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## The Fortnightly Rant

### Starting With a Whimper

Marco Rubio, the Republican rock star, visited Rockingham County during a tour last May. A Senator from Florida in his day job, the photogenic Rubio could easily have been an anchor for Fox "News," had he been born blonde and female. That avenue to wealth and fame being blocked, he did the next best thing.

Local Republicans leaders had arranged his appearance to create an opportunity to ask their fellow Republicans for money. Strangely for a Party whose platform seems engineered solely to enrich the rich, New Hampshire's GOP has been chronically impoverished since about the time the national GOP's policies destroyed the economy.

When Rubio was elected in 2010 he was the son of refugees who fled Cuba after Fidel Castro, the filthy Communist, threw out business- (and Mafia-) friendly dictator Fulgencio Batista in early 1959. In Florida that's a potent ID card — even in a political party that supposedly despises identity politics.

Less than a year later, though, the *St. Petersburg Times* and the *Washington Post* demoted Rubio to a lesser status. Ignoring the Senator's touching and heartfelt speeches, and relying instead on passports and dusty immigration records, the papers established that Rubio's parents had left Cuba in 1956 and for economic rather than ideological reasons.

When Rubio visited here last spring, he was still touting his "big tent" vision of the Grand Old Party. Lately he's revised his position. He says he's still in favor of immigration reform, as long as it's done through a process that's obviously calculated to avoid hit-

ting each of the innumerable hot buttons of the Party's massive xenophobe wing.

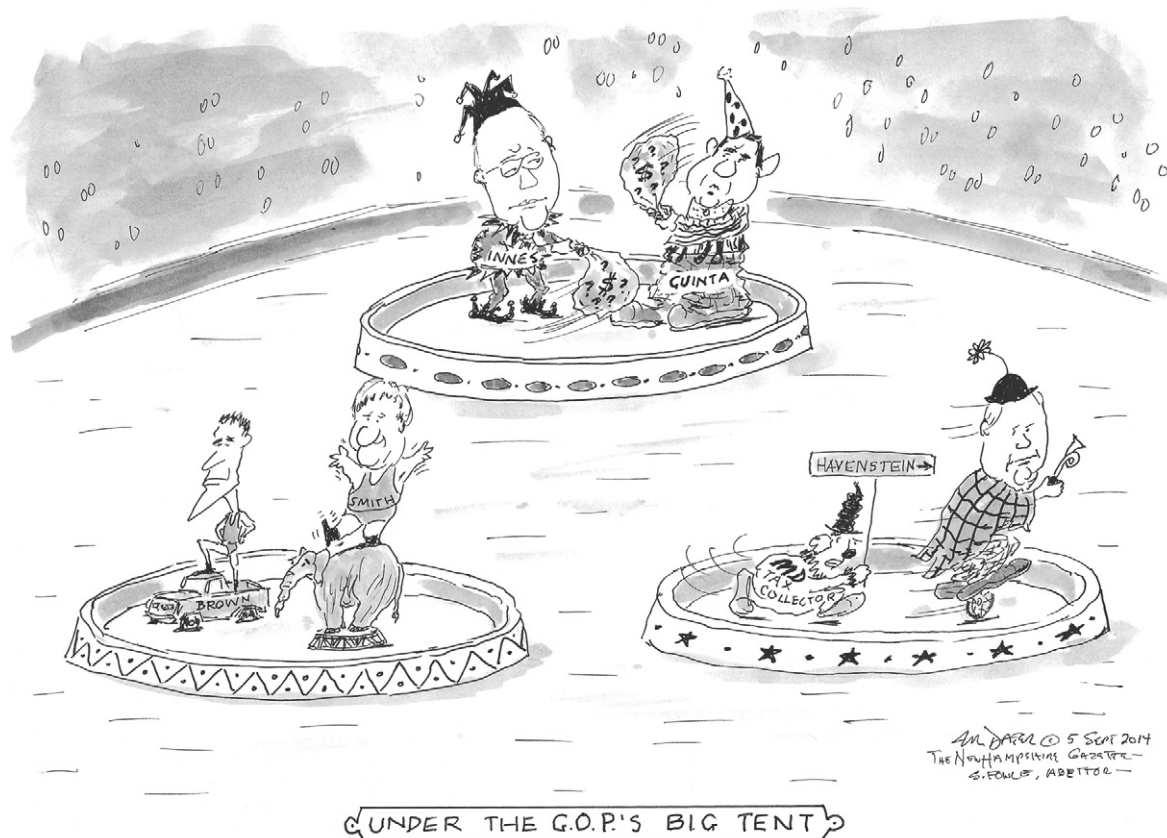
Such a process would of necessity be so complex that it could never pass in a functioning Congress, never mind the Congress we have. But that's not a defect in the eyes of the tiny, clever wing of the Party. That's a feature.

Texas Governor Rick Perry, who is taking a mulligan after a much-mocked 2012 campaign, darkened the state's granite doorstep again on the weekend beginning August 22nd. He is currently sporting new black-framed specs, to give an enhanced impression of intellectual heft, and a pair of indictments for abuse of official capacity and coercion of public service, which make him eligible for a stretch of 99 years.

