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The Fortnightly Rant

Same Fight, Different Style

When 100 Market Street went up, brick after brick defying gravity, it ascended to what then seemed enormous heights. Filling entirely what had been a whole block of rubble-covered dirt, it dwarfed all the surrounding structures, especially the ancient Moffat-Ladd House next door and was widely criticized, if not actually condemned, for its hubris. Yet, eventually people got used to it.

A few years later the Hilton Garden sprouted from the desolate asphalt plain across Hanover Street from the city's parking garage. The garage is so massive that in the mind's eye it nearly becomes a part of the natural landscape, like a small rectangular mountain range, but at least it provides a needed service to the general public.

The sole purpose of the Hilton Garden, though — twice the size of 100 Market Street — is to extract disposable cash from the well-heeled and send it to the anonymous “major institutional equity partners and high net-worth individuals” lurking behind the facade of Cathartes Associates. Again, after a fairly short period of adjustment, people got used to it.

Cathartes, emboldened by its success, is now engaged in the third phase of its PortWalk project. Covering about 4.5 acres, it's large enough to hold four Hilton Gardens. Maybe it's the size of the thing, or maybe it's that cranes are still swinging loads of oriented-strand board overhead; but the public does not seem to have gotten used to PortWalk yet.

So perhaps we should pity poor HarborCorp LLC, the developers of the original downtown behemoths,

the Sheraton Harborside. HarborCorp had a plan approved some years ago, which required much tender and expensive negotiations regarding zoning regulations, allowing it to develop a narrow, sinuous strip of land lying between Russell and Deer streets and the Pan Am Railways right-of-way. But that plan expired during the doldrums following an episode of widespread irrational exuberance, and in the interim, up went PortWalk.

Now, in an economy which only offers one job for every four applicants, and with PortWalk still abuilding, HarborCorp is trying to win approval for our largest private structure yet — half-again as long as one of the salt ships that tie up just across Market Street.

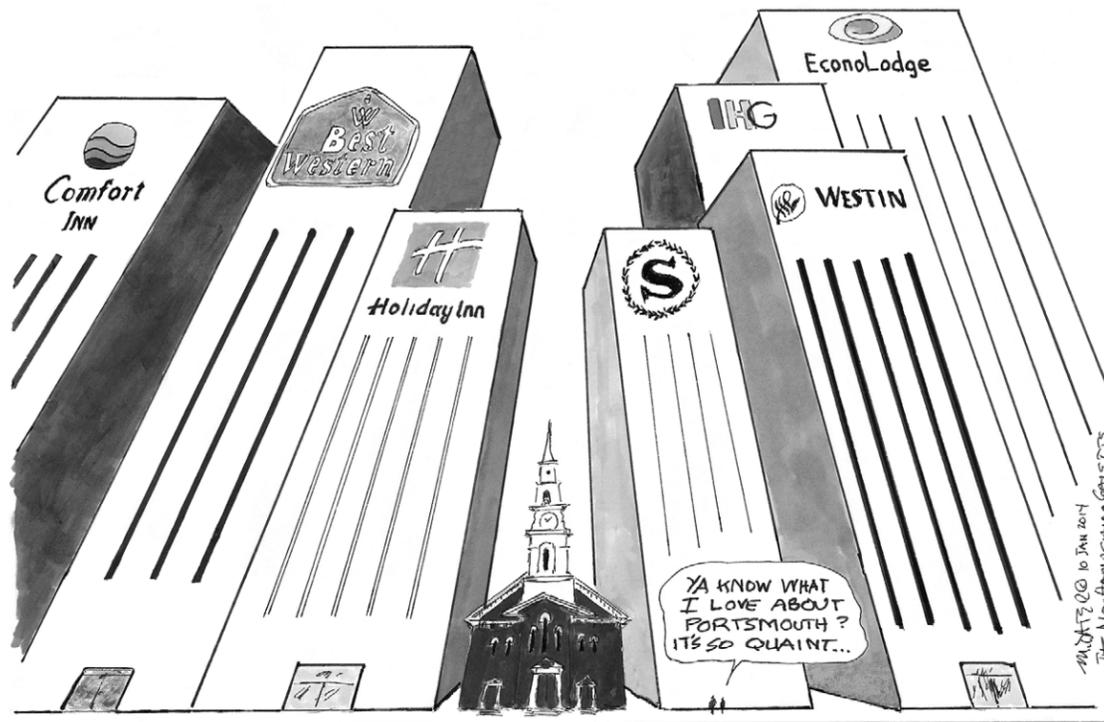
Whose Market Is It, Anyway?

HarborCorp's plan is a tough sell, on the heels of so many other big, boring, for-profit boxes. But in this country, when it comes to property rights, it's always been a seller's market. And it runs by the Golden Rule: the ones with the gold get to make the rules. Those rules don't often get challenged, but it has been known to happen.

One of the most direct challenges came from the IWW, right here, 93 years ago this month.

Sherman, Set the WABAC ...

In the spring of 1919 Mr. G.S. Hewins, General Manager of the L.H. Shattuck shipyard in Newington, was worried that Wobblies — members of the Industrial Workers of the World, or IWW, might be infiltrating his shipyard. Shattuck had contracts to build wooden steamers for the war effort. Since the war was over, and wooden steamers were obsolete, the nation would probably have been better off if the Wob-



blies managed to shut the operation down. But Shattuck had contracts, and there was money to be made. To prevent a possible strike Hewins hired Abram Handelman, a private detective from the Woods Detective Agency in Boston, to masquerade as an employee and spy on his workers.*

Meanwhile A.O. Shaw, a local stock broker, was serving as an informant to the Bureau of Investigation [BOI], precursor to the FBI. Shaw, in turn, enlisted one Charles Palmer, “a loyal Russian Pole” living on McDonough Street, to “obtain evidence concerning Bolshevik activities in Portsmouth.”

Palmer visited Stanley Bellows' store at 88 Russell Street where he heard “vehement” defenses of “Bolshevik doctrine” from Bellows and three other Russians.

* These details come from declassified Bureau of Investigation files referenced by David Williams in “Sowing the Wind”: The Deportation Raids of 1920 in New Hampshire,” *Historical New Hampshire*, Spring, 1979: 1-31.

The site is now the Sheraton's central plaza.†

Palmer then bravely accepted Bellows' invitation to “headquarters,” namely, “a saloon on Market Street known as ‘the Last Chance,’” which was “situated on the edge of the Polish settlement and ... considered the lowest quarter of the city.” Rather than rotgut whisky and stabbings, the report mentions only “soft drinks and lunches” being served in this den of iniquity. But the talk was so “rotten,” according to Palmer, that “if there had been a policeman there, they would have been arrested.”

Busted by the Feds

The arrests eventually came, on January 2, 1920: the local manifestation of what we now call the Palmer Raids after Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer (no relation to Charles, we presume).

† The Portsmouth Housing Authority paid Irene Blake approximately \$4,600 for the land and building in the late 1960s. That's about \$32,000 in 2013 dollars.

About 3,500 arrests were made nationally.

Seven men were arrested in Portsmouth by local cops and turned over to Justice Department agents,‡ then shipped to Deer Island in Boston Harbor along with 253 other suspected New Hampshire radicals, on a fast track for deportation to Russia.

“Only” 556 resident aliens were deported, largely due to Palmer's disdain for due process — thousands of arrests were vacated. The fates of the Portsmouth men are unknown.

Game Change

The city's Bolsheviks expunged, and the ACLU standing ready to defend civil liberties, the fight over HarborCorp may be less tumultuous than the Palmer Raids. But the core issue hasn't changed all that much. And there's always hope for a better outcome.

