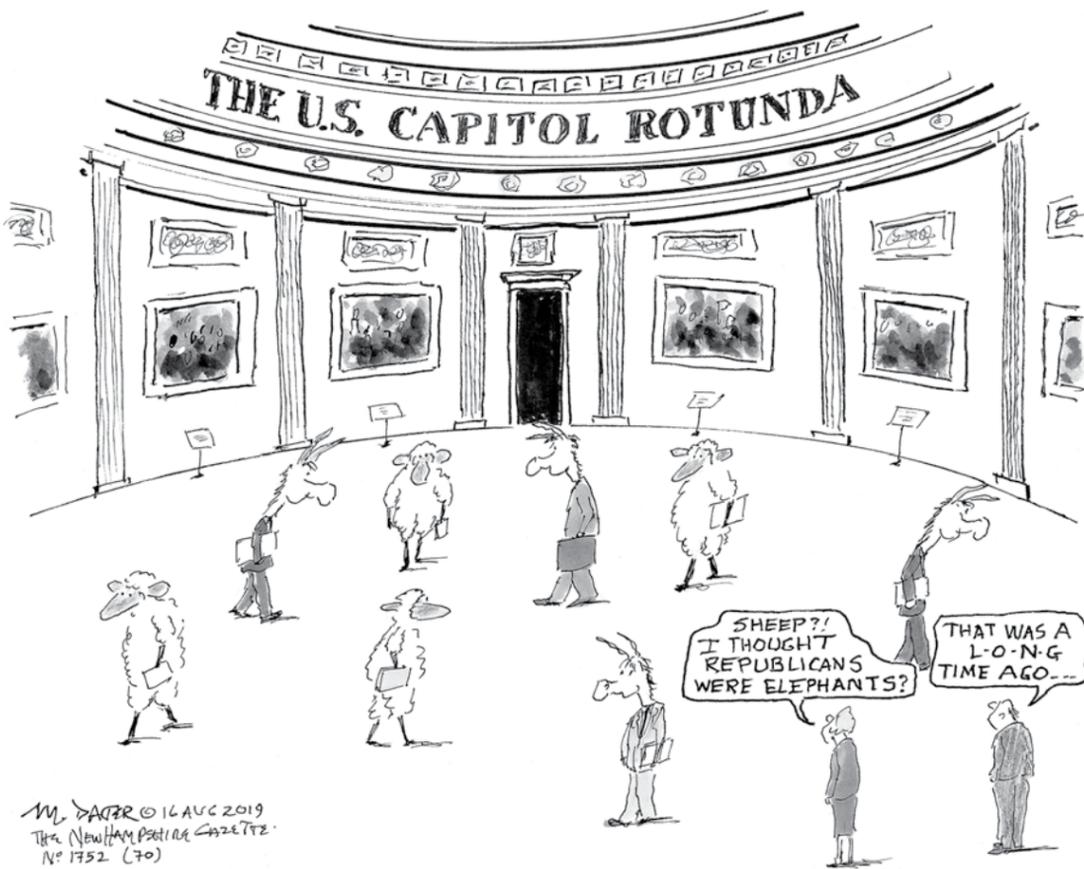
Goodwill. According to *Market Business News*, "The difference between the value of the whole and the sum of its parts is its goodwill. It is all about the nature of the business and the ethics and integrity with which people conduct their business."

On August 8th, a spokesperson for the Attorney General's Office confirmed to the AWLD that its Consumer Protection Bureau was "actively investigating complaints" about the company. Cultrera said he was only aware of one complaint to the AG's office. On a *Facebook* page called *Seacoast Helicopters Annoy*, however, four named people complain that they have not been able to obtain refunds. We suspected they were in trouble back in February, when they let their subscription lapse.

**Quiet, But For How Long?**

After a month and a half, we're used to quiet skies. If someone were to buy Seacoast Helicopters, and some helicopters, and hire some pilots, though, we could be right back where we were for five years: constant overflights of downtown, always along the same route, below the purported 1,000 foot altitude, &c., &c., because the FAA doesn't give two hoots about any of that.

Hawaii State Representative Cynthia Thielen, though, has some ideas. Her district includes Kialua Bay, where last April a Robinson R44 crashed in a densely-populated



Our Wandering Photographer stumbled upon an alarming sight last week: the unmistakable outline of a person lying prone in a parking space off Daniel Street. Finding no mention of any recent homicides in the police log, we've come to the conclusion that this was evidence only that some artistic weissenheimer got his hands on a bit of chalk.

suburban area, killing all three people on board.

On Monday, Thielen posted her suggestions online:

"Although the state can't regulate federally controlled airspace, the DOT can still make meaningful progress toward regulating tour operators by exercising their control over airport leases and helicopter licenses. DOT should use its statutory authority and guidance from an updated Helicopter Master Plan to consider substantially drawing down the number of helicopter leases at state airports."

"The second solution involves closing a loophole that allows Hawaii's helicopter tour companies to avoid paying [Hawaii's] general excise tax GET. The U.S. Constitution largely prevents states from taxing aviation transportation companies because it would interfere with interstate commerce.

"However, since almost all tour heli-

copter companies take off and land from the same location and do not transport riders between counties, the state can subject these companies to the GET just like any other company. I already have legislation on my desk for the 2020 session that will close this tax loophole, subjecting helicopter companies to our state excise tax. Though this doesn't completely solve the state's problems with the tour helicopter industry, it sets those companies on the same playing field as the rest of Hawaii's tourism businesses." [Emphasis added.]

As things stand, there's no defense against Cultrera's possible successor.

Our legislators might want to consider trying to implement Thielen's suggestions

A Robinson helicopter crashed in Fiji on August 2nd, apparently killing all aboard. The pilot was transporting a sick two-year old boy and his mother to a hospital when the

R44 "impacted the water at relatively high speed." The mother's body washed ashore two days later. The pilot and the child were still missing at press time.

The *Fiji Sun* profiled the pilot in December, 2018: "Gilbert Parker, an Australian, who fell in love with Savusavu when he spent holidays there four years ago, has returned and invested in a helicopter business.

"Mr. Parker is a pilot by profession for about more than 12 years [sic]...."

"He began offering his business in January this year providing services such as helicopter scenic flights... charters and medical evacuations...."

"I also hope that having a helicopter service here will greatly benefit the locals as the response time to access a medivac will be a lot faster...."

"I have big expansion plans for Savusavu Helicopters and I am looking at purchasing a second helicopter."

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**An Invitation to Genealogists**

We get email by the ton, of course, but it isn't often that we receive ecclesiastical mail. We recently did, though, and it's from overseas—from Druid country, actually.

About eight miles south southeast of Stonehenge lies the City of Salisbury, where, we're informed, "[t]he city church St. Thomas and St. Edmunds are celebrating 800 years of worship in 2020." Presumably "city church" means that St. Thomas and St. Edmunds holds the local Church of England franchise, as it were.

"Planning our celebrations," our correspondent wrote, "our thoughts turned to the many people who have worshipped in the church over the years.

"Could you have a descendant [surely they mean ancestor] who did, or was married or buried in St Thomas's?"

"If you think there is a connection please email us at [office@stthomas-salisbury.co.uk](mailto:office@stthomas-salisbury.co.uk). We will send information on what we need to know

to check parish records back to the 18th century."

We're happy to publish this, of course. We'd be really excited, though, to hear from some Druids—or any other pagan sorts who cavort on the Salisbury Plain.

Anyone wishing to retreat from the 21st century for a while would do well to visit [stthomassalisbury.co.uk](http://stthomassalisbury.co.uk). The current church was built 75 years before the founding of Portsmouth, and, judging from the resources available on its website, is in splendid condition.