Perry said, "I've been indicted by that same body now for I think two counts, one of bribery, which I'm not a lawyer, so I don't really understand the details here," according to an ABC News article written by Arlette Saenz and datelined right here in Portsmouth. [Our alleged Editor was not present at that event. He was busy fulfilling his newspaper delivery chores.]

He does have lawyers. So far he's spent \$133,000 on them. Not out of pocket, though — it was Texas taxpayers' money. But it was money well spent, according to an August 28th story in the *Houston Chronicle*. It says a Public Policy Polling (PPP) poll "found Perry's net favorability rating has increased 7 percentage points since May."

"On Twitter, the firm coined a term for the unexpected increase in Perry's popularity: an 'indictment bump....'



"It's the opposite of what you usually see when a politician gets indicted."

Perry has left the state, but he'll be back. When he returns, don't worry about approaching him because he might be armed. He won't be, at least, not legally. The *Austin American-Statesman* reported last month that as long as his indictments are pending, he can't pack heat.

Perry is also unable to feed the Texas National Guard troops he yanked from their regular jobs and sent to the border to defend his state against invading children. At least 50 of them, deployed on August 11th, have contacted the Rio Grande Valley Food Bank, saying they won't be getting their Guard pay until September 5th.

Not only can't the Governor feed the troops, they can't really guard the border. A Texas National Guard spokeswoman told the San Antonio Express-News "the troops do not have the authority

to question or detain anyone."

Perhaps, though, as with Rubio's immigration reform scheme, there's a method to Perry's ... let's just call it "apparent ineptitude."

Maybe it's just an experiment to see if hunger keeps the troops on their toes. Perry knows that states are supposed to try new things. According to the *Austin Chronicle's* Richard Whittaker, he recently called them "lavatories of innovation and democracy."

As befitting a lavatory of democracy, we've got our own state primary coming just four days off, replete with unique characters.

Take Gubernatorial candidate Walt Havenstein. He'd already been embarrassed — we presume he was embarrassed — by the revelation that during the residency period required of such candidates by New Hampshire law he'd signed papers declaring his Maryland home his primary residence to qualify for a tax break. Now the State of Maryland has

sent him a dunning letter, saying that he owes \$9,000.

Did Havenstein pay what he owes to clear his name? No — he's kicking up a fuss.

Meanwhile, backers of former Senator Scott Brown [R-MA] have been running ads claiming [Governor Jeanne] "Shaheen's wealth has surged while in public office," while her financial disclosure forms indicate the exact opposite.

Perhaps it's time for Marco Rubio to tune up his metaphor. What he once saw as a big tent looks more like the Big Top every day: a dizzying parade of acts, each more fabulous than the last, none corresponding to the real world outside the canvas.

There's an old country western song titled, "How Can I Miss You If You Won't Go Away." Maybe someone could write a show tune, titled "How Can We Take You Seriously When You Keep Clowning Around?"

## The Alleged News

### The Triumphal Return of Artie T.

There were several potential outcomes to the recent Market Basket standoff. Most of them would have been terrible; at least, to anyone whose fundamental sense of fairness still functions.

Only one outcome would have been tolerable — but if it did happen, it would be terrific.

Of course, given the general drift of things in this country over the past several decades, the smart money was betting on terrible.

Either the grocery chain would be absorbed by a larger rival which would pay workers less and charge customers more, or the new two-headed CEO would stay in place and do exactly the same thing. One or another set of apparently insatiable shareholders would have

reaped the proceeds picked from the pockets of 25,000 employees and millions of customers.

Or, if neither side gave in, the whole enterprise would collapse.

Because, really — what were the chances that the company could go forward as it had been with Arthur T. Demoulas as CEO?

Sure — Artie T. rides in, on a flying giraffe farting rainbows, and saves the day. Most ordinary Americans had such optimistic notions beaten out of them long ago by our corporate overlords.

But not the workers at Market Basket. Having enjoyed improbably good conditions at their place of work — not least of which was a justified sense that the management gave a damn about them as

individual people — they stuck their necks out in the hope that they might be able to hang onto their good fortune. And their customers stuck with them.



For forty days and forty nights more people than live in the city of Portsmouth took one hell of a long-shot gamble. And the day

they won a big rainbow appeared over Tewksbury just in time to savor the victory over a long Labor Day weekend. And to think some people say that there's no such thing as good news.

#### Sweet Music

History doesn't repeat itself, but it does rhyme — and sometimes it even makes sweet music.

A hundred and two years ago the State of Massachusetts enacted a law that dictated a two-hour reduction in the work week — from 56 hours down to 54.

To maintain the levels of production and profit to which they'd become accustomed, mill owners sped up their machinery. Having thus protected their own income, they used the new law as an ex-

cuse to cut workers' pay.

That was the last straw. Typical workers were making less than \$9 a week, and already had their backs to wall. The cut only amounted to 32 cents, but they couldn't — they wouldn't — live without it.

Polish women at the Everett Cotton Mills were the first to walk out on January 11, 1912. Within days thousands of other workers in Lawrence had joined them. Wobblies — the International Workers of the World, or IWW — organized relief efforts, setting up soup kitchens and sending children to supporting families in other cities.