‡ Michael Bobrow, Fred Loboduk, John Stiff, Kelly Houkoff, Stanley Bellows, Vasil Prudun, John Bellows, and Julius Crank, according to the police log.

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The Weather Retort

We have as much respect for the stoicism of the archetypal New Englander as anyone, and we try to emulate that quality to the best of our ability. But, seriously ... this is ridiculous.

We are not even three weeks into winter and we've already had about four snowstorms. The Award-Winning Local Daily reported a week ago that the city's snow removal budget is already half-spent.

As midnight approached on January 2nd the temperature was 9° below zero and winds were gusting well over twenty miles per hour, sending the wind chill to 24° below.

When such conditions prevail, you often hear that it's “too cold

to snow.” Not this time. No less an authority than the Weather Channel's meteorologist Jim Cantore said, “I've never seen a situation where you have a 1-degree temperature and so much snow coming down.”

And the *Nashua Telegraph* reported January 4th that “[b]ecause of a temperature inversion association with the Arctic cold that has covered the upper U.S., the summit of Mount Washington was almost the warmest — yes, warmest — place in New Hampshire last night.”

All that was *before* the Polar Vortex showed up.

A Pattern, Perhaps?

Being exposed to the weather's cruel whims, but powerless to do

much about them, we decided to look back a few years, hoping to better understand what's going on. We think we've learned something, but it wasn't what you'd call reassuring.

Last winter was unusually mild. The temperature dropped into single digits on just five nights in January. After February 11th it rarely dropped below freezing.

The previous winter was also unusually mild. November was relatively warm, with only a few nights below freezing. The temperature never dropped into single digits during December, and only on four nights in January. In February, again, not once. And March was downright bizarre: on 11 days the temperature rose above 60

degrees; their average high: 72.8°. One of those days it hit 83°.

During the winter before that, in 2010 and 2011, January was cold and snowy, so, no surprise there. In fact, we saw nothing out of the ordinary for the entire season.

So, by our reckoning, three of the past four winters have been, in technical terms, just plain weird.

A Sinister Wobble

In our paper of September 20th we did a similar survey of previous summers. We concluded that “we had as many heat waves this year as we had in the preceding three years. What's more, all of this year's heat waves were significantly more humid than any of those from 2010 through 2012.”

Those heat waves were apparently the result of an unusually wobbly jet stream — just like the brutal beginning of this winter.

Brought To You By ...

America's knuckleheads greeted the arrival of the Polar Vortex with lame jokes about Al Gore and global warming.

We'll uphold our end of the social contract by arguing that the climate has been deregulated by the same special interests who deregulated finance, forcing us all to live with the same result: abnormal is now the new normal.

Says Who?

As for this odious new gim-

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mick of naming winter storms, we simply refuse to comply. We will, however, report with grim satisfaction what we've learned about who is behind it: Bain Capital, of Mitt Romney fame, and the Blackstone Group, the former meal ticket of budget scold Pete Peterson.

We're not joking. Bain, Blackstone, and NBC jointly own the Weather Channel, which has been presumptuously acting as if it were the National Weather Service.

We'll bet naming storms is only the thin edge of the wedge. One of these days the American Enterprise Institute is going to issue a study claiming that if climate change *does* exist, it's caused by the ineptitude of the Weather Service, which therefore should be privatized.

Walkin' the Walk

As we reported in our Decem-

ber 27th paper, NH Rebellion, which calls itself "a cross-partisan movement to end the root problem of corruption by making political reform the #1 issue during the 2016 New Hampshire primary," plans to walk the length of this state, this month. Largely inspired by New Hampshire's own Granny D, this effort is led by Harvard professor and freelance reformer Lawrence Lessig.

We now have their Walk Schedule.

Day One is tomorrow, January 11th. The walkers will leave from Dixville Notch, outside of the Balsams Grand Resort Hotel, and head for the Akers Pond Inn in Errol, ten miles away, via Rt 16. We won't give the whole itinerary; it can be found at NHRebellion.org/press_release.

We will note that on Day Five, January 15th, they expect to arrive in North Conway, where they plan to hold some sort of event; further details TBA.

Also, on Day Eleven, January



The Flag Police spotted this tired old banner recently, flying above a large commercial establishment on Arthur Brady Drive. While it's not within their purview to mandate specific purchases by corporate entities, the Flag Police take this opportunity to advise that 4 x 6-foot U.S. flags can be purchased for just \$29.97 retail at Home Depot.

21st, they plan to be in Concord, taking a day off from walking and attending two events.

Day Twelve, January 22nd, looks ambitious: hoofing it from Concord to Manchester, and holding an event at the New Hampshire Institute Of Politics at St. Anselm College.

Day Fourteen, January 24th, they'll wrap it up with a celebration of Granny D's 104th Birthday somewhere in Nashua.

The point of the exercise, as we understand it, is to prepare the ground so that no one can get through New Hampshire's 2016 First-In-The-Nation™ Presidential Primary Election without answering the question, "How will you end the system of corruption in Washington?"

That Old Time Religion

Here's a man-bites-dog story: this newspaper is excited about the new Pope.

For the past century — hell, for the past millenium — the Catholic Church has been one of the

most conservative power centers on the planet. Typically, advocating a return to core beliefs has been a conservative gesture.

Yet Pope Francis, the Catholic Church's new leader, is preaching a return to the core beliefs of his faith, and it sounds radical.

"[S]ome people continue to defend trickle-down theories which assume that economic growth, encouraged by a free market, will inevitably succeed in bringing about greater justice and inclusiveness in the world. This opinion, which has never been confirmed by the facts, expresses a crude and naïve trust in the goodness of those wielding economic power and in the sacralized workings of the prevailing economic system."

Now, there's a crosier stuck in the spokes of the money-making machinery.

If only William F. Buckley, a lifelong practicing Catholic of the old-school, Latin Mass variety, were alive to 'splain this to us — or, as he might put it, to "elucidate

for us this seemingly paradoxical ecclesiastical conundrum.*

Fortunately the magazine Buckley founded, *The National Review*, still publishes. Since 1955, it has been the font of true American conservative wisdom — just ask the staff. Since 2002, the magazine has had an on-line feature called, "The Corner," which modestly styles itself, "The One And Only."

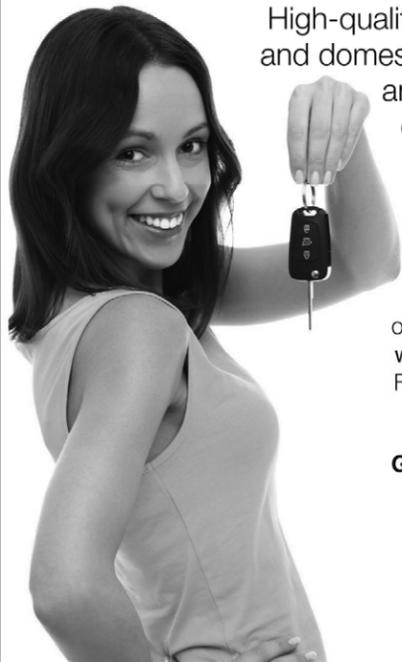
There, Patrick Brennan rose to the occasion and resolved this religious mystery. It all depends on what the meaning of "por si mismo" is — the Vatican's translators don't know what they're doing.

The Pope's probably a paleo-

* Buckley, who died in 2008, used to own a home somewhere in the wilds of Henniker — along with several other homes elsewhere, of course. It had a very long driveway which meandered across a rigorously-mowed lawn that was bigger than many a New Hampshire hayfield. The driveway was lined with dozens of cartoonish trees. They had short, straight trunks, stood about twenty feet tall, and had perfectly round leafy tops, trimmed to topiary-fashion. The house itself was a thoroughly undistinguished 1950's style ranch.