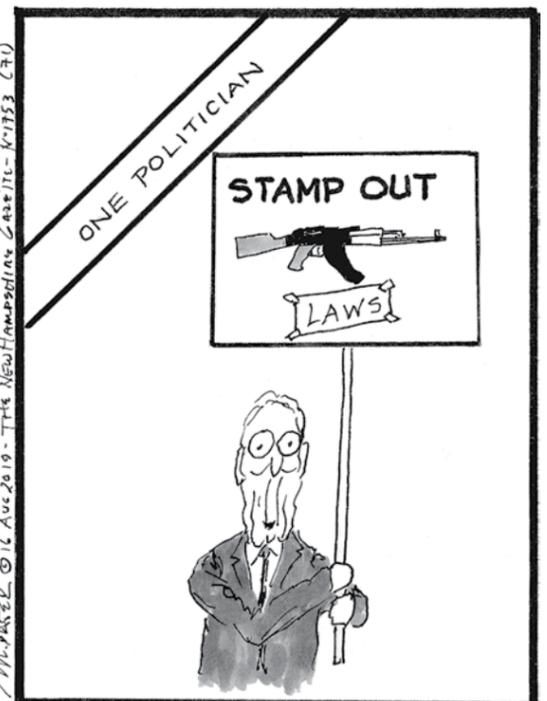
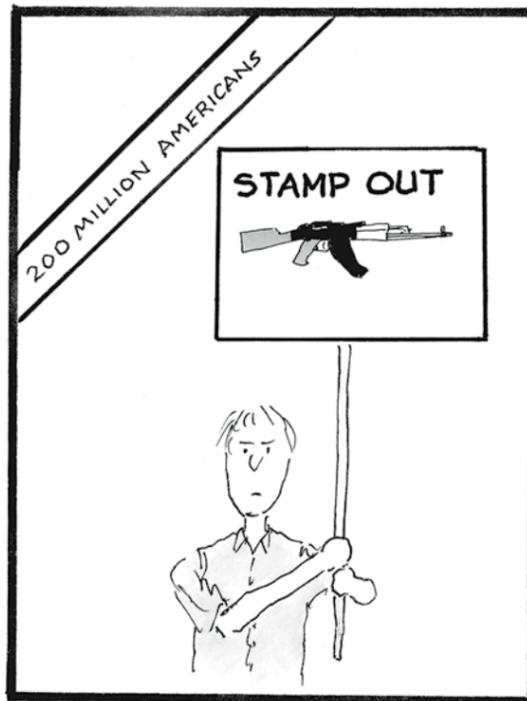
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**Tour Hancock, N.H.'s Black History**

Hancock, New Hampshire has exactly the sort of demographics that other states criticize when they try to get their grasping mitts on the First in the Nation™ Presidential Primary Election®. In 2010 its 1,654 people were 97.4 percent white, 0.8 percent Asian, 0.4 percent African American, 0.1 percent Native American, and 1.1 percent multi-racial.



The Thomas Loughton, named for a former editor and co-proprietor of this newspaper (with Abner Greenleaf, Jr., from July 4, 1835 to December 27, 1836), approaches the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Eagle on Sunday, August 4th. Formerly the Horst Wessel, the 295-foot steel-hulled barque was built as a training ship for the Third Reich's Kriegsmarine. It now serves the same function for the U.S. Coast Guard. After World War Two, the victorious allies drew lots for Germany's four surviving sailing ships. Horst Wessel was a pimp turned Brown-Shirt who, after his murder, was transmuted into a martyr for the Nazi cause by Joseph Goebbels.



OUR ALLEGED DEMOCRACY AT WORK

Buried just beneath the town's seemingly all-white, Colonial veneer, however, is a vibrant history of early Black settlers who worked, bought land, built homes, challenged the church and struggled for freedom. Today, all that is left are the abandoned artifacts of that early life: their roads, their walls, their cellar holes and their scant records.

Eric Aldrich has spent years studying those records, and piecing together the stories of the sometimes-contentious lives behind them. On Sunday, September 8, 2019, he will lead a part-walking, part-driving tour for the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire [BHTNH], exploring the forgotten stories of this quaint village.

Founded in 1764, Hancock's first known Black residents appeared in 1790: James Due and Jack Ware, or Weare. Expelled at one point from her church, James's wife Hannah now rests beneath a headstone reading, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

By the 1840s, the vigorous aboli-

tion movement was met by a fervent backlash—presaging today's racial atmosphere.

"Asserting Freedom: A Tour of Cellar Holes & Sites in Hancock, N.H." will begin at the Town Office Building at 50 Main St, in Hancock, where parking is available. A bus will do the driving, but guests are requested to wear sensible walking shoes, no heels or sandals, as there is 1/2 mile walk to see old cellar holes. For more information about the tour, or for questions about registration, email [info@blackheritagetrailnh.org](mailto:info@blackheritagetrailnh.org).

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**A New Look at the 1696 Plains Massacre**  
A New Hampshire State Marker (#75), located at the Portsmouth Plains, reads, "In the pre-dawn hours of June 26, 1696, Indians attacked the settlement here. Fourteen persons were killed and others taken captive. Five houses and nine barns were burned."

In fact, there are scant historical records documenting the facts of this event; and the veracity of ac-

counts given in local sources, such as Brewster's *Rambles About Portsmouth* (1859), has been challenged by local historians.

Little progress has been made in understanding or finding a context for this dramatic event, but a recent exhibit mounted at the Counting House Museum in South Berwick, Maine, has provided new scholarship that sheds light on the Portsmouth Plains Massacre.

Now the Pontine Theatre, whose present home at the 1845 Plains School is located on this site, will be presenting, during the months of September and October, "Plains Speaking: Portsmouth's 1696 Massacre in Fact and Fiction," a series of events exploring the history and legacy of the massacre, drawing on that new scholarship, including the Abenaki perspective.

Due to limited space, preregistration is required. Reservations may be made by contacting Pontine Theatre via email [info@pontine.org](mailto:info@pontine.org) or phone (603) 436-6660.

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**Murph's Fortnightly Quote**  
"The point is, you can never be too greedy."  
— Donald Trump

"If you can't beat them, arrange to have them beaten."  
— George Carlin (1937-2008)  
American comedian, actor, and author  
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"To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men."  
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**This Is How It's Done**

To the Editor:

I will not even attempt to recount here all the ways in which the President has attacked, belittled, and endangered immigrants—the cruelty, hatred, and incitement to violence that he has exhibited.

Each day I think, well, this is it; surely he's done it all now, set in motion every piece of his plan to rid the country of the infestation of non-white people. In pondering this, though, I realized there are things he hasn't gotten around to.

He has not (yet) removed "e pluribus unum" from our coins and seals. Perhaps replacing them with "alba tantum" (only white) or "solus ego" (only I) would suit him better.

He has not (yet) removed the Statue of Liberty. Or perhaps he might simply replace that vilely inclusive and welcoming New Colossus message with words better suiting his vision.

Shortly after his inauguration, I shared (with family members only) a version that I wrote expressing what I saw then as a Trumpian take. I share it here now. [Note: It is on page one. — The Ed.] It still fits.

Hopefully, our President does not read the *Gazette*, as I should not wish to be responsible for actually inspiring still more vile actions.

Donna Pistole  
Durham, N.H.

Dear Donna:

We can't thank you enough for this letter, and your powerful poem, on page one.

This Administration, and the broader forces which put it in place, have discarded—have renounced—fundamental standards of decency and the rule of law. They have attacked reality itself, to increase their profit, and to satisfy their base desire to seize and wield power. It's hard to know what to do in the face of such enormity. You're doing it.

Thank you again.

The Editor

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**August Memories**

To the Editor:

When August comes, and for a long time now, I am drawn back to that Summer when I was three, when

all the world I knew ended at a long dirt doad and driveway. A cat wandered down that driveway and stayed. I named it "Friend Cat" and in one of those memories of childhood as clear and sharp as a flash of light my grandmother sets a saucer of milk down on the kitchen floor—"Well, I guess your friend has decided to stay."

That August the year was 1945 and halfway around the world a grandmother, a cat, a saucer of milk, and a three-year-old whom I was not all vanished in a flash of light. That is what it means to have been "born before the bomb."

This August the President of the United State of America has announced that "I could, if I wanted to" wipe Afghanistan off the face of the Earth—10 days and 10 million people—a grandmother, a cat, a saucer of milk and a three-year-old whom you and I are not—all to vanish in a flash of light.

What does it mean for us as a people to have a man of such bitter and empty bankruptcy, such unbridled self indulgent anger speak for us as a nation?

Larry Brown  
Milton, N.H.