**The Alleged News**  
*from page one*

On the other side of the struggle, two employees of mill owner William Woods planted dynamite in several locations in an effort to frame and discredit the IWW. (Woods was later indicted on a conspiracy charge, but managed to escape conviction.)

After two months the mill owners gave in and met most of the strikers' demands. The Bread and Roses Textile Strike had turned the tables, becoming a milestone in the transition from the Gilded Age — when crooked politicians let corporate lawyers write the laws to suit themselves — to the Progressive Era.

**A New Era**

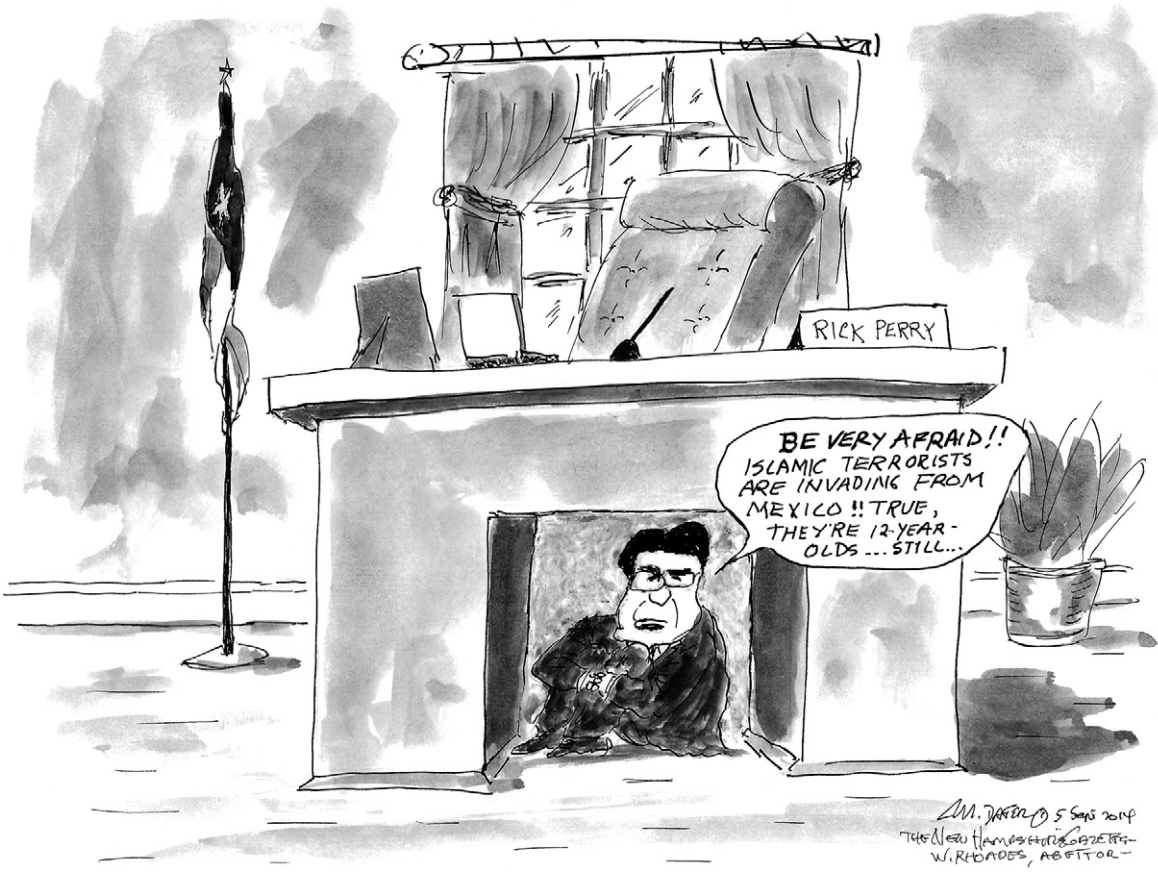
Though the Lawrence workers' gains were soon eroded, their strike inspired further job actions which ultimately brought American workers a whole host

of benefits such as the 8-hour day, the 40-hour week, the minimum wage, overtime pay, weekends off, paid vacation, sick days, safety standards, child labor laws, health benefits, retirement security, and unemployment compensation.

Those policies, enforced by labor laws, created the American middle class.

But some people saw them as wrongheaded meddling that diverted potential profits from their rightful place: the pockets of business owners and shareholders.

These people — the ideological and spiritual heirs of William Wood — included Lewis Powell. A corporate lawyer and, later, a Supreme Court Justice who wrote a memo in 1971 titled, "Attack on the American Free Enterprise System." It provided the blueprint for a plan to restore pre-Bread and Roses America. Like-minded Right Wing billionaires put up the money to carry out its



Ground has been broken and construction begun for the Memorial Park at the old African Burying Ground. A video walk-through is available online at AfricanBuryingGroundNH.org.

proposals. Soon propaganda mills like the Heritage Foundation and the American Enterprise were cranking out a torrent of superficially-plausible screeds explaining why it was in everyone's best interests to take all those goodies back. The corporate news media, half credulous and half complicit, injected that propaganda into the public discussion and Presto! — here we are, mired in a Second Gilded Age. For the whole sordid story, detailed, footnoted, yet very readable, pick up Hedrick Smith's *Who Stole the American Dream?*

**Time to Reboot**

Things were bad enough before the Great Recession, but Wall Street's most recent looting spree really put people back on their heels. If there was a way out of this mess, no one could see it.