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con, we just don't know it.

That Explains a Lot

Last October CBS News — former TV home of journalistic icons Edward R. Murrow and Walter Cronkite — broadcast a thrilling segment on “60 Minutes” in which a heroic British supervisor of security guards described his own valiant efforts on the night of September 11, 2012 to save a group of Americans who were killed in Benghazi. Morgan Jones bashed a terrorist in the face with his gun butt, scaled a 12-foot wall, &c., &c.

Except his name is really Dylan Davies, and all he really did was get a long string of fairly obvious and easily-refuted lies about a politically-charged subject past some inept media gatekeepers who ought to be drummed out of the business.

More recently on “60 Minutes,” Leslie Stahl reported that, “despite billions in taxpayer dollars invested by the U.S. government in so-called ‘Cleantech’ energy alternatives to fossil fuels, Washington and Silicon Valley have little to show for it.”

Except that, as *ThinkProgress.com* put it, “60 Minutes” is “apparently unaware that the DOE Loan Guarantee Program has a

whopping 97 percent success rate, while the companies CBS focuses on such as Solyndra and Abound Solar were just three percent of the portfolio.”

Wind is “America’s largest source of new electrical capacity, accounting for 43 percent of all new installations Since 2008, the price of solar panels has fallen by 75 percent, and solar installations have multiplied tenfold [and] the cost of super-efficient LED lights has fallen more than 85 percent and sales have skyrocketed. [Since] 2009 ... the number [of LEDs in use] has grown 50-fold to almost 20 million America bought twice as many plug-in electric vehicles (EVs) as [one year ago], and six times as many as in the first half of 2011.”

A tip of the hat to Brad Friedman, at BradBlog.com, from whom we first learned that David Rhodes, President of CBS News, “began his career as a Production Assistant at the newly-launched Fox News Channel in 1996, where he later became Vice President of News. At the network he managed coverage of three presidential elections, wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, hurricanes including Katrina, and was the



channel’s Assignment Manager on the news desk the morning of September 11, 2001.”

Balky Bridge?

Rumors were going around in late December that operators were having trouble getting the New Memorial Bridge to lift in very cold weather. In at least one case, an outgoing ship was said to have been held up between the Memorial and Mildred Long bridges for fifteen minutes. Given the Piscataqua’s notorious currents, that could be a serious issue.

During the cold snap of January 2nd the bridge was out of service twice, once for fifteen minutes, and once for just over an hour, according to the *Portsmouth Herald*.

The AWLD quoted New Hampshire Department of Transportation [NHDOT] spokesperson Bill Boynton talking about “functional issues with the warning gate equipment,” but neglected to address the functioning of the lift mechanism. In a morbid quest for specific details we

harassed NHDOT’s Chief Project Manager, Keith Cota.

“We have noticed that in cold, cold, extreme weather, the bridge is moving slower than what we would find acceptable,” he said. The grease lubricating the 300-foot long power-transmission shaft seems to be the culprit.

The recent severe cold “puts the bridge to a good test,” Cota said. “From a DOT perspective, we’re pleased. We can make sure we’ve addressed that before we fully accept the bridge.”

NHDOT has asked the Coast Guard to provide more notice when the ship traffic is coming in so they can start the lift process earlier.

Hedrick Smith to Speak

Best-selling author and former *New York Times* reporter Hedrick Smith will speak at the Portsmouth Pearl at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 20, the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, his topic: “Martin Luther King, Jr. and the American Dream Today.” Follow-

ing his remarks, Smith will sign copies of his new book, *Who Stole the American Dream?*

As a reporter covering the civil rights movement in the 1960’s, Smith had direct contact with Dr. King and other leaders. One of America’s most distinguished journalists, Smith has won two Pulitzer Prizes and two Emmy awards. *Who Stole the American Dream?* has been hailed for its brilliant analysis of political and economic trends over the last four decades.

The Pearl, now a function hall located at 45 Pearl Street, just off Islington Street, was New Hampshire’s first African-American church. A stop on the Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail, it was the heart of Black Portsmouth’s social, political and spiritual life for decades. The young Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. preached there on October 26, 1952, as a

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A new architectural element graced the Congress Street skyline recently. Due to the nature of the materials used, it did not last long.

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Getting a Leg Up on the Competition

A Great Moment in Gender Equality

There are large glasses and there are small glasses but when the local Moose Lodge held an outing, even the largest glass could not keep local contender Mildred Cuddeback from entering the famed beer drinking contest, where (much to the surprise of onlookers) she took home the blue ribbon.

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Constitution for Utopia

To the Editor:

An informative letter to the editor by former New Hampshire State Representative Rich DiPentima regarding a provision for universal healthcare (Article 31) in the Iraqi Constitution was the impetus for me to read and explore the entire said constitution for my own edification.

The Iraqi Constitution, written in large part by high ranking officials of the U.S. State Department and Armed Forces in 2005 (under the Bush/Cheney Administration), is a comprehensive document, consisting of 144 articles, that offers, I would argue, significantly more protections to the Iraqis, particularly under Section Two (Rights and Liberties), than the U.S. Constitution provides for U.S. citizens.

In addition to universal health care, some of the more remarkable constitutional provisions include:

Article 8 discussing, "the principle of noninterference in the internal affairs of other countries and settling disputes through peaceful means;"

Article 22 stating, "Work is a right for all Iraqis in a way that guarantees a dignified life for them," "the law shall regulate the relationship between employees and employers on economic bases and while observing the rules of social justice ;"

Article 30 ensuring, "The State shall guarantee social and health security to Iraqis in cases of old

age, sickness, employment disability, homelessness, orphanhood, or unemployment;"

Article 34 asserting, "Education is a fundamental factor for the progress of society and is a right guaranteed by the state" and that "Free education in all its stages is a right for all Iraqis;"

Article 9 saying, "Military service shall be regulated by law" and that "the formation of militias outside the framework of the armed forces is prohibited;"

Complementing Article 9, U.S. officials apparently insisted on the absence of an article in the Iraqi Constitution that addresses the right of ordinary Iraqi citizens to bear arms, which some Americans claim to be the backbone of our constitution.

Please see the Iraqi Constitution at, "http://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text.jsp?file_id=230001#LinkTarget_1204" and judge for yourself if its provisions don't offer the model democratic Utopian society that the majority of Americans would love. Ironically, this Republican administration-sponsored Constitution must be anathema to the Republican Party and the powerful special interests it represents.

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, NH

Wayne:

With their bullet-proof irony shields permanently welded in place, we doubt if most Republicans would take your point as you intend.

More than likely, you'd get recommendations about travel agents and airlines.

The Editor

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Who Is Santa Claus?

To the Editor:

"He knows when you are sleeping; he know when you're awake.

He knows if you've been bad or good ..."

Really, who is this "Santa Claus?"

Here's a hint: take the middle

letter in Santa's name and put it at the beginning.

The NSA's program for collecting all telecommunication information about all Americans was originally named Total Awareness, before it was rebranded with a different name.

NSATA.

And who does NSATA actually represent?

Here's a hint: take the first letter and put it at the end.

Sweet Dreams, Little Darlins!

Bruce Joffe
Piedmont, CA

Bruce:

You've got the germ of a screenplay there. How far is Piedmont from Hollywood? We'll stake you to bus fare.