Larry:

It means that either we Homo sapiens are intrinsically bad animals, or that we haven't been using democracy very successfully. If it's the former, all we can do is hang on and wait until the heat waves kill us slowly. Let's hope it's the latter—and let's get busy.

The Editor

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**Does "Love It or Leave It" Apply to Him, Too?**

To the Editor:

Everyone who lived through the Vietnam War era remembers hearing the toxic mantra, "love it or leave it." People who supported the war used the phrase to belittle antiwar protesters. Many of these protesters were actually veterans who had served our country. By the end of the war, more than 58,000 American service members had been killed.

Meanwhile, this son of privilege, Donald Trump, attended a private military academy and then obtained



five questionable deferments in order to avoid serving his country.

As recently as 2019, Trump was heard to declare that he "wasn't a fan" of the war in Vietnam. Does this opinion, which he translated into action with those phantom bone spurs, mean that he did not and does not love our country? And should "love it or leave it" apply to him? Does our Constitutional right of free speech have a party affiliation?

Judith Kaufman  
Cornish, N.H.

Judith:

Can we ever truly know what is in another person's heart? Probably not—which, in this case, is probably a good thing.

We've probably said it before: in places like Vietnam, guys like him are the last thing anyone needs. As a private he'd have been useless; as an officer, well... never mind... [SFX: ominous click].

We'd like to see him deported to Bavaria, where his grandfather, who once ran a bordello in Alaska, came from. Why would they accept him, though?

The Editor

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**Throw a Net On Him**

To the Editor:

How about "President Control!" And, how about Congress taking its Constitutional mandate to exercise Presidential oversight seriously!

Most Americans behave responsibly, but there are 328 million of us living here and a certain percentage will be "suggestible" when the President plays to their darker sensibilities for the sake of political theater. Bad things happen that could have been avoided. It's a flaw, but who among us is flawless?

Like it or not, President Trump uses inflammatory rhetoric irresponsibly and it's killing innocent Americans just as surely as if he were the misanthrope pulling the trigger. Is this responsible leadership or accessory to

murder? The Congress and the nation must decide—and soon.

Rick Littlefield  
Barrington, N.H.

Rick:

Even if Democrats mustered the will—which is kind of a stretch at this point—they couldn't dislodge him on their own.

A squad of old-school Republicans had to march into the Oval Office before Richard Nixon would "come to Jesus" and vacate the place. The last we looked, that party was short of guys like Barry Goldwater and Hugh Scott.

Our Magic 8-Ball says "Outlook not so good."

The Editor

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**Unfit for Office**

Dear Sir:

At a rally in Panama City Beach in May, Mr. Trump asked the audience how to stop migrants from crossing into the United States. "How do you stop these people. You can't," Trump said as a rally attendee yelled back, "Shoot them." Trump then paused and smirked before responding, "That's only in the Panhandle can you get away with that statement. The crowd and cheered for nearly 10 seconds before Trump continued.

In response to a supporter yelling "shoot them," any decent human being, any real leader, any so-called "Christian," any peace-loving American, any non-racist, non-xenophobic, mentally stable person would have stopped immediately and strongly condemned any call to violence. Instead, Trump made a joke of it and the Florida Panhandle crowd loved it.

I lived in the Florida Panhandle for three years, and know exactly what Trump meant when he said you could only get away with such a statement in the Panhandle. This area, known

as the "Redneck Riviera" or "Lower Alabama," is a hot bed of right wing Republican sentiment. That is why Trump picked this place to hold one of his anti-immigration, anti-people of color, angry hate-filled rallies.

Unfortunately, it is not only the Panhandle where someone can get away with making such a statement. Based on Trump's response in Florida, you could get away making this statement in the White House in front of Trump, and get the same absence of condemnation. And, as we have now seen, a few months after Trump's Panhandle rally, a sick person acting on Trump's rhetoric attacked a Hispanic community on the Texas border, killing at least 22 people and wounding many others. The words, behavior, and policies of Trump clearly have deadly consequences.

Once again, Donald Trump has demonstrated that he is not fit to hold his current office. He continues to shame America and every value and ideal we hold sacred. I weep for our nation, and I fear for my children and grandchildren having to live in an America under Trump.

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

Rich:

We'd better keep an eye on the Governor, too, whose support for the Tweeter-in-Chief seems unwavering, regardless of his obviously slippery grasp on reality.

The Editor

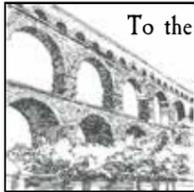
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**Time to Remove Him**

To the Editor,

The cause-and-effect relationship between Donald Trump's racist rhetoric and white nationalist, domestic violence is becoming increasingly obvious. "Nineteen minutes before the first 911 call alerted the authorities to

To the Editors of THE *New-Hampshire* GAZETTE AND HISTORICAL CHRONICLE



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a mass shooting at a Walmart in El Paso, Tex., a hate-filled, anti-immigrant manifesto appeared online. It spoke of a 'Hispanic invasion of Texas.' It detailed a plan to separate America into territories by race. It warned that white people were being replaced by foreigners." (*New York Times*, August 3rd.)

"[F]ormer Representative Beto O'Rourke said President Trump had 'a lot to do with what happened in El Paso yesterday,' arguing that Mr. Trump's rhetoric about immigrants and asylum seekers was responsible for having sown 'the kind of fear, the kind of reaction we saw in El Paso yesterday ...'"

O'Rourke continued, "And (Trump) stokes racism in this country. And it does not just offend our sensibilities, it fundamentally changes the character of this country, and it leads to violence."

Like Mr. O'Rourke, Senator Cory Booker of New Jersey put the blame for the shootings on the president, saying, "Donald Trump is responsible for this." (*New York Times*, August 4th).

We currently have as our president, Donald Trump, a man who intentionally inflames our worst passions to achieve his ends. He divides us. He makes us suspicious of and angry at people who are different from us. He destroys the fundamental nature of our country which is based on tolerance of and respect for individual differences. He incites violence.

We are faced with a choice for president in 2020. Really, it is more than a choice; it is a crisis, an emergency. We must remove Donald Trump from the presidency as quickly as possible before he destroys our nation both physically and morally in an attempt to satisfy his own selfish needs.

Gary Patton  
Hampton, N.H.

Gary:  
*It begins to look like there's a consensus here.*  
The Editor

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**Once Again the Democrats Strike Out**  
To the Editor:

Stuttering and stammering before Congress and the entire nation Mueller was like a schoolboy who was caught in a lie—and he was. The lie was that Russia and the Trump campaign conspired to interfere with the Presidential election of 2016.

Of course, the Democrats were not about to accept that the Mueller investigation was a bust and a waste of taxpayer money so they called upon Mueller to hint that there was an obstruction of justice which of course is nonsense. Obstruction of justice can only occur if there is an underlying crime and the investigation proved there was not an underlying crime.

The only real crime was committed by the Democrats who used accusations that they knew were false in order to obtain permission from the FISA court to spy on the Trump campaign.

Not to be deterred by law the Democrats want to extend their hoax in an attempt to impeach the President. However, the Democrats seem to not understand that they cannot impeach a President because they don't like his haircut, or because he beat Hillary Clinton in 2016.

Perhaps the Democrats were not awake in civics class. They seem to not understand that a President can only be impeached for treason, for bribery, or for high crimes and misdemeanors and such crimes, according to the well-respected professor Charles L. Black, author of *Impeachment: a hand-*

*book*, and cited by the Constitution Rights Foundation, "must be predicated only upon conduct that is seriously incompatible with the Constitutional forms and principles of our government and the proper performance of the Constitutional duties of the President's office."

Now if the Democrats will tell us just what they believe will be the basis of their impeachment charges, and how those charges relate to the above reasons for impeachment, those of us in the world of sanity and reason will be grateful.

While we are on impeachment, perhaps 398 Representatives should be impeached for failure to uphold and defend the Constitution—as is their oath—when they voted for the Anti-BDS, or more accurately the anti-First Amendment legislation.

John Dente  
Wilmington, Del.