Now, seemingly out of nowhere, comes this tussle for control over what had once been Athanasios and Efrosina Demoulas' modest little market, founded just four years after the Lawrence strike,

and just ten miles up the river from Lawrence.

All grown up into a \$4 billion mini-empire, in a bitterly competitive business sector, somehow it magically manages to pay better wages, sell at better prices than anyone else in the region — and still make a profit.

One might think that the third-generation beneficiaries of this unique enterprise — none of whom, with one exception, seem to ever lift a finger — would at least be grateful for the lovely, shiny golden eggs it produces day after day. But nooooo .... *Off with its head!*

Market Basket can treat its employees with dignity — why can't the rest of corporate America?

**Po'Town's Signal to Noise Ratio**

So: now loudness is "a thing."

Whatever its source, excess noise requires remedial action; it's a true fact — you can read all about it in the Award-Winning Local Daily and hear about it at City Council meetings. It's just a

matter of time until someone proposes a solution. Once we have a solution in place, the noise problem will go away, right?

Not unless it's some kind of acoustic Swiss Army knife — because all noises are not created equal.

Certain individuals in Portsmouth [cough] have been complaining about loud motorcycles for years. And not just known cranks like the alleged Editor of this paper. But no one seems to be able shut them down.

The loud motorcycle facet of "the noise problem" stems from a very small percentage of the population. These individuals have adopted an off-the-shelf persona, perhaps to assuage what we will generously assume to be personality problems. [If that's not it, then it's likely anatomical.]

The expression of this persona requires special clothing and other fetish items; the phenomenon is somewhat analogous to young girls who dress as princesses. The

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more elaborate and authentic the get-up, the higher the status of the wearer. And few things lend more authenticity than straight pipes and the ear-shattering racket they produce.

The State of New Hampshire has a law against overly-loud motorcycles; but enforcing it seems to require a whole team of cops, an ungainly wooden gadget, and a decibel meter before they can make a bust. It's unenforceable. And, whenever revised, presumably more-enforceable laws are proposed, lobbyists hired by motorcycle dealers defeat them. So a solution remains elusive.

**Whappity Whap Whap Whap**

Helicopters have flown over this town for decades but no one has complained. Flights were infrequent, and, so far as anyone knew, they served useful purposes. Only a jackass would complain about the Coast Guard searching the river for a missing person.

People have been complaining about helicopters this summer, though — little red ones, flying over downtown, over and over again. (For what it's worth, we've also figured out why helicopters are so annoying: they can't really

fly — they can only stay up by beating the air into submission.)

To quantify this problem we conducted a little experiment. On Saturday, August 30th we made a note of every flight we could hear, as long as we could hear it.

We counted 17 flights. Between the start of the first one at 10:09 a.m., and the end of the last at 5:21 p.m., a helicopter could be heard for a total of 20 minutes and 32 seconds — more than five percent of the time.

As for a remedy, local and state authorities seem powerless to intervene — our airspace is the bailiwick of the FAA, and it's firmly on the side of the helicopter.

**Apples & Oranges**

Problem A is caused by a disorganized, amorphous mob of ground-bound sociopaths who amuse themselves by breaking the law. Problem B is caused by a single individual who profits — legally — by relieving the boredom of the well-heeled. The two have nothing in common except the ears of the annoyed.

Oblivious or indifferent to their distinctions, the Award-Winning Local Daily routinely lumps both together under the general head-

ing "noise."

To further confuse matters, the AWLD has recently been conflating these phenomena with not just one, but two other dissimilar situations.

**It's a Gas Gas Gas**

Live bands have been playing outside on the patio behind the Gas Light on Market Street for years.

Ryan Abood has been complaining about the live music since 2010, when he bought two condos in a Market Street building just 170 feet away, facing the Gas Light's patio. In 2013, he bought a third condo in the same building. According to the *Herald*, Abood has "become something of a noise vigilante." We suppose that's one way to put it.

Abood may or may not be the primary reason the City is leaning harder on the Gas Light to hold down the noise.

The AWLD quoted Gas Light owner Paul Sorli on June 24th, defending his operation — and

deftly emulating that paper's habit of conflating disparate issues. "We're not any different than Prescott Park," he said.

No, except that his enterprise offers relatively undistinguished acts on private property to a few hundred people consuming alcoholic beverages from which he makes a good profit, while the Prescott Park Arts Festival, a non-profit, offers top-flight acts on public property to tens of thousands of people, largely families, for a small donation.

Also, as we understand it, actual noise complaints regarding Prescott Park are relatively few and recent, whereas those regarding the Gas Light are numerous and go back many years.