The Editor

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Men, Women, and Politics

To the Editor:

From early life I have seen the baby girl quiver with delight at the sight of a cherry blossom in bloom, and later, everything concerning life and living, while the baby boy of the same age is fascinated by moving wheels, and later by what makes the wheel go around or why the kettle steams when it boils. Wheels and uses of steam leave the young girl cold. Similarly, most women feel linked to an unbroken connection to all growing things and have a sense of belonging under the night sky.

It is man who wants to explore the planets in the sky. The man in love will be temporarily inspired by the realm of diffuse consciousness — woman's domain — and may voice it in a poem. The woman will at times have her mind clearly focused — man's domain — on certain endeavors.

Diffuse consciousness is where children live until we educate them out of it.

Without some form of heroism a man hardly feels himself a man. Delinquents are failed heroes. They tried but couldn't find

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the right channel. Better prove one's prowess in a gang war than remain anonymous.

It is his particular instinctual drive which has from the beginning of man enabled him to overcome the obstacles of nature. Every new mastery over the resources of the earth, every new penetration into outer space or into the mysteries of invisible particles is an achievement of heroes and the architect of modern culture.

Woman's attitude toward the male hero has changed in the last 100 or so years. Women have won a great part of their battle for equality. In doing so they found that they could be heroes.

Nowadays, one meets the gentle, understanding man without an ounce of hero in him. If it's a hero she wants she had better find him within herself.

By now you are recognizing that the model man or woman does not exist psychologically speaking. Each has aspects of the other that can emerge in varying forms and degrees over the life span.

Many, tired of the Armageddon of endless wars which appear to be the result of of a masculine culture, believed that if women took a greater leadership role the world would become a pleasanter place, and that their influence would stop wars and make civilization more humane.

We are also tired of the reprehensible behavior going on in the halls of Congress. Men want to get the last word; women want to get a mutual agreement. Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz suggested that if you put women from both political parties together that they would get things done pronto. How so? "Because that's usually women's goal," she said.

How woman achieved this mediation role I don't know. Wheth-

er or not she knows that this is what she does will depend upon the quality of her own focused consciousness.

Waiting is another quality of feminine psychology. She may not know it if she has another more masculine side which is busy with active achievement, but if she looks deep enough she will find that essential core of her waiting.

No woman can plan her future. She can plan a career, but as woman she can only wait for the future to unfold. It is the feminine which waits, whether it is in man or woman, and it is the masculine which moulds and formulates in either sex.

Women make up almost 20 percent of the current Congress. What will it take for there to be gender equality? In a new study at Rice University it was found that in democratic countries with generally "low levels" of corruption, women are less likely to be corrupt and less likely to tolerate corruption than their male counterparts. While gender is not an absolute predictor of political behavior, woman have had far fewer scandals than men.

Women bring a universal perspective to the table, as I have attempted to point out, and deserve, nay, require, greater recognition.

Michael Kulla

Nyack, NY

Michael:

We're trying to decide whether this is a sensitive and accurate assessment of genuine gender differences, or a sexist diatribe from a male chauvinist. Perhaps our readers will weigh in.

The Editor

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Percent of a Fortune

To the Editor:

Although the net worth of \$1.5 billion might as well be a gazillion, you describe \$1 million as a very

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small fraction indeed. The actual dollar value of 0.0000015 percent of 1.5 billion is \$22.50. The actual percent of fortune invested by Mr. Peterson is an astonishing 0.066 percent or 1/15th of 1 percent. I'm sure any Republican would say that this proves the point about fiscal responsibility.

Peter Glasson
Portsmouth, NH
Peter:
Just as the Second Amendment guarantees that almost any yahoo can get his mitts on a firearm, but does not guarantee he'll hit the right target, so the First Amendment guarantees that any yahoo — in this case, the Editor — can get his hands on a calculator, but ... well, you get the point.

Thank you for correcting our error. We presume your correction is correct

Our apologies to Mr. Peterson for so underestimating his generosity.

The Editor

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When Hate Meets Hope

To the Editor:
2013 was a banner year for observing milestones of significant historical events which involved several influential world-movers and shakers who dared to advance the common causes of freedom and human rights. Our nation celebrated the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's Civil Rights March on the Washington Mall where he delivered his moving, "I Have a Dream" speech. We remembered the assassination of U.S. President John F. Kennedy 50 years ago and reexamined the words, still highly relevant, contained in President Abraham Lincoln's 150 year old Gettysburg Address. The world just finished paying its final respect to South African anti-apartheid revolutionary and political leader Nelson Mandela (aka Madiba).

Remembering the assassination of JFK, the Mayor of Dallas poignantly remarked, "a new era dawned and another waned a half-century ago when hope and hatred collided right here in Dallas," reminding me that the hopes of King, Lincoln and Madiba also met with the resistance of hate. Madiba, the ultimate champion of freedom, once stated when asked about reconciliation with his apartheid persecutors, "as I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison." Great strides have been made thanks to the courage of Madiba and the other aforementioned giants, but I've personally seen evidence that suggests a lot of work still remains towards the attainment of freedom and socio-economic equality.

I recently, for instance, received an e-mail message, sent to a large address group, from a member of the "loud minority," that warned about a potential computer virus associated with a message titled, "Black Muslim in the White House." I found myself thinking that, sadly, a computer virus should be the very least of this group's concerns. It is this kind of hatred that obstructs people from acknowledging any accomplishments of President Obama, who happens to be, if it should matter, bi-racial and Christian.

When hope collides with hate, the haters can't even find a way to recognize that the fundamental essence of the ACA is to provide a fundamental human right of access to affordable healthcare to all Americans.

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, NH
Wayne:
Here we have a case of what we'll call "true equivalence," in which the

Left is as guilty as the Right of vitriolic partisanship. When we learned from your letter that Right Wingers who click on Obamahate emails put themselves at risk of computer viruses, our only thought was, "that's hilarious."

Clearly, we have a long way to go to reach enlightenment.

The Editor

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GOP Resolutions

To the Editor:
The pundits' predictions are that the GOP's 2014 resolutions will be focused on weight loss, less spending and anger management.

The GOP puts a mean twist to the proverbial resolution of weight loss. The desire to trim down is not personal but projected to the millions on food stamps whom the GOP feel are "just sitting around waiting for a handout" and becoming addicted to food. They claim that before we know it "these people" will be demanding a full \$4 per day up from \$3.66 now. This 34-cent increase could seriously threaten the billions in tax subsidies we give to the oil industry and must be avoided.

Everyone pledges to save more in the new year. The GOP looks to federal employee pensions, unemployment insurance and medical research to provide sources for the savings. They do not look at the bloated military budget or to the corporations that pay ridiculously low fees to farm, graze, mine and cut timber on public land and make billions in profit from our natural resources. Sugar subsidies will cost the government \$280 million in 2013 and consumers over \$1 billion.

Managing one's anger is important for politicians because nasty, mean spirited statements are not good for the party's image. During 2013 far right spokesmen regularly insulted the poor and unemployed, demeaned immigrants, disrespected women and the LGBT community, rejected

established scientific and economic principles, mocked "elite intellectuals," (people who think before they speak), and continued to place rigid ideology ahead of practical solutions.

I hold little hope for the current crop of GOP politicians to change their behavior based on the broad rejection of their own 2012 election autopsy findings. Bobby Jindal called on the GOP "to stop being the stupid party" and the party chair said they needed to broaden their appeal, expand diversity, focus on job creation and changed how they speak about what they believe. To date they have done the opposite.

It seems to me that getting their angry and cruel rhetoric under control is the least of their problems. Getting their warped and extreme thinking moderated should be the resolution. The far right's eventual demise rests in what they believe not how they communicate.

Dave Potter
North Hampton, NH
Dave:

The future will be a tough thing for the GOP to manage, since they don't believe in it. If they banned the venting of vitriol, they'd take all the fun out of being a Republican. And if you took away their nutty ideas, they'd have none left.