John:  
*It appears that our "consensus" remark was a little premature.*

*Black, like the Founding Fathers, is conveniently dead; his opinion of this mess is unknowable. Perhaps you should read the report.*

The Editor

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**Nix the Pipeline**

To the Editor,  
Liberty Utilities is looking to run a natural gas pipeline under the Lamprey River two times through my hometown of Raymond. The Granite Bridge Pipeline would run from Manchester, through Raymond, out toward the Seacoast, putting neighborhoods and communities along the route in danger. Just last week Liberty Utilities held an LNG (liquid natural gas) "science fair" in Epping at which they purported natural gas to be safe. Dozens of Epping residents, along with others from towns along the pipeline route, showed up to this event to oppose the LNG storage tank that would be sited

right off of Exit 6, saying it is not safe and it's bad for the environment.

The following morning it was all over the news that there was a natural gas pipeline explosion overnight in Lincoln County, Kentucky, with flames so high they could be seen from space. The blast killed one person trying to escape, melted part of a railroad track, completely destroyed five homes and damaged others. Just imagine that happening in Raymond or Epping. How would our communities ever be able to recover? Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin said, "These things happen. It's a dangerous industry. It's a dangerous business."

It's long past time for us to end our dependence on fossil fuels. We can transition to safe, clean and renewable sources of energy now by preventing Liberty Utilities from expanding their natural gas infrastructure in New Hampshire. Governor Jay Inslee, candidate for President, recently announced his opposition to the GBP project on WMUR saying, "In New Hampshire, we have an opportunity to begin that transition now, by preventing Liberty Utilities from cementing its reach across New Hampshire through the Granite Bridge Pipeline.... It's time to stand with local New Hampshire leaders fighting the pipeline's construction."

We need more leaders and elected officials to join us in opposing this unnecessary fossil fuel project that will only increase utility profits, while harming our citizens, our environment, and our climate. New Hampshire can and must do better for our economy, our environment, and the communities we care for. It's time to invest in clean local energy to keep our dollars and our jobs in New Hampshire.

Go to 350NH.org and join us in our campaign to stop the GB pipeline!

Jennifer Dube  
Raymond, N.H.

Jennifer:  
*But...but...but...*

*You're suggesting that, for reasons of safety, and to minimize damage to the environment, the state ought to stand up to vested commercial interests.*

Good for you.  
The Editor

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**Our Much-Maligned Franklin Pierce**  
Dear Editor:

I was very interested in "The North-country Chronicle" (by William Marvel) in the August 2nd *Gazette*, "Forgotten Frank." His having been New Hampshire's only President, I've been long intrigued by the life of our state's lone leader and 14th President.

Franklin Pierce was born November 23rd, 1804 in Hillsboro, and died and was buried in Concord, October 8th, 1869, just shy of his 65th birthday.

Historians and scholars generally rank Pierce as one of the worst and least memorable of U.S. Presidents but I prefer to remember Franklin Pierce as one who never received adequate credit for his accomplishments or for his noteworthy ventures which (considering the pre-Civil War age in which he lived) substantiated he was well ahead of his time.

As William Marvel also addressed, "the three Presidents who immediately preceded the Civil War (that would have been Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, and James Buchanan) are all marked especially low for effectiveness, yet all had successful records prior to beginning their single-term administrations."

It is noteworthy, I believe (though history records it only as a footnote in Franklin's life), that he tried to annex Hawaii during his term of office (1853-1857). Hawaii would become our 50th state a little more than 100 years later, in 1959.

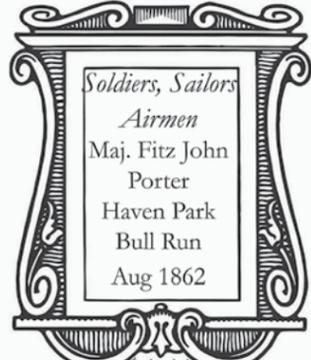
Significantly (but equally forgotten over time), Pierce also endeavored to purchase Cuba, which only served to infuriate Spain. In retrospect, had Pierce been successful, we can only speculate how different life might have been, not only for Cubans, but for all of us who share this hemisphere.

Franklin Pierce was (perhaps above all else) an independent thinker. His self-reliance and resistance to the herd spirit angered his party (the Dem-

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# Regulating the Fourth Estate

by William Marvel

The time has clearly come for common-sense media regulation. It has nothing to do with the First Amendment anymore. Now, it's a matter of public safety.

Of course, I'm mocking the rhetoric of perennial advocates for gun control, who seem to relish every flurry of mass shootings as an excuse to mount their hobbyhorses again. Still, I'm not being entirely facetious.

In 1980, presidential candidate John Anderson took much abuse for supporting gun registration. As an Anderson fan, I was dismayed by that. I had grown up with firearms, and never felt completely safe without one nearby, but I thought the American public could be trusted to regulate guns without imposing prohibitive restrictions on them.

The past two decades have demonstrated how wrong I was. In our increasingly urban and suburban society, most people know nothing about guns, and regard them with the fear and hatred that ignorance always instills. In no other issue of

public safety is attention diverted from the killer to the weapon. Truckers kill disproportionately on our highways, but no one even thinks of eliminating trucks. Distracted drivers killed more than eight times as many Americans in 2018 as died in mass shootings, but neither automobiles nor smartphones are targeted.

The zeal of progressives who want to eliminate guns from our society rivals that of Christians who hope to outlaw abortion. Like abortion proponents who attack any infringement of women's freedom to end their pregnancies, equally libertarian gun owners oppose any further restrictions on firearms. Advocates of "common-sense gun control" warrant the most suspicion of all, because such disingenuous euphemisms disguise the extreme measures some might deem sensible. After all, how innocuous would "common-sense abortion regulation" sound to feminists?

Yet the increasing frequency of mass shootings does seem to call for some strategy to counteract the

trend. Predictably, last week brought calls for still more gun regulation precisely because the U.S. has so many guns, and the kneejerk liberals in Concord are salivating over legislation that will only disarm those who obey the law. The sheer number of guns precludes eliminating them, however, and none of the latest proposals would have prevented any of the recent shootings.

Chicago testifies to the ineffectiveness of the strictest gun laws in the nation. In that city 1,517 people had already been shot by July 27th, including 293 fatalities, and this is a pretty light year. That slaughter has elicited no national press coverage. Neither was much attention paid to Boko Haram murdering at least 65 people in Abuja, Nigeria, on July 27th. Meanwhile, it was impossible to miss the El Paso incident, because that's the type of story the American media chooses to spotlight. Then came the mayhem in Dayton, where the killer went on his rampage immediately after posting observations about the flood of news from El Paso.

To reduce mass shootings, it might be more productive to start thinking beyond gun control and address other contributing factors. Televised news media exploit such tragedies shamelessly, in a cynical feeding-frenzy directed mainly at the competition for ratings from viewers who love to wallow in grief and pity. Newspapers follow up in their own way. With mass shootings in particular, the extent of coverage seems to reflect the oft-denied factor of editorial politics at least as much as audience demand. Outlets of a more liberal slant pursue such stories in relentless detail, as though anxious to excite anti-gun fervor.

Whatever the medium, such intense attention helps to inspire still more lunatic gunmen. Four years ago Sherry Towers, a researcher at Arizona State, deduced that mass shootings—like contagious diseases—occur in viral clusters. Jillian Peterson, a criminologist at the University of Minnesota, came to the same conclusion independently. Towers found that the likelihood of copycats increased in proportion to

the extent of media attention. The El Paso gunman was demonstrably inspired by the killings in Christchurch, New Zealand, she noted.

It's equally obvious that the Dayton killer took a cue from the news in El Paso, although he was a left-wing terrorist emulating a right-wing terrorist. El Paso and Dayton might both have escaped tragedy had Christchurch drawn as little coverage as that worse massacre in Abuja, instead of being subjected to such persistent, spectacular scrutiny.

As both historian and journalist I would object to any curtailment of the First Amendment, but the absence of voluntary journalistic restraint approaches what might be considered malpractice in other professions. Those who make it their business to report all the finger-pointing of the various factions in the gun-violence debate would do well to look in the mirror. The most diligently ignored aspect of gun violence is the deadly, unintended consequences of journalistic pandering to political agendas and the insatiable public appetite for pathos.

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ocratic Party) on numerous occasions, so much so they refused to nominate him for a 2nd term. That made it possible for James Buchanan (a Federalist who later became a Democrat) to be elected President in 1857.