**Up With Noise!**

Rigorous scientific studies have shown that prolonged exposure to noise pollution has a cumulative effect which, over time, can drive humans bonkers. Prolonged exposure to sloppy reporting practices encourages sloppy thinking. Peo-

ple fed up with noise may equate one kind with another, then demand one solution to end several different problems.

Understandably, other people may get fed up with the complaints and fight back against the complainers.

A local merchant and owner of a bar which has sparked noise complaints of its own seized on this situation and crafted a stunningly simple-minded product: a T-shirt saying "Keep Portsmouth LOUD." That was turned into a Twitter hashtag — which was promptly promoted by the AWLD.

Supporters of the arts festival — the least obnoxious, most socially commendable alleged problem — seized on the hashtag in order to defend it, and met in Prescott Park [See photo, at left.] So, now we have a genuine grassroots movement organizing to defend the arts festival — and sure to be interpreted as defending loud motorcycles and helicopters, too.



*In lieu of a movie double feature, cancelled by the Prescott Park Arts Festival to forestall noise complaints, a sizeable crowd gathered Thursday evening, August 28th, to voice their support for the arts.*

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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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### Build a Statue for Artie T.

To the Editor:

Being constantly bombarded with bad news, often exacerbated by negative Right Wing media spin, I welcomed and basked in the fabulously positive news regarding the resolution of the Market Basket crisis. The summer-long sacrifice of Artie T. Demoula's loyal 25,000 Market Basket associates and 2,000,000 customers hugely paid off. It was a rare and historic triumph for middle class America over corporate greed, which had the Market Basket shareholders raising the white flag of surrender and agreeing to former CEO Artie T. and his family assuming complete ownership of the company and Artie T. reinstated to the CEO position.

To all that courageously stood up for ATD and his progressive business model, I say, "bravo, bravo, bravo!" You have inspired me to further advance our cause in the current national debate that paralleled the one at the heart of the crisis: The debate of "we're all in this together for a shared prosperity and a strong middle class America," being promoted by the Democratic Party, versus the Republican Party-championed trickle-down economics, where the winner takes all and the rest of you are on your own (*i.e.*, maintaining the status quo of one percent of the citizenry controlling 40 percent or more of the wealth and resources).

Although I can't claim to know

Artie T.'s political persuasion, all indicators suggest that he would support a far more reasonable minimum wage, ending income inequality, and protecting and restoring the shrinking middle class, which are issues being strongly advocated for by Governor Maggie Hassan, Senator Jeanne Shaheen and Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter. Conversely, it's hardly a stretch to suggest that the position held by the Artie S. camp is highly indicative of the one embraced by Tea Partiers Scott Brown and Frank Guinta, *et al.* of the Republican Party and the corporate interests that buy their loyalty.

For having introduced America and the world to transformative Market Basket capitalism, a highly profitable, sustainable economic ecosystem which mutually benefits Market Basket associates, vendors, customers, community, shareholders and himself, I can think of no one more deserving of being immortalized in a statue than ATD.

Wayne Merritt  
Dover, NH

Wayne:

Amen.

The Editor

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### Collier Blames the Arabs

To the Editor:

Please accept my correction of your erroneous choice of personal pronoun in your response to my recent letter to you in my defense of Israel in the face of the unwavering slander and deception by so much of the press and academia. Whew! You stated, "Palestinians are not the only refugees still unsettled — just the only ones you seem to notice."

That should be first person, not second. Corrected: "Palestinians are ... the only ones *we* seem to notice." It is the journalists parroting and flogging a flawed and deceptive narrative who are so focused. I'm merely responding to

the unjustifiable propaganda.

Reason is a particularly weak factor in human affairs. Hell, 50 percent of our population votes Republican. That statistic tells you everything you need to know about human irrationality. Cognitive psychology has clearly demonstrated that people generally make decisions emotionally, then use a series of unconscious, pseudo-rational ploys to justify their already arrived at decisions. So, with two millennia of antisemitism coloring the subconscious of Western populations, it is no surprise that even Western atheists have absorbed powerful cultural antisemitic perceptions which ultimately distort their perceptions and infect their decision making. This is what drove the West to refuse to aid the Jewish victims of the Nazis during WW II while populations in the Far East welcomed Jews who could make it to their shores. Far East cultural history included no animus to Jews.

There are numerous highly respected public figures whose venom against Israel would seem compelling, especially if you refuse to learn the facts about the evolution of violence in that region. The Arab campaign against the Palestinian Jews began long before there was an Israel. Those recurring massacres led even the antisemitic UN to encourage the founding of "Two nations, one Jewish, one Arab." Of course the Arabs rejected and continue to reject this reasonable solution.

We also have plenty of Jewish antisemites. Every population has its nutcases. In our case, there are vehement, articulate, persuasive, well-educated psychotics whose obsession with genuine Palestinian misery totally blinds them to Jewish misery and even to the far greater miseries of other populations. But worst of all, they blind themselves to accurate analysis of the cause of this terrible situation, focusing on effect and rushing to

## Mash Notes, HATE MAIL,

wrongly blame Israel. Cognitive psychology, again: "My mind is made up. Don't confuse me with facts."