The Editor

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37th Best Health Care

To the Editor:
The United States spends more on health care than any other nation in the world. Based on such measures as infant mortality, children's health, life expectancy and patient satisfaction the U.S. system ranks 37th among all other industrialized nations according to the World Health Organization. A Commonwealth Fund survey found that Americans spend twice as much as residents of other industrialized countries with the poorest results in terms



of quality, efficiency and equity.

If all the people who criticize the Affordable Care Act [ACA] would pair their remarks with suggestions for improving the law, or put an alternative plan on the table for discussion, we could, together, use American ingenuity and resourcefulness to provide affordable health care for all our citizens and at the same time free our economy from this destructive burden.

Alas, effective governing is impossible in our current dysfunctional political culture. We, the voters, have some serious thinking to do before the next election if we want to make our democracy work again. And the question we must ponder is, "Is the person I vote for willing and able to work with his or her colleagues to give us the universal, affordable and high quality health care we need?" It's up to us to ensure this cure.

Cynthia Muse
Rye, NH
Cynthia:

According to the latest Republican thinking, for the good of the nation, the ACA must fail, not succeed. Only then will the Hallowed Private Sector be able to compete fairly for the God-given right to profit from the sickness of others. Or something like that.

And if Frank Guinta wins in November, that's what he'll vote for.

The Editor

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Northcountry Chronicle

The Buried Hamlet

by William Marvel

A generation or so ago, when New Hampshire still clung to a measure of its own identity, the landscape itself seemed anxious to illustrate the past. That was especially true in the hill districts, where by then the present often consisted of nothing but the past. Stone walls betrayed the outline of every pasture beneath the canopy of forests that had grown since the last ruminants grazed there. Cellar holes testified to families raised in modest houses of prosaic décor, long since dismantled, decayed, or burned. Sturdy bridges of split granite demonstrated the determination of the residents to communicate with each other, and with the world beyond the nearest impassable stream.

Good fortune dictated that I, like my father before me, should spend my childhood amid the ghosts of such a community, where my grandfather's 1792

farmhouse perched on the frontier between all that had disappeared and all that will. Scattered houses like his revealed traces of the isolated hamlet once known as Goshen. Those with much grey in their hair still called South Conway by that name during my school years, but they usually referred to the paved corridor that bisected the district by then. The best part of Goshen already lay back in the woods, quietly reverting to the wilderness from which it had been wrought.

Before I discovered how vast and varied the world was — and then again, after I deduced how little connection I wanted with it — the depopulated portion of Goshen was my favorite haunt. It appealed to me precisely because no one seemed to know anything about it. Eventually I learned most of the names that once echoed through the houses, as mothers called their families to dinner. Antique maps told me where

the schoolhouses had stood, and abandoned roads showed which routes the children had taken to reach them as the bell clanged.

The most extensive cellar holes lay below the saddleback summits of Dundee Hill and Edgcomb Mountain, where an entire neighborhood vanished early in the 20th century. The last house had fallen in by midcentury, and the remaining fields were just growing into scrub pine and juniper while I was in my teens. High on Dundee I ran across a few woodpecker-riddled trunks of apple trees in the old orchard where my father had found such good hunting in the 1920s.

Under the shadow of the steep crest of Edgcomb, the complex stone walls and foundations of the John Edes farm included the triangular central chimney, with a fireplace on each side. East of the house site, where the land slopes away toward Maine and the rising sun, it had obviously been worked

into narrow strips of terrace. Fifteen years ago, in the thickets that had begun to cover those terraces, I detected the shaded, yellowing foliage of rose bushes that no longer bloomed — at least until I dug some of them up and transplanted them in my own garden. No flowers will grow in the acid soil around Mrs. Edes's solitary grave under the pines, but behind my house her pink multiflora blossoms burst into riot again every June, just as they must have done for her in the 1820s.

Mrs. Edes's apparent passion for roses presents a rare glimpse of personal detail from the story of that remote district, from which we can seldom deduce more than names and numbers. Taxable inventories record the types of livestock that filled the enclosures, and how many of each, while the census may reveal who slept in the beds, but in the absence of personal papers the whims and wishes of the occupants lie beyond

our reach. The inhabitants of that hillside surely entertained private thoughts, and some must have scrawled them in diaries or confidential letters, but no such evidence survives from the Dundee neighborhood.

Fading gravestones report that Lucy Chadbourn married Tobias Dennett, and by him had four children, but they never identify the shy swain who lost Lucy through hesitation and loved her from afar for fifty years. Epitaphs to the beloved son or daughter of James and Arabella Manson admit no doubt about the accuracy of the information, regardless of what light Arabella might have shed on the subject. Even in an age of daunting religious doctrine, some in that rugged terrain must inevitably have harbored the scintillating secrets that constitute the subcutaneous life of a community, but theirs all lie beneath the sod, along with the people who cherished them.

More Mash Notes. **HATE MAIL,** And Other Correspondence, from Page Five

Convention of States

To the Editor:

Things have changed in this country. Hope used to be a feeling of expectation, an aspiration, a feeling of trust. Then we opted for big government. Now hope is little more than a political manipulation. We used to have it in our hearts, in our schools, in our future plans. Now it is waiting on Congress to do something.

It's amazing what an enormous government can do to our outlook on life ... corrupt federal officials who make up the rules as they go along ... government enforces the laws they like and ignores those they don't ... rule of law is

what officials you don't even know tell you it is

[Two more paragraphs of woe-is-us paranoia deleted due to lack of space, interest, and patience. — *The Ed.*]

The Convention of States (COS) Project was founded to stop our runaway federal government from spending this country into the ground, seizing power from the states and taking liberty from the people. Washington, D.C., is broken and will not fix itself.

The Project urges and empowers state legislators to call a Convention of States. The delegates would be able to propose

amendments to the Constitution that would curb the federal government's abuses. Article V of the Constitution gives them this power; the COS Project gives them an avenue through which they can use it.

The plan would be to call a convention for a particular subject rather than a particular amendment, *i.e.*, to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government. Instead of calling a convention for a balanced budget amendment, though such an amendment would seem eminently supportable, the convention would allow other federal limiting amendments to be

brought as well. (Term limits, Tax reform, etc.)

It is very early in the process but there's room to give your hope some direction. You are either part of the solution or part of the problem. The train is leaving the station. It is time to lead, follow or get out of the way. Investigate the Convention of States website and investigate for yourself: *ConventionofStates.com*.

Marc Abear
Meredith, NH

Marc:

Thank's for your letter. We had been meaning to turn over the "Convention of States" rock. Imagine our lack of surprise when we found Citizens

for Self Governance underneath it: yet another of the slimy astro turf tentacles of our favorite pair of plutocrats, the Koch brothers. The idea of turning a bunch of libertarians loose with a mandate to re-write the Constitution is about as alarming a proposition as we can imagine.

Like Neal Boortz's equally-doomed FairTax proposal, to replace the progressive income tax with a regressive national sales tax, we suspect this thing is really just a make-work project to give some Right Wing hacks a so-called job.

We have to give you credit for one thing, though: that was a nice run of cliches in your last graf.

The Editor

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Global Bankers Holding A Pity Party For Themselves

by Jim Hightower

Here's an odd headline: "It's Hard to Summon Sympathy for Big Banks." Well, yeah ... and why would you try?

This piece began with another odd sentence: "It's no fun to be a banker these days." Really? I'd think that counting those multi-million-dollar annual paychecks would be jolly fun. But money doesn't buy love, and it seems that

the global princes of high finance are glum because they're not even respected, much less loved. Well, of course not — they've been pigs!