Buchanan's opponent was John Fremont, a Republican. His mantra was, "Freedom, Freeman, Fremont." The Republicans (a new party) were strong anti-slavery whereas the Democratic Party (of the time) was not. Buchanan beat Fremont in a close election. The Civil War soon followed, the repercussions of which plague our nation still.

New Hampshire may have only had one President but, all things

considered, I'm proud of him.

David L. Snell  
Franklin, N.C.

David:

When we worked for the local weekly in Hillsborough, where Pierce was born, a covered wooden railroad bridge still crossed the Contoocook, with a magnificent timber trestle leading up to it. Dick Kemp's Truck Museum shared the riverbank. All that is gone now: first the bridge burned, then the trestle was dismantled, and Dick died 12 years ago.

Much further back, on August 19, 1852, a huge rally was held on that site, celebrating Pierce's nomination.

Some 25,000 people were said to have attended—or half that number, according to Republican newspapers. It was almost certainly the largest public gathering ever held in town.

It also may have been the high point of Pierce's presidency. We see it as a cautionary tale, that a state so steeped in politics should have but one President to its name, and that one Franklin Pierce.

The Editor

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Cars & Guns

To the Editor:

Automobiles are ubiquitous and

an extremely useful part of American life. We love our cars! Because there is an element of danger in these powerful machines, there is universal acceptance of the need to make our use of them as safe as possible. Along with vehicle improvements, technological safety devices, and better road designs, regulations such as stop signs, traffic lights, speed limits, licensing, registration, and laws regarding DUI and seat belts have saved thousands of lives.

Guns, too, are an integral part of our life in this country, are loved by their owners and have an element of danger. However, the NRA and

the politicians who are beholden to them resist any attempt to improve gun safety. When they quote the Second Amendment about the right to bear arms, they leave out two important words, "well regulated." They also ignore the Founding Fathers' intention, as stated in the Preamble to the Constitution to "insure domestic tranquility."

Unregulated guns combined with a climate of hatred and intolerance have shattered our domestic tranquility and taken the life of tens of thousands of Americans each year. How long are we going to stand for this infringement of our constitutional rights to safety, domestic tranquility and to life itself?

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Rye, N.H.



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## Where's the beef in Trump's new trade deal?

By Jim Hightower

"MAGA," blusters Donald Trump—Make America Great Again! America's ranching families, however, would like Trump to come off his high horse and get serious about a more modest goal, namely: Make America COOL Again.

COOL stands for Country-of-Origin-Labeling, a straightforward law simply requiring that agribusiness giants put labels on

packages of steak, pork chops, &c., to tell us whether the meat came from the USA, China, Brazil...or Whereintheworldistan. This useful information empowers consumers to decide where their families' food dollars go. But multinational powerhouses like Tyson Foods and Cargill don't want you and me making such decisions.

So, in 2012, the meat monopolists got the World Trade Organization to decree that our nation's COOL

law violated global trade rules—and our corporate-submissive Congress critters meekly repealed the law.

Then came Donald Trump and his Made-in-America campaign, promising struggling ranchers that he'd restore the COOL label as a centerpiece of his new NAFTA deal. Ranching families cheered because getting that "American Made" brand on their products would mean more sales and better prices.

But wait—Trump has now is-

sued his new US-Mexico-Canada Agreement, and...Where's the beef? In his grandiose, 1,809-page document, COOL is not even mentioned!

Worse, slaps America's hard-hit ranching families in the face for it allows multinational meatpackers to keep shipping foreign beef into the U.S. market that does not meet our food safety standards! Aside from the "yuck" factor and health issues, this gives Tyson and other giants an

incentive to abandon U.S. ranchers entirely.

To stand with America's farm and ranch families against their betrayal by Trump and the Big Food monopolists, contact the National Farmers Union: [NFU.org](http://NFU.org).

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### A Fan of Page Eight

Dear Editor,

I just had to thank you and your team for providing us with the *Gazette*—there's nothing else like it and we're better for it.

I've been a loyal reader for some time, but aside from a modest subscription a few years back I haven't paid my due—and I look forward to doing so upon receipt of my first check of the coming school year.

On that front, the back-page almanac has provided me with innumerable classroom fodder and, in the personal realm, immense joy. Might there be a way to procure a copy of each issue over the past year or two or even more? I have a couple ideas for incorporating the almanac into class this year—be happy to tell you about it and happy to pay for the service—and I have this idea of spending Sundays or something constructing a timeline-narrative accounting for the whole of modern American history. Heck, I think it could even be made into an exhibit if not wallpaper.

Thanks for your consideration and kindest regards on the countdown to the primary.

Adam Krauss

Lee, N.H.

Adam:

*I guess we can legitimately file this under "Mash Notes." Delighted to hear our paper is being used in the classroom—"as the twig is bent," and all that jazz.*

*As it happens, we do have a limited supply of back issues. We'll be in touch to work out the details.*

The Editor

## Chiseled in Stone by God's Hand?

by W.D. Ehrhart

On Saturday afternoon, August 3rd, I turned on my computer, and what is the first headline I see? "Mass Shooting in El Paso, Texas." Again? Yes, again. According to CBS News, as of July 31st, there have now been 248 mass shootings in the United States of America in 2019 resulting in 246 dead and 979 wounded. So far.

And these figures don't include the incident on August 2nd in Promfret, Maryland, that killed three and injured one. Nor do these figures include the incident in El Paso, Texas, that killed 22 and wounded 26.

But it gets better...or rather, worse. Less than 24 hours after the Texas shootings, another mass shooting occurred in Dayton, Ohio, this time with nine more dead and 27 wounded.

I really thought—or at least hoped—that the slaughter of six teachers along with twenty 6- and 7-year olds in Newtown, Connecticut, would finally have left most Americans horrified, disgusted, and sickened enough to force their cowardly state and federal elected representatives to put a stop to this slaughter.

Fat chance, it turns out. Since then, we've had hundreds of additional mass shootings resulting in over 2,000 dead and almost 10,000 wounded, including 50 dead at a nightclub in Orlando, Florida, 59 dead at a music festival in Las Vegas, Nevada, and 17 dead at a high

school in Parkland, Florida.

Here is the kind of weapon the men who wrote the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution in 1787 had in mind:



Land Pattern Musket (aka "Brown Bess")

Length: 4 feet, 8 inches

Weight: 10 & 1/2 pounds

Action: muzzle-loaded flintlock

Rate of fire: 3 rounds per minute in very skilled hands:

...

Muzzle velocity: 785 feet per second

Effective range: 50 yards.

Here is a typical weapon available 232 years later:



AR-15

(dubbed "America's Rifle" by the NRA)

Length: 3 feet, 3 inches

Weight: 7 & 1/2 pounds

Action: semi-automatic with 10, 20, or 30-round magazine

Rate of fire: 60 rounds a minute (in the hands of a rank amateur)

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120 rounds a minute (in the hands of an adrenalin-charged killer)

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Muzzle velocity: 3,300 feet per second

Effective range: 600 meters

There is absolutely no way on God's Green Earth that James Madison, George Washington, John Adams, John Jay, John Dickinson, Roger Sherman, Alexander Hamilton, or any of the other men who created our present Constitution would have said it is okay for any Tom, Dick or Harry to "keep and bear arms" like what are available today.

People who claim to be "strict constructionists" on the Constitution, arguing that the document should be interpreted exactly as the framers originally intended, don't seem to grasp that AR-15s, AK-47s, and 40-round magazines were not what the original framers had in mind. The original intent of the 2nd Amendment did not include mass murder on a mass scale on an almost daily basis.

Indeed, the men who wrote the Constitution recognized that situations and circumstances change, and that is why they provided a mechanism to amend the Constitution when deemed necessary, which has happened 27 times so far. The Constitution was not chiseled in stone by the hand of God.

And that includes the 2nd Amendment, which is no more sacrosanct than any other part of the Constitution. It is only the National Rifle Association and its supporters and minions who would have us believe that the 2nd Amendment alone is immutable, unchangeable, and eternal. Yet our elected officials at both the state and federal levels dance like marionettes to the strings

pulled by millions and tens of millions of NRA dollars in the form of direct contributions to candidates at both state and federal levels, lobbying at both state and federal levels, public relations campaigns, and financial support for gun advocacy groups.