Yes, the Palestinians are suffering. But the why is pretty clear — it is because Islamic countries hold enormous sway in the UN. Democracy is easily subverted. Congress does what the stock brokers pay for. And the UN does what many countries which desperately need oil vote for. Muslims have used their inordinate power in the international arena to subvert real justice and to deceptively shift the blame for long-term Mohammedan aggressions onto Israel. Arab nations oppress their Palestinian brethren to elicit just the kind of unanalytical sympathy which they nurture as a potent additional weapon in their ongoing war against Israel and the Jews. This is the only population in the world where by UN edict the offspring of displaced persons will be considered refugees in perpetuity. Surrounding Arab countries continue to force this refugee status, refusing to allow resettlement and occasionally booting out their Palestinians and sending them elsewhere. The lessons should be obvious, but the press are like kindergarteners, focused on sugary snacks, recess, loud play, and diversion from overt thinking.

Palestinian misery throughout the Middle East is the deliberate result of impositions by Muslim nations. It is intended to produce convincing propaganda theater, and does so very effectively. This warped product is then indignantly packaged and the distorted result is falsely broadcast as news.

Richard B. Collier  
Portsmouth, NH

Richard:

*Yours is an interesting theory, one which we'll keep in mind as this interminably plays out on the ground in*

*the Middle East, and here in these pages.*

*That said, Aaron Carine [see below], who is apparently better informed than we are, disputes some of your alleged facts.*

*For our part, we find Israel's complete lack of agency in the matter to be quite improbable.*

The Editor

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### Carine Rebuts Collier

To the Editor:

Richard Collier makes some interesting statements. The most notable is the assertion that "all but two" Islamic nations "demand death to the Jews and reestablishment of a caliphate in the Middle East and North Africa as a first step to retaking Spain and conquering the remainder of the West."

I don't believe that the government of any Islamic nation has called for the conquest of the West or the restoration of the caliphate. Can Collier offer any evidence for this claim? As for the comment that "all but two" Islamic nations reject the two state solution, the Arab League affirmed its support for a two state solution in the resolution of the 2002 Beirut summit ([www.al-bab.com/arab/docs/league/peace02.htm](http://www.al-bab.com/arab/docs/league/peace02.htm)).

Collier's denial that Israel has made Arabs suffer is kind of, well, bold. Exile, invasion, occupation, human rights violations, and mass killing of civilians are things that, I think, involve human suffering.

On a relatively minor point, it might not be correct that "the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem aroused and led True Mohammedan Believers to massacre the Jews of Hebron in 1929." Sure, the Mufti was a damn brute, but according to Philip Mattar and Benny Morris, on the second day of the 1929 slaughter, Haj Amin told the Arabs to stop (Morris,


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# And Other Correspondence

*Righteous Victims*, pg. 114. Morris leaves open the possibility that the Mufti may have “clandestinely” incited violence).

Aaron Carine  
Dover, NH

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## Dente Re-Criticizes Israel

To the Editor:  
Those who oppose genocide have to offer no excuse for their beliefs to those who support or deny it (a subtle difference, if it is a difference at all). With genocide, there is no other side. There is no legitimate voice when it comes to defending this crime against humanity. And once that path is taken there is no way of retracing the steps — not for Israel, the United States, its Congress, the executive, the media, the military, or individuals.

Of course there will be attempts at denials and even justification. We'll dismiss the charges of anti-Semitism against those who oppose Israeli policies as just a tired accusation thrown out to quiet disagreement over genocidal policies, voiced and supported not only by the Israeli population in the form of watching with glee the bombarding of Gaza while attired in shirts emblazoned with slogans such as “Death to all Arabs,” “We hate Arabs,” as did the followers of Meir Kahane, who openly advocated genocide become more numerous, while in the Knesset they shamelessly advocate concentration camps, the murder of Hamas and its supporters, (Moshe Feiglin), and shamelessly cheer the calls for genocide from the likes of Ayelet Shaked. And the mood is emphasized with such bizarre and depraved sayings as “we will put the Palestinians on a diet,” when referring to limiting the caloric intake to at best minimal or calls to mow the grass when the Israelis feel the

Palestinian population numbers threaten their existence.

Then, following the expressed support of the public and the political class for genocide, comes the actual action: an invasion that results in the burying alive of families, destruction of mosques, hospitals, churches, schools, outright assassination of children playing soccer in the sand, and depraved slander left on the wall of the home they destroyed, while at the same time blaming the victims by putting forth the same racist argument the bloodthirsty invaders always use: the Palestinians have no respect for human life and they use their children as human shields; implying they are subhuman and deserving of their fate.

But for a human shield tactic to work the Palestinians would have to believe the Israeli invaders have dignity as well as the sense justice and conscience required for such a tactic to be effective, which the Israelis and the IDF have shown since 1948 with the original invasion, and with the subsequent periodic massacres, they do not have.

However, not to be deterred by logic or consciences, Netanyahu now opens an even more insidious page of propaganda by accusing the Palestinians of deliberately sacrificing their wives and children in order to build up the body count in an attempt to gain political support from the rest of the world. Of course this just reveals the depraved mind of the man who makes the accusation.