No offense to pigs, but bankers have gotten filthy rich through greed, plundering and damn-the-public narcissism. So, not only are they social pariahs, but even bank regulators around the world are no longer as deferential as they were before the 2008 financial crash.

While meek regulators haven't exactly turned into tigers, at least they're slapping some of the banking syndicates that caused the crash with multibillion-dollar fines — and they're even publicly scolding a few of the banksters.

This has set off a pity party among Wall Streeters and other big bankers. "At what point does this stop?" whined a Bank of America executive. Complaining about paying out \$13 billion

for some of his bank's crimes, a JPMorgan poo-bah said: "We should all be concerned that there doesn't seem to be a natural end point to how high fines can go."

Note that he wasn't concerned about an end point to the crimes bankers are committing. Likewise, the top executive of Deutsche Bank was outraged that a German official has criticized bankers there for evading regulation: "It's irresponsible to comment

in such a populist manner," cried the haughty banker. Again, no concern for the irresponsibility of bankers who keep evading regulation.

What we have here is business as usual. For bankers, it's still all about themselves — money over ethics. And they wonder why they're not loved?

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The Alleged News

from page three

divinity student at Boston University. Riverrun Bookstore will handle the book signing.

Most top-tier American journalists treat the economy as an autonomous, impartial machine. Not Smith. We asked why. His view evolved over years spent applying the basics of journalism to economic issues, he said. He began to see that "the whole system was rotten, and it was stacked against the middle class."

Late in life, Dr. King increasingly addressed the issue of economic justice. Smith's talk on his work is sure to be relevant today.

The First Treaty of Portsmouth

One of the most intriguing yet least-known periods of New England history will be the topic of a talk in South Berwick by Charles B. Doleac.

Doleac will discuss the 1713-14 Treaty negotiations in Portsmouth between the English and the "Eastern Indians" of the Maine coast. Those Treaties were an important first step in the separation of New Hampshire from Massachusetts and have a direct connection with ideas concerning the Rights of Indigenous People that are in the headlines today.

Sponsored by the Old Berwick

Historical Society, the program will be held on Thursday, January 23, starting at 7:30 p.m. at Berwick Academy's Jeppesen Science Center on Academy Street. The public is invited, and volunteers will serve refreshments.

The national rivalries and imperial intentions of the French and English played out against the "First Nations" people who inhabited the northeast North American coast for 10,000 years. After the decimating epidemics of 1616-19 and war with the Iroquois, the First Nations of the four Maine coastal alliances and families had formed a confederacy of the Wabanaki, the "people of the dawnland."

The 1713 Treaty of Utrecht ending Queen Anne's War in Europe attempted to set the French and English boundaries in the New World. It put the English in charge of the coastal regions that are now Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine and gave France control of the St. Lawrence River Valley around Quebec. The land in between was Wabanaki territory, and both France and England agreed to respect the other's First Nations allies. The Wabanaki questioned how France and England could be talking about control of their an-

cestral land. A treaty between the English and the Wabanaki was necessary for there to be peace in "the dawnland."

The treaty negotiations in Portsmouth and the diplomacy employed by the First Nations were important first steps toward recognition of a New Hampshire governing Council separate from Massachusetts and the impact they had on opening the Portsmouth door to development as the commercial and military hub on the frontier. The Treaty brought a short period of peace for the frontier towns of South Berwick and Kittery and enabled the resettlement of other Maine towns taken by the Wabanaki. The Treaty stands as an example of colonial treaties with the Native Americans when they were still a potent military force. It is a critical resource for understanding what went right and wrong between the settlers and indigenous people in light of the recently adopted UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.

Attorney Charles Doleac is a senior partner with the Portsmouth firm of Boynton, Waldron, Doleac, Woodman and Scott.

For more information call the Old Berwick Historical Society at (207) 384-0000.



A multiple choice pop quiz for the theologians among our readership: which of the following religious figures would be most likely to answer the prayers of the driver of this rig in the Bridge Street parking lot: A) Pope Francis? B) His namesake, the original Saint Francis? C) Jesus Christ? D) Jehovah v. 1.0 (First Testament)? E) Baal?