I don't know about you, but I'm tired of living in a shooting gallery. Indeed, the American tolerance of guns and gun violence has become the laughing stock of the world (and this even before #45 took office and gave the world even more cause for laughter).

The National Rifle Association is right about one thing: I do indeed wish to take their guns away. Repeal the 2nd Amendment.

Well, no, that's not exactly accurate. To be more specific, I believe every American citizen should have the right to keep and bear a flintlock muzzle-loading smoothbore musket. That's what our Founding Fathers intended, and I believe intently in the original intent of the men who wrote our Constitution.

I'd like to see how many people would have died if Stephen Paddock, Omar Mateen, Adam Lanza, or Nikolas Cruz had been armed with a Brown Bess musket. Come on, folks, put some heat on your elected representatives.

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W.D. Ehrhart, a former Marine Corps sergeant, was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Navy Combat Action Ribbon, a Division Commander's Commendation, and an Honorable Discharge.

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

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

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

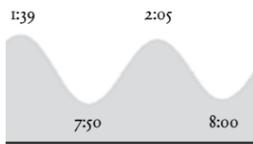
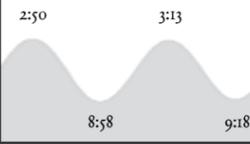
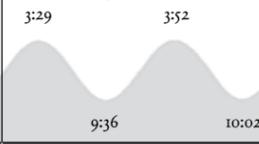
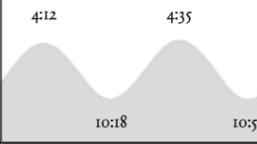
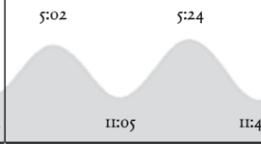
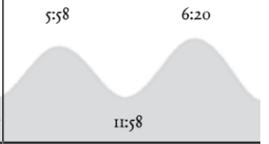
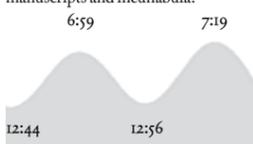
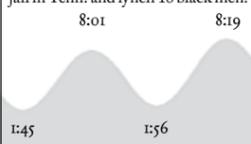
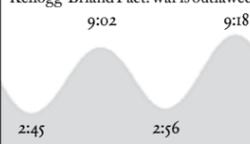
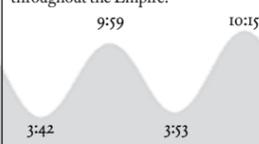
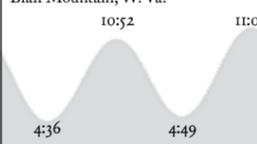
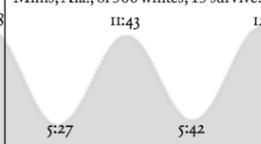
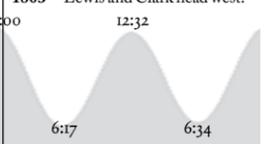
drags about seventeen billion gallons of seawater — enough to fill 2,125,000 tanker trucks — up the river and into Great Bay. This creates a roving hydraulic conflict, as incoming sea and the outgoing river collide. The skirmish line