But for those of us who protest the genocide, but must stand aside we do much by bearing witness, with the hope that Martin Luther King was correct in his emphasis that history's long trajectory bends toward justice, and that some day those who support, or just look

away from genocide, should not rest easy as some bright day or night they will hear Lady Justice knocking on their door, and she will be there to balance the scales.

John Dente  
Wilmington, DE

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## Kulla Rebukes Editor

To the Editor:  
Can the “two-state” solution bring peace to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The editor of this Rag says yes — it's “clear and evident.” I don't think so!

Israel is a mini-state about half the size of San Bernardino county (California). If another even smaller mini-state were carved out of it, Israel would be totally indefensible. Those who urge such a course either do not understand the situation or have a death wish for Israel.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon abandoned Gaza in 2005 with no reciprocal agreement from the Palestinians. All Jewish inhabitants, most living there for generations, were expelled from their homes by Israel and resettled in “Israel proper.” What reward, what thanks did Israel get for its generous gesture? Rockets and more rockets.

Thus, it's fair to predict that under a “two-state” solution, Israel would suffer daily rocket assaults on its population centers, Tel Aviv, its international airport, its industrial heartland and its military installations. Life would become impossible.

Even more to the point: the Palestinians have yet to eliminate the demonization of Jews and Israel in their school text books. In their geography texts, Palestine involves all the lands from Jordan to the sea and from Lebanon to Eilat — no Israel. Their newspapers continue to publish anti-semitic cartoons and editorials, and their imams continue to call for the killing of Jews from their pulpits.

What this and all other Middle East peace initiatives suffer from is an underlying cancerous philosophy that someone, some group or some political entity can pass judgement on another person's “right to exist.” As outrageous and arrogant as such a concept is, it has been so since Israel's beginning in 1948.

Existence is axiomatic, and as such, is irreducible, immutable and requires no proof or explanation. A man's right to his own existence (life) is a fundamental right from which all other rights are derived.

The editor usually comments on my letters on this topic — usually critical of a side issue — not as of yet about the validity of the central point.

Michael Kulla  
Pleasant Valley, NY

Michael:

*The two-state solution cannot bring peace if the Israelis will not allow it.*

The Editor

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## More Free Market Lies

To the Editor:  
Recently, our mailboxes have been flooded with slick, but misleading attacks on the Affordable Care Act (“Obamacare”) It is as though the out-of-state billionaires who fund these mailings believe that misinformation repeated enough will eventually become believable.

These mailings highlight the fact that a private insurance company that had a monopoly in New Hampshire made a business decision to limit the number of hospitals in their network. What the mailings don't say is that four additional companies saw an opportunity to fill the gap and will be providing coverage in 2015. Next year, all New Hampshire hospitals will be covered by at least three insurance companies. The free market at work!

The mailings also don't mention



the thousands of New Hampshire residents who obtained access to health care for the first time. These include people with chronic diseases (diabetes, epilepsy, arthritis etc.) who now can obtain health care and medication, which allows them to lead more normal lives. Others, who could obtain affordable coverage through the exchange, believe the propaganda and don't check it out for themselves.

If Scott Brown and Frank Guinta succeed in repealing this law thousands of New Hampshire residents will lose their health coverage. Many more will lose the important protections that the law gives us all. These include the guarantee that we can never be denied coverage because we have a pre-existing condition like cancer or heart disease.

Walker Brown  
Hooksett, NH

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## History of Jury Nullification

To the Editor:  
On September 5, we celebrate the annual “Jury Rights Day.” On this day in 1670 Quaker William Penn of London was arrested under England's Conventicle Acts, outlawing religions other than the Church of England.

The judge instructed the jurors to find Penn guilty. However, the jurors' refused. The court jailed the jurors, withholding food and

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Northcountry Chronicle

The Perils of Excess Praise

by William Marvel

On a recent drive into Maine my wife and I stopped for a picnic in the overgrown North Road Cemetery in North Parsonsfield. With bushes crowding into it and grass two feet tall it looked like something out of “Tom Sawyer,” and a nighttime visitor would have expected to see Dr. Robinson, Muff Potter, and Injun Joe creeping up the hill with shovels. The neglect of the cemetery surprised me all the more when I realized that it contained the graves of three Medal of Honor recipients.

We spread our blanket over some inviting moss beside the grave of Ira Philbrick, where a fluttering flag marked him as a Civil War veteran. After we ate I prowled around and found a few more veterans, including Elisha Wadleigh and James E. Andrews, whose stone more specifically identified him as a member of

the 27th Maine Volunteers. That started me thinking, because I knew something peculiar about the 27th Maine.

John Pullen, whose 1957 book about the 20th Maine resurrected Joshua Chamberlain from obscurity and provided much of the material for Ted Turner’s “Gettysburg,” was one of my childhood idols. In his last decade or two he was also my personal friend, and it was through his book on the subject that I learned the secret of the medals.