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

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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, January 12	Monday, January 13	Tuesday, January 14	Wednesday, January 15	Thursday, January 16	Friday, January 17	Saturday, January 18
<p>1991—Congress authorizes the first Bush vs. Hussein War.</p> <p>1984—R. Reagan's Deputy Sec. of Defense W. Paul Thayer resigns after being charged with insider trading. He ends up in the can.</p> <p>1971—Rev. Philip Berrigan is indicted for conspiring to kidnap R. Nixon and bomb federal buildings.</p> <p>1967—Dr. James H. Bedford becomes the first human frozen in hopes of later re-animation.</p> <p>1954—John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State and brother to C.I.A. chief Allen Dulles, announces that the containment of Communism is over and the threat of massive retaliation is here.</p> <p>1951—Wheelchair-bound Albert Guay, convicted of bombing an airliner, rolls to Canadian gallows.</p> <p>1932—Ms. Hattie Wyatt Caraway (D-AK) becomes the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate.</p> <p>1928—Ruth Snyder becomes the first woman to be photographed dying in the electric chair.</p> <p>1864—Kit Carson and his fellow heroes kill 11 Navajos in Canyon de Chelly, Arizona Territory.</p> <p>1833—Congress makes it illegal for any Indian to remain within the bounds of the state of Florida.</p> <p>1641—In James City, VA, a law is passed providing that, if any Indian commits a crime, the first Indian caught must pay the penalty—with his life, if necessary.</p>	<p>2006—CIA drones fire Hellfire missiles into Damadola, Pakistan to kill Ayman al-Zawahiri. Eighteen innocent villagers die instead.</p> <p>2002—George W. Bush passes out while watching a football game, then claims he was overcome by a pretzel. Lord David Owen, an MD and ex-British Foreign Secretary, later writes that lab techs found alcohol in a sample of Bush's blood.</p> <p>1992—Japan apologizes for making sex slaves of tens of thousands of Korean women during WW II.</p> <p>1980—In Belgium, the head of the anti-narcotics force is arrested for smuggling drugs.</p> <p>1974—Dr. Hunter S. Thompson throws a Super Bowl party; one guest: George W. Bush.</p> <p>1964—Cumberland, MD gets lucky: a B-52 crashes, but the nukes on board don't go off.</p> <p>1947—The Supreme Court rules that there's nothing cruel or unusual about electrocuting a man a second time if you fail to kill him on the first go-round.</p> <p>1946—In Paris, 500 GIs adopt an Enlisted Man's <i>Magna Carta</i>, calling for radical reforms of the master-slave relationship between officers and enlisted men.</p> <p>1874—New York City cops, 1,600 strong, beat unemployed demonstrators. Police Commissioner Abram Duryée calls it "the most glorious sight I have ever seen."</p>	<p>2005—"[M]an should never try to put words in God's mouth," says George W. Bush on TV.</p> <p>2000—"This is still a dangerous world," warns George W. Bush. "It's a world of madmen and uncertainty and potential mental losses."</p> <p>1969—Near Hawaii, a rocket explosion aboard the nuke-powered <i>U.S.S. Enterprise</i> starts a fire. The fire sets off about 18 500-lb. bombs, killing 27 and injuring 85.</p> <p>1967—The First Human Be-In is held, in San Francisco.</p> <p>1957—"I never should have switched from Scotch to Martinis," says the dying Humphrey Bogart.</p> <p>1898—Death of Rev. Charles L. Dodgson, author and fervent admirer of little girls.</p> <p>1893—Joseph Conrad quits the sea of salt water for a sea of ink.</p> <p>1878—The U.S. Supreme Court confirms the right of railroads to provide unequal levels of service on the basis of race.</p> <p>1850—Imprisoned anarchist Mikhail Bakunin is sentenced to death. After that sentence is suspended, he spends years in a dungeon, comes down with scurvy, is sent to Siberia, escapes, travels the world making trouble for authorities, and eventually dies in Switzerland at 62.</p> <p>1794—Dr. Jesse Bennett performs the first successful Caesarean section in the U.S., in Edom, VA, on his own wife.</p>	<p>2009—Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger safely lands a malfunctioning Airbus on the Hudson River.</p> <p>2000—G.W. Bush promises an administration that "will see service to our country as a great privilege and who will not stain the house."</p> <p>1992—George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush, campaigning in NH, says "Remember Lincoln, going to his knees in times of trial and the Civil War and all that stuff. And we are blessed. So don't feel sorry for...don't cry for me, Argentina."</p> <p>1968—Near Dak To, SP/5 Dwight H. Johnson engages so fiercely in a firefight that he is later awarded the Medal of Honor. In 1971 he's shot to death in a suicidal robbery.</p> <p>1968—Jeanette Rankin, 87, Congresswoman who voted against WWI and WWII, leads a march against the Vietnam War.</p> <p>1961—Air Force's "Texas Tower 4," damaged during construction and again by Hurricane Donna, collapses into the Atlantic 60 miles off New Jersey with a loss of 28 lives.</p> <p>1943—In the back seat of a car on the way to her electrocution for murder by the State of South Carolina, Sue Logue bangs her lover, future Senator Strom Thurmond.</p> <p>1919—In Boston, 2,300,000 gallons of molasses, intended for manufacturing explosives, escape from a badly-built storage tank, killing 21 and injuring 150.</p>	<p>2008—Megachurch pastor and Bushian "Point of Light," Earl Paulk confesses that he is a chronic fornicator.</p> <p>2003—Space Shuttle <i>Columbia</i> takes off for the last time.</p> <p>1996—Mistaken for a drug trafficker, Jimmy Buffet and his seaplane are fired on near Jamaica.</p> <p>1986—The Dept. of Energy announces a seven-year search for a nuclear waste dump site. One potential site: Hillsborough, NH.</p> <p>1984—Paul McCartney is arrested in Barbados for pot possession.</p> <p>1980—Paul McCartney is jailed briefly in Japan for pot possession.</p> <p>1980—Anti-drug pencils are recalled in New York because "Too Cool to Do Drugs" becomes, on sharpening, "Cool to Do Drugs," then "Do Drugs."</p> <p>1972—Vesna Vulovic falls 33,000 feet from a bombed DC-9, lands on a snow-covered slope, and lives.</p> <p>1936—Serial killer & cannibal Albert Fish is executed at Sing Sing.</p> <p>1920—Prohibition takes effect: 13 years to the next legal drink.</p> <p>1917—German Foreign Secretary A. Zimmermann telegraphs the German ambassador in Mexico telling him to propose a German/Mexican alliance and offering the return of Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona.</p> <p>1777—Vermont declares independence from New York.</p>	<p>2003—George W. Bush tells wounded troops at Walter Reed we "must provide the best care" for veterans the same day the VA cuts off health care for 164,000 veterans.</p> <p>2003—Gertrude Janeway, the last known widow of a Union Civil War veteran, dies at 93. When they married, he was 81 and she was 18.</p> <p>1998—While Drudge reports <i>Newsweek</i> has spiked a story about his having sex with an intern, Bill Clinton denies under oath having had sex with Monica Lewinski.</p> <p>1997—Newt Gingrich's lawyer tells a Congressional subcommittee his client's lies were merely "glaringly inconsistent."</p> <p>1991—Gulf (& Exxon) War I begins with air attacks on Iraq.</p> <p>1986—Ronald Reagan authorizes the secret (and illegal) sale of weapons to Iran.</p> <p>1968—G.W. Bush manages to squeak by the Texas Air National Guard's pilot aptitude test, with a score of 25 percent.</p> <p>1977—About to become the first American executed (by firing squad) after a ten-year hiatus, Gary Gilmore says, "Let's do it."</p> <p>1966—An Air Force tanker and a B-52 collide over Spain, dropping H-bombs & scattering radiation.</p> <p>1961—President D.D. Eisenhower warns against the "acquisition of unwarranted influence" by the "Military-Industrial Complex."</p>	<p>2004—Israeli PM Ariel Sharon praises Ambassador to Sweden Zvi Mazel for vandalizing art critical of Israel in a Stockholm museum.</p> <p>1990—Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry is arrested in an FBI drug sting.</p> <p>1982—During a training mission at Indian Springs, AZ, four Air Force Thunderbirds fly their T-38 jets into the ground.</p> <p>1969—Peace talks begin in Paris between U.S. and Vietnam.</p> <p>1979—In Parliament, Lord Rankellour expresses his belief that UFOs are real.</p> <p>1943—The Red Army breaks the 890-day Nazi siege of Leningrad.</p> <p>1941—Epinard, one of the great race horses of its time, is stolen in France. The nag is later discovered hauling a delivery wagon.</p> <p>1932—Spanish anarchists proclaim a libertarian commune; it lasts a week before the government jails the members.</p> <p>1911—In San Francisco Bay, Eugene B. Ely becomes the first man to land a plane on a ship.</p> <p>1892—Birth of Oliver Hardy.</p> <p>1884—Dr. Wm. Price, a nudist, vegetarian, and Druid, 84, attempts the first legal cremation in Britain of his dead 5-month old illegitimate son, Jesus Christ Price.</p> <p>1863—Apache chief Mangas Colorado, wearing manacles, is shot by two U.S. soldiers.</p>