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

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

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

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

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<p><b>2000</b>—A Robinson R-22 disassembles itself over Watsonville, Calif., then crashes, killing an instructor and a student pilot on his first flight.</p> <p><b>1996</b>—The U.S. prison population hits 1,600,000, double what it had been just 10 years earlier.</p> <p><b>1988</b>—Accepting the GOP nomination, George H.[H.]W. Bush solemnly vows, "Read my lips: no new taxes!"</p> <p><b>1960</b>—Kindly old "Ike" OKs a CIA plot to assassinate Patrice Lumumba, Prime Minister of Congo.</p> <p><b>1959</b>—Sailors aboard the <i>U.S.S. Wasp</i> bring a severe fire under control, barely averting the need to flood the ship's nuclear weapons storage space.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—A climbing party at the summit of the Matterhorn (14,692 feet) encounters a ten-month-old black and white kitten from the Hotel Belvedere, situated at 10,820 feet.</p> <p><b>1933</b>—Germany introduces the <i>Volksempfänger</i>, or Peoples' Radio. Built to Joseph Goebbels' specifications, it receives only local (Nazi-controlled) broadcasts.</p> <p><b>1634</b>—Urbain Grandier, a French priest whose sexual prowess earned him accusations from a scorned Mother Superior, is burned at the stake for witchcraft.</p> <p><b>1590</b>—Virginia Dare, three, becomes America's original missing white girl.</p> <p><b>1587</b>—At Roanoke, Virginia Dare becomes the first white child born in the New World, and an inspiration to future neo-Nazis.</p>	<p><b>1999</b>—The FBI puts the name of James "Whitey" Bulger, its partner in crime, on the Most-Wanted List.</p> <p><b>1997</b>—In Colebrook, N.H., anti-regulation fanatic and future hero of the Free State Project Carl Drega murders two cops, a selectman, and a judge.</p> <p><b>1977</b>—RIP Groucho: "Die, my dear? Why, that's the last thing I'll do."</p> <p><b>1971</b>—Joel D. Kaplan, probably framed for murder, possibly by his CIA-connected uncle, is sprung from a Mexican prison via helicopter.</p> <p><b>1953</b>—A CIA coup overthrows the elected government of Iran—what could possibly go wrong?</p> <p><b>1942</b>—An Allied force of 6,000 lands at Dieppe, France, where 68 percent become casualties. Mountbatten's censors win the PR battle, though.</p> <p><b>1854</b>—Lt. John L. Grattan, formerly of N.H., just out of West Point [36th out of 55], sure of himself and contemptuous of Indians, leads 29 cavalymen into an ambush near Ft. Laramie. They're all killed and the First Sioux War begins.</p> <p><b>1812</b>—"Old Ironsides" earns her name against <i>Guerriere</i> off Nova Scotia.</p> <p><b>1791</b>—Benjamin Banneker, "the sable genius," sends his just-published almanac to Thomas Jefferson with an admonition to practice what he preaches about the rights of all men.</p> <p><b>1692</b>—George Burroughs, Martha Carrier, George Jacobs, John Proctor, and John Willard are hanged by the pious as witches in Salem Village.</p>	<p><b>1998</b>—Days after admitting he'd lied about sex with an intern, Bill Clinton throws 13 Tomahawk missiles at Sudan's only pharmaceutical factory.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—The House of Representatives votes 412-3 to recommend Articles of Impeachment against Richard Nixon.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—Keene, N.H. seminary student &amp; civil rights worker Jonathan Daniels is murdered in Nayneville, Ala. White jurors acquit his killer.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—Charles de Gaulle is warned by his ex-puppet, Emperor Bao Dai that if France tries to rule Vietnam, "it will no longer be obeyed; each village will be a nest of resistance, each former collaborator and enemy, and your officials and colonists will themselves ask to leave this atmosphere which they will be unable to breathe."</p> <p><b>1940</b>—In Mexico, Stalinist agent R. Mercader attacks Leon Trotsky with an ice ax. Trotsky tells guards, "Do not kill him. This man has a story to tell."</p> <p><b>1910</b>—In Idaho and Montana, an area the size of Connecticut burns; 78 die, mostly firefighters.</p> <p><b>1794</b>—At the Battle of Fallen Timbers, General "Mad Anthony" Wayne secures the Northwest Territory.</p> <p><b>1672</b>—Dutch peasants rip out the hearts of head of state Johan de Witt and his brother Cornelis.</p> <p><b>1619</b>—The first 20 enslaved Africans in North America land in Jamestown.</p> <p><b>1191</b>—Richard the Lion Hearted's troops bravely slaughter 3,000 Arabs in the Holy Land in Jesus' name.</p>	<p><b>2017</b>—The Navy destroyer <i>U.S.S. McCain</i> collides with a freighter in the Gulf of Molucca; ten sailors die. This, 65 days after the destroyer <i>U.S.S. Fitzgerald</i> hits a freight ship off Hons-hu, killing seven aboard.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—Samuel Weaver, 14, and U.S. Marshal W.F. Degan die in a shootout at Ruby Ridge, Idaho.</p> <p><b>1986</b>—An eruption of CO<sub>2</sub> from Lake Nyos in Cameroon kills 1,746 people and 3,500 livestock.</p> <p><b>1984</b>—A stolen Robinson R22 helicopter, out of gas, crashes in Arkansas; the unauthorized pilot's plan to free her boyfriend from prison fails.</p> <p><b>1976</b>—A two-day occupation of the Seabrook, N.H. nuke site begins.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—Ngo Dinh Nhu's secret police kill hundreds of Buddhist protesters across Vietnam—for democracy.</p> <p><b>1927</b>—Justice Louis Brandeis refuses to hear a request for a stay of execution of anarchists Sacco and Vanzetti.</p> <p><b>1911</b>—Vincenzo Peruggia walks out of the Louvre with the Mona Lisa, wrapped in his coat, under his arm.</p> <p><b>1863</b>—William A. Quantrill and several hundred of his Raiders attack Lawrence, Kan., and kill hundreds of men, women, and children.</p> <p><b>1831</b>—Nat Turner begins a slave rebellion in Virginia. About 60 whites are killed in two days. Whites respond by killing at least twice as many blacks.</p> <p><b>1762</b>—Lady Mary Wortley Montagu utters her last words, "It has all been very interesting."</p>	<p><b>2016</b>—The lift span of the Sarah Long Bridge is raised for the last time.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—The Bush Administration announces trade sanctions on North Korea, with which we do not trade.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—The Bush Administration, having jacked up expenses and slashed taxes, announces a baffling decrease in the federal surplus.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—An FBI sniper wounds Randy Weaver and kills his wife Vicki at Ruby Ridge in Idaho.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—Derick Lynn Peterson's obstinate heart continues beating for ten minutes after his electrocution, so Virginia officials zap him again.</p> <p><b>1976</b>—Police arrest 179 at Seabrook, N.H. anti-nuke rally.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—In Camden, N.J., 28 Catholic leftists, including one FBI informer, break into the Draft Board's offices.</p> <p><b>1953</b>—The last prisoners leave the French prison at Devil's Island.</p> <p><b>1952</b>—The Justice Department sues four big U.S. oil companies for overcharging on oil shipped to Europe under the Marshall Plan.</p> <p><b>1914</b>—In the Ardennes, 27,000 soldiers of the French Army are killed.</p> <p><b>1900</b>—Rioters in Akron, Ohio push the world's first police car into a canal.</p> <p><b>1893</b>—Birth of Dorothy Parker. At 70, she wrote, "If I had any decency, I'd be dead. Most of my friends are."</p> <p><b>1791</b>—The enslaved peoples of Haiti revolt. A free black country in 1804, its sovereignty is recognized by the U.S. 61 years later.</p>	<p><b>2010</b>—Gareth Williams, money-laundering investigator for MI6, is found dead inside a locked gym bag in a London "safe house." Metropolitan Police rule he died alone by accident.</p> <p><b>2000</b>—The 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals rules that applicants can be denied jobs as cops on the grounds that they're too smart.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—For the Chamber of Commerce, future Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell lays out a plan for Right Wingers to reverse the New Deal with a huge propaganda campaign.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Yippees nominate a pig for President, saying, "if we can't have him in the White House, we can have him for breakfast."</p> <p><b>1956</b>—At the Gansevoort Destructor Station [real name] in New York City, six tons of books by Wilhelm Reich are burned under the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration.</p> <p><b>1927</b>—Bostonians use electricity to transform Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti from obscure Italian anarchists to immortal international symbols of the struggle for justice.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—Two racist cops harass black soldiers from Camp Logan; 150 of their comrades arm themselves, march on Houston, and fire on cops. Seventeen die in the riot, mostly whites; 19 black soldiers are hanged.</p> <p><b>1572</b>—French Catholics begin a weeks-long massacre of 2,000 to 10,000 Huguenots. A Papal gold medal is struck in commemoration.</p>	<p><b>1970</b>—Graduate student Robert Fassnacht is killed and three others are injured when peaceniks blow up a physics lab at the U. of Wisconsin.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin scatter 300 one-dollar bills on the floor of the Stock Exchange. Bedlam erupts as capitalists scramble.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—I.F. Stone reports the U.S. government and press "have kept the full truth about the Tonkin Bay incidents from the American public."</p> <p><b>1963</b>—The State Dept. orders Amb. Lodge to encourage Vietnamese generals to stage a coup.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—Genial old Ike signs the first U.S. law banning a political party—the Communist Party, of course.</p> <p><b>1936</b>—After a 12-year hiatus, J. Edgar Hoover gets the OK from FDR to begin the FBI's Golden Age of spying on domestic political groups.</p> <p><b>1889</b>—On St. Pierre, off Newfoundland, murderer Auguste Neel becomes the only person ever to be guillotined in North America.</p> <p><b>1827</b>—<i>The Mechanics Gazette</i>, first U.S. labor paper, is published in Philadelphia. By 1832 there are 68 labor newspapers.</p> <p><b>1814</b>—Thanks to tactical errors and sheer panic, British troops are able to march unopposed into Washington, D.C. where they set fire to the White House and the Library of Congress.</p> <p><b>1456</b>—The binders having finished their work, Gutenberg's Bible is available for sale in Mainz, Germany.</p>