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<p>2004—Over 100,000 Iraqis turn out to protest the U.S. occupation.</p> <p>2001—On his last full day in office, Bill Clinton admits he perjured himself when he denied having sex with Monica Lewinski.</p> <p>1996—Hollywood movie producer Don Simpson's \$2,000/day drug habit catches up with him at the age of 52.</p> <p>1983—Apple Computer unveils the Lisa, innovative though failed precursor of the Macintosh.</p> <p>1977—Snow falls on Miami.</p> <p>1977—Pres. Jerry Ford pardons Iva Toguri "Tokyo Rose" D'Aquino.</p> <p>1968—Responding to a complaint from Howard Hughes, the AEC tries detonating an H-bomb 90 miles further from his penthouse; but it still rattles his cage.</p> <p>1915—Two Britons are killed and three injured in the first Zeppelin attack of WWI.</p> <p>1915—George Claude patents the neon tube sign.</p> <p>1915—To preserve order, factory guards in Roosevelt, NJ shoot 20 rioting strikers.</p> <p>1847—Charles Bent, the new Territorial Governor of New Mexico, is scalped at his Taos home in front of his wife and children.</p> <p>1825—The process of canning food in tins is patented.</p> <p>1810—Portsmouth's temperature drops 50 degrees overnight.</p> <p>1809—Edgar Allan Poe is born.</p>	<p>2009—Administering the Oath of Office to President Obama off the top of his head, Chief Justice John Roberts blows his lines.</p> <p>2005—J.P. Morgan Chase admits two banks it swallowed years before had taken slaves as collateral.</p> <p>2001—George W. Bush becomes #43—God help Earth.</p> <p>1981—Ronald Reagan is sworn in as president. Minutes later, 52 American hostages in Iran are released. Just a coincidence.</p> <p>1961—87 year old Robert Frost recites <i>The Gift Outright</i> at JFK's inauguration.</p> <p>1958—Elvis Presley gets drafted.</p> <p>1942—Nazi officials at Wannsee determine a "final Solution" to the "Jewish problem."</p> <p>1936—In England, after uttering his last words ("God damn you") the King George V is euthanized with a lethal injection.</p> <p>1932—Peasant uprising begins in El Salvador, leading to the Matanza Massacre in which 30,000 are killed.</p> <p>1902—In the Philippines, U.S. Major Littleton Waller summarily executes 11 native guides. He is court-martialed for murder but acquitted.</p> <p>1649—The tip of King Charles I's cane falls off as he pokes the prosecutor charging him with treason. To retrieve it, the King stoops before the commoner.</p>	<p>2000—"When I was coming up," says George W. Bush, "it was a dangerous world, and you knew exactly who they were. It was us vs. them, and it was clear who them was."</p> <p>1997—Newt Gingrich becomes the first Speaker of the House to be disciplined for unethical behavior.</p> <p>1996—Bill and Monica enjoy their fifth encounter.</p> <p>1977—Pres. Carter pardons up to half a million draft dodgers.</p> <p>1969—An experimental underground reactor malfunctions in Switzerland releasing huge amounts of radiation into a cavern which is later sealed.</p> <p>1968—North Vietnamese forces begin a 78-day siege of a U.S. Marine base at Khe Sanh. Despite being outnumbered more than 5 to 1, and suffering 737 KIA/MIA, the Marines prevail. Semper Fi.</p> <p>1968—Four H-bombs go missing when a B-52 crashes in Greenland.</p> <p>1959—Former Little Rascal Carl "Alfalfa" Switzer is fatally shot in the belly by a bear-hunting companion in a dispute over a lost dog.</p> <p>1908—A new law bans smoking on New York streets—for women.</p> <p>1867—In San Francisco, an overzealous cop arrests Emperor Norton I for involuntary treatment of a mental disorder. Civic unrest follows. The Police Chief apologizes to the Emperor, and officers begin to salute him on the street.</p>	<p>2010—Mount Washington's world record wind speed of 231 mph is superseded by a previously-overlooked 1996 reading of 253 mph at Barrow Island, Australia.</p> <p>2008—The Center for Public Integrity documents 935 instances of "orchestrated deception" by President Bush and seven top officials leading up to the Iraq War.</p> <p>2005—Donald Rumsfeld cancels an appearance in Germany to avoid a possible arrest for war crimes.</p> <p>1997—Lottie Williams, walking in a Tulsa park, takes a glancing blow on the shoulder from a small falling chunk of a Delta rocket.</p> <p>1987—Pennsylvania Treasurer Budd Dwyer, charged with fraud, blows his brains out on live TV.</p> <p>1973—The Supreme Court issues its <i>Roe v. Wade</i> decision.</p> <p>1967—Salvadorans protest against state violence in Managua; government troops kill 200.</p> <p>1959—Ordered to leave just six feet of rock between themselves and the bed of the Susquehanna River above them, twelve miners drown in Pennsylvania.</p> <p>1957—George "The Mad Bomber" Metesky is arrested in New York for planting 30 bombs over a 16 year period.</p> <p>1948—Boston Mayor James Curley requests that MIT study whether flamethrowers could be used to clear snow.</p>	<p>2005—The U.S. Ambassador to Iraq confirms its Defense Minister Hazim al-Shaalani is under investigation over a missing \$300 million (which sum quickly triples).</p> <p>2004—"[T]he illiteracy level of our children are appalling," says George W. Bush.</p> <p>2001—The <i>LA Times</i> reports that "W" keys are missing from White House computers. It's not true.</p> <p>1986—In a mixup, half a ton of uranium is pumped into the sea at Windscale, England.</p> <p>1973—Richard Nixon claims his "peace with honor" deal with Ho does not betray our allies, abandon our prisoners, or let the war continue in Indochina. It does all three.</p> <p>1968—North Korea seizes the <i>USS Pueblo</i> for spying within its waters.</p> <p>1957—Klan members in Montgomery, AL force Willie Edwards Jr. to jump from a bridge. A judge quashes the indictment of 3 men 19 years later, saying "forcing a person to jump from a bridge does not naturally and probably lead to the death of such person."</p> <p>1870—On the Marias River in Montana, Maj. Eugene Baker's soldiers massacre 173 Blackfoot women and children. Chief Heavy Runner dies holding a U.S. flag given to him to assure their safety.</p> <p>1556—History's deadliest earthquake kills about 830,000 in Shanxi Province, China.</p>	<p>2003—The Dept. of Homeland Security opens for business.</p> <p>2001—GOP hack Rich Galen reports (falsely) that outgoing Gore staffers slashed all the power cords in the Office of the Vice President.</p> <p>1999—Joe DiMaggio, watching "Dateline NBC," is disturbed to read in the "crawl" that he has died.</p> <p>1992—Arkansas executes the lo-bombed Rickey Ray Rector—who asks jailers to save the dessert from his last meal "for later."</p> <p>1986—<i>Voyager</i> flies past Uranus and discovers moons.</p> <p>1978—A Soviet satellite powered by a nuclear reactor crashes on Great Slave Lake in Canada, contaminating 61,000 sq. mi. of ice.</p> <p>1972—"It is with much embarrassment that I have returned alive," says Shoichi Yokoi, a Japanese draftee who had been hiding on Guam since 1944.</p> <p>1965—Winston Churchill dies at 90, having defied Hitler, the odds, and his own doctors.</p> <p>1961—A B-52 breaks up in mid-air releasing two fully-armed 24 megaton H-bombs near Goldsboro, NC. One of four fail-safe devices on one bomb works, preventing detonation. Radioactive components of the other unexploded bomb remain 180 feet underground.</p> <p>1955—Iwo Jima flag raiser Ira Hamilton Hayes dies of exposure in Sacaton, AZ at 32 years of age.</p>	<p>2005—Conservative columnist Maggie Gallagher admits accepting \$21,500 from the government for plugging Bush Administration proposals.</p> <p>2004—Senator John McCain confirms to Vermin Supreme that Karl Rove dynamited the Old Man of the Mountain "in a fit of anger" over McCain's defeat of George W. Bush in the 2000 New Hampshire Presidential Primary.</p> <p>2002—Veep Dick "Dick" Cheney asks Sen. Majority Leader Tom Daschle to limit investigations into the events of 9/11.</p> <p>1996—Delaware hangs Billy Bailey by the neck—the last American to be executed that way.</p> <p>1971—Charles Manson and his followers are convicted in the Tate/LaBianca murders.</p> <p>1968—The election of Alexander Dubcek in Czechoslovakia kicks off the "Prague Spring."</p> <p>1966—An SR-71 Blackbird flying at Mach 3.2 disintegrates 78,000 feet above New Mexico, but test pilot Bill Weaver lives to fly again.</p> <p>1927—Frank J. Norris of Fort Worth, a Baptist preacher who fatally shot an unarmed man, is acquitted of murder.</p> <p>1926—In Passaic, NJ 16,000 textile workers strike.</p> <p>1908—Frederick Remington burns 100 of his paintings, worth millions of dollars. "They will never confront me in the future," he writes.</p>
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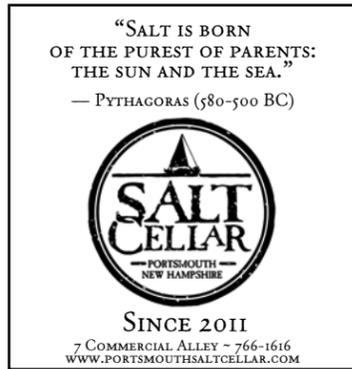
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