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<p><b>1999</b>—The FBI admits, six years after the fact, that the tear gas canisters it fired into David Koresh's compound in Waco were incendiary—but still denies they started the fatal fire.</p> <p><b>1995</b>—In Athens, Ga., zany House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) announces his new policy for winning the drug war: executing "27 or 30 or 35 people at one time."</p> <p><b>1985</b>—Ronald Reagan admits that, as head of the Screen Actors Guild, he ratted on its members to the FBI.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—J. Edgar Hoover's FBI sets out to "expose, disrupt, misdirect [and] discredit" the Black Panthers.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—George Lincoln Rockwell, founder of the American Nazi Party, is shot dead by an ex-aide and former Marine with a broomhandle Mauser.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—Harry S Truman orders the U.S. Army to take over the nation's railroads to prevent a strike.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—Hotheaded Army Capt. John Birch argues with Chinese Communists while snooping in Jiangsu Province. They shoot him.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—Bao Dai, puppet Emperor of Vietnam for France, and more recently for Japan, and puppet-to-be for America, surrenders his imperial seal and sword to Ho Chi Minh.</p> <p><b>1925</b>—In Harlem, 500 men choose A. Philip Randolph to lead the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.</p> <p><b>1914</b>—Germans burn the library at Louven, Belgium, full of medieval manuscripts and incunabula.</p>	<p><b>2005</b>—The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard gets a stay of execution.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—Ex-Luftwaffe pilot John Birge, trying to recoup his gambling losses, plants a half-ton bomb at Harvey's Resort Hotel in Stateline, Nev.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—The New Hampshire National Guard's 197th Field Artillery, just weeks before leaving Vietnam, loses five men in a single incident.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Mayor Richard Daley welcomes Democrats to the 1968 Democratic National Convention while his cops prepare to bust heads outside.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze" is released.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Burt Munro, a 68-year old Kiwi on a 1920 Indian, sets the under-1,000 cc speed record for motorcycles at Bonneville. It still stands.</p> <p><b>1924</b>—<i>Wanderer</i>, the last sailing whaleship to leave New Bedford, drags her anchor and is lost while sitting out a storm off Cuttyhunk.</p> <p><b>1920</b>—The 19th Amendment is ratified giving women the right to vote.</p> <p><b>1919</b>—Coal company goons in Brackenridge, Penn., busy beating striking miner Joseph Storzelski to death, shoot the UMW organizer Fannie Sellins dead for interrupting.</p> <p><b>1883</b>—Kakatoa begins a three-day eruption; tens of thousands die. Thirteen percent less sunlight reaches the earth during the following year.</p> <p><b>1874</b>—Hundreds of armed men on horseback open the Gibson County jail in Tenn. and lynch 18 black men.</p>	<p><b>2014</b>—Arthur T. Demoulas gets the OK to buy Market Basket.</p> <p><b>1999</b>—Over County Longford, Ireland, the rotor blades of a Robinson R22 helicopter hit the fuselage. Pilot and passenger die in the crash.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—A 15-member ABR panel rates Clarence Thomas as a candidate for U.S. Supreme Court: none rate him "well-qualified," two rate him "not qualified."</p> <p><b>1984</b>—Ronald Reagan announces that he will put a teacher in space.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—After evacuating Harvey's Resort Hotel in Nevada, FBI agents explode an extortionist's 600 lb. bomb, leaving a 50 by 30-foot crater.</p> <p><b>1979</b>—The IRA uses a radio-controlled bomb to assassinate Admiral of the Fleet Louis Mountbatten aboard his fishing boat off County Sligo. A baroness and two boys die as well.</p> <p><b>1975</b>—Veronica and Colin Scargill complete a 18,020-mile tandem bicycle ride around the world.</p> <p><b>1960</b>—Whites in Jacksonville, Fla., react to black lunch counter sit-ins with "Ax Handle Saturday."</p> <p><b>1949</b>—While an anti-Communist mob attacks the audience at a Paul Robeson concert in Peekskill, N.Y., three FBI agents passively look on.</p> <p><b>1938</b>—Becoming increasingly agitated during a poetry reading by Archibald MacLeish, Robert Frost sets fire to a handful of papers.</p> <p><b>1928</b>—In Paris, 60 nations sign the Kellogg-Briand Pact: war is outlawed!</p>	<p><b>2005</b>—Hurricane Katrina hits New Orleans and the levees break.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—After being coerced to rob a Pennsylvania bank, pizza deliveryman Brian Wells is killed by a time bomb fastened around his neck.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Police preserve disorder at the Democratic Convention in Chicago.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—At the Lincoln Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr. calls for freedom to ring from the prodigious hill-tops of New Hampshire...</p> <p><b>1955</b>—During a visit to family in Money, Miss., fourteen-year-old Chicagoan Emmett Till is murdered by whites for speaking to a white woman.</p> <p><b>1951</b>—Killed in Korea, John R. Rice is denied burial at a Sioux City cemetery because he's a Native American.</p> <p><b>1947</b>—In Linares, Spain, the fifth bull of the day helps even the score a little by fatally goring Manolete.</p> <p><b>1922</b>—WEAF in New York airs the first paid radio commercial.</p> <p><b>1921</b>—Ten thousand coal miners and two thousand hired goons start trading lead on Blair Mountain, W.Va.</p> <p><b>1919</b>—Resigning as mayor of Seattle, Ole Hanson, the survivor of an assassination attempt, says "hang or incarcerate all anarchists for life."</p> <p><b>1918</b>—Big Bill Haywood and 14 other Wobblies get 20 years for draft obstruction.</p> <p><b>1869</b>—The Mount Washington Cog Railway opens for business.</p> <p><b>1833</b>—Britain abolishes slavery throughout the Empire.</p>	<p><b>2008</b>—A brand-new Robinson R44 helicopter being delivered by two qualified pilots suddenly and inexplicably noses into a steep dive. It crashes and burns in Ridgedale, Mo., killing both pilots in the ensuing inferno.</p> <p><b>2007</b>—Due to careless accounting, an Air Force B-52 at Minot AFB in North Dakota is loaded with six live nukes, then left unguarded overnight.</p> <p><b>2006</b>—George W.[MD] Bush tells NBC interviewer Brian Williams, "I've got an ek-a-lec-tic reading list."</p> <p><b>2004</b>—A Robinson R22 helicopter, flying normally along the north shore of Long Island, suddenly makes a loud popping noise, loses its main rotor assembly, and crashes, killing two.</p> <p><b>1996</b>—Bill Clinton accepts the Democratic nomination for a second term; his political advisor Dick Morris resigns because word is out he paid \$200 an hour to suck a woman's toes.</p> <p><b>1977</b>—Memphis cops nab three people trying to steal Elvis's corpse.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—A week-long rebellion erupts at the Long Binh Jail in Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1957</b>—Despite a 24 hr., 18 min. filibuster by Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.)—father, at 22, of a mixed-race child by his family's 16-year-old maid—the Civil Rights Act passes.</p> <p><b>1956</b>—Jesus Christ "GC" Allin, the most depraved punk rocker in history, is born in Lancaster, N.H.</p> <p><b>1921</b>—Coal companies use hired airplanes to drop bombs on miners at Blair Mountain, W. Va.</p>	<p><b>2011</b>—The Federal Election Commission awakens and OKs an investigation of Rep. Frank Guinta [R-N.H.].</p> <p><b>2007</b>—Unbeknownst to the pilots, a B-52 takes off from N.D. with six live nukes onboard. In La., it sits unguarded from noon to 10:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—To milk 9/11 for all it's worth, the RNC convenes in New York City. Attendees mock John Kerry and wounded vets in general by wearing "Purple Heart" band-aids.</p> <p><b>1979</b>—Thanks to a handy canoe paddle, President Carter survives an attack from a deranged rabbit.</p> <p><b>1979</b>—For the first time, astronomers observe a comet hitting the sun.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Thurgood Marshall becomes the first black Associate Justice.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—At the Democratic Convention, an all-white delegation from Mississippi is seated while a black protest delegation isn't.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—A "Hot Line" is set up between the White House and the Kremlin.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—At a closed Senate Appropriations hearing, Sec. of State Dean Acheson takes a swing at Sen. Kenneth Wherry (R-Neb.), but is restrained by a State Dept. lawyer.</p> <p><b>1918</b>—Fanya Kaplan shoots Lenin, who's badly wounded but lives. Days later she's shot dead.</p> <p><b>1893</b>—Huey "The Kingfish" Long is born in Winnfield, La.</p> <p><b>1813</b>—Drunk officers are playing cards when 800 Creeks attack Ft. Mims, Ala.; of 500 whites, 15 survive.</p>	<p><b>1981</b>—A Robinson R22 helicopter loses a rotor blade flying over Granby, Conn. It crashes and burns, killing the pilot and a passenger.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—The Gainesville Eight, anti-war veterans charged with conspiracy to riot at the 1972 Republican National Convention, are acquitted.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—President Johnson signs a bill making draft card burning illegal.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—Robert Bork publishes an article in <i>The New Republic</i> opposing the Civil Rights Act.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—Hurricane Carol slams New England; 65 die.</p> <p><b>1948</b>—An LAPD setup bears fruit: Robert Mitchell is busted for pot.</p> <p><b>1939</b>—German operatives conduct Operation Himmler, 21 false flag attacks along the Polish border, to justify the next day's invasion.</p> <p><b>1925</b>—After an 11 year occupation, U.S. Marines depart from Haiti, leaving a dictatorship behind.</p> <p><b>1921</b>—President Harding orders a cease-fire in the W.Va. Mine War under threat of Federal intervention.</p> <p><b>1919</b>—The American Communist Party is formed in Chicago.</p> <p><b>1895</b>—Julius A. Wyland founds <i>An Appeal to Reason</i>, an independent socialist weekly. Its peak circulation, in 1910, is over half a million.</p> <p><b>1869</b>—In Ireland, Mary (King) Ward is thrown from a steam-powered automobile and run over: she's the first person to be killed by a car.</p> <p><b>1803</b>—Lewis and Clark head west.</p>
<p>6:59                      7:19</p>  <p>12:44                      12:56</p>	<p>8:01                      8:19</p>  <p>1:45                      1:56</p>	<p>9:02                      9:18</p>  <p>2:45                      2:56</p>	<p>9:59                      10:15</p>  <p>3:42                      3:53</p>	<p>10:52                      11:08</p>  <p>4:36                      4:49</p>	<p>11:43                      12:00</p>  <p>5:27                      5:42</p>	<p>12:32                      6:34</p> 



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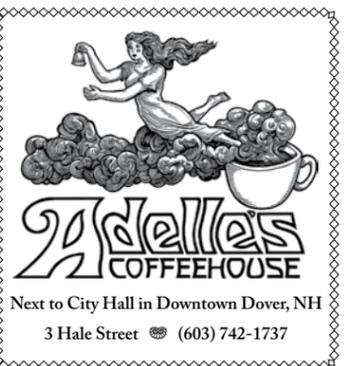
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