The 27th Maine was one of the nine-month regiments raised in the late summer of 1862. Like many of those regiments, it spent its entire term of service guarding the perimeter of Washington, far from the battlefields of Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville. When Robert E. Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia poured into Pennsylvania in late June of 1863 the term of the 27th Maine was about to expire, and the regiment

was packing up to go home along with many others. Edwin Stanton, Lincoln’s perennially excitable secretary of war, sent emissaries to the various regiments begging them to hang around a few days in case of an emergency, but the vast majority of those soldiers refused. The only ones who agreed to stay were some 300 officers and men of the 27th Maine, composing about a third of the regiment.

One of the inducements Stanton offered was the new Medal of Honor, so few of which had yet been issued that the men may never have heard of it. Stanton did not hesitate to cheapen the award by distributing it wholesale (he would do this again, later in the war), but it failed to persuade many. The 300 stayed on through another week before going home as soon as the results of Gettysburg were known. Their colonel submitted their names for medals, but Stanton’s War Department sent one for every man in the reg-

iment — including Ira Philbrick and Elisha Wadleigh, who had stayed behind, and James Andrews, who had not. Only a few dozen such medals were awarded to men who actually fought at Gettysburg.

The colonel distributed medals to the 300, hiding the rest in his Kittery stable. Concern over the integrity of the Medal of Honor led to the creation of a review board half a century later, and in March of 1917 the board retroactively disallowed all the awards to the 27th Maine, whether they had been mistaken or intended. That made no difference to the three in North Parsonsfield. Wadleigh, a 48-year-old night watchman, had died in 1868, Philbrick in 1877, and Andrews in 1886.

At least two of those Medals of Honor were engraved with the names of Conway men. Frank Eastman, who moved here after the war, was one of those who volunteered to stay past his en-

listment; he went to his grave in the Conway Village Cemetery the month before his medal was disallowed by the board. Albra Garland, a cantankerous character who first came to Conway from Kennebunk as a peddler, had refused Stanton’s request and gone straight home, but a medal had been struck for him anyway. He spent the rest of his life collecting a pension for subsequent service as a wagoner in the 2nd Maine Cavalry, and by the 1890s he owned a farm on South Conway’s Baird Hill Road, where court records depict him as a testy neighbor. He died in 1919, and lies now in the Center Conway Cemetery. As one whose medal had never been delivered, he may not have thought much about it until the board apprised him that it had been rescinded. He likely cared about it even less.

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water.

Some of the jurors appealed their fines and imprisonment. A higher court confirmed their right to base their verdict on their best judgment and conscience. Even though there was a law against freedom of religion, the high court held that juries could not be required to enforce any law they thought was wrong. This higher court ruling established that jurors cannot be punished for their verdict. It also set a foundation for our rights of freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and freedom of assembly.

This ruling established protection for the jury, and firmly es-

tablished the right of the jurors to refuse to accept bad laws. This is called jury nullification, or jury veto. Through jury nullification, people can control their government by refusing to allow bad laws to be enforced. As well, jurors are not required to give a reason for the verdict they render.

The fundamental right of Jurors to render their verdict based on conscience is basic to the preservation of justice in a free society.

William Penn later came to Colonial America and founded Pennsylvania.

New Hampshire jurors continue to have the authority to nullify bad laws. Governor John Lynch

signed this into statute during his last term in office. He made New Hampshire the first State in the nation to enact such authority. This authority is now our peaceful protection to stop corrupt government servants from violating our rights.

Dick Marple  
FIJA Rep for New Hampshire  
Hooksett, New Hampshire

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Guinta a Tea Party Extremist

To the Editor:

At a recent Republican debate held in Exeter on August 23rd, Frank Guinta once again revealed his extreme Tea Party views. When asked if he believes the IRS

should be abolished he said, “yes.” When asked if he would work to eliminate the U.S. Department of Education, he said, “yes.” When asked if he believes that the theory of man-made climate change has been scientifically proven, he said, “no.” This man’s belief system defies reason, not to mention science.

Beth Olshansky  
Durham, NH

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Just ... Wow

To the Editor:

I have had a home on Sawyer Lake for almost 50 years. I also had a home and a chain of flower shops in Boston’s NE suburbs. In

2008, Scott Brown ran for the U.S. senate as a Republican. I worked for him. When he won we were all overjoyed. We, the conservative voters of Massachusetts, became distraught when we saw the way he voted, 75 percent with [President] Obama, Barney Frank, Kelly Ayotte, and John McCain. I love America and I love New Hampshire but we are at a tipping point of never being the “the shining city on the hill” again. Brown is supported by George Soros and Michael Bloomberg, two beauties bent on destroying America. The point I would like to make is that there are still many good people in the world, like Sen. Bob Smith,

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Let's Turn Pope Francis Loose On Wall Street

by Jim Hightower

Amazing! Some people who've long enjoyed a lifestyle of old-money elegance, are suddenly trying to downscale their lives and show a bit more of the common touch. They're not corporate chieftains, but they do run multimillion-dollar operations and consider themselves role models for the masses. They are the Catholic Bishops of

the United States — and it's that role model thing that has them a bit flummoxed. Many are living in grand residences, with extensive staffs and personal servants, socializing with political elites, moralizing from elevated pulpits, and ... well, generally living in a lofty manner. This has left many of them aloof from the common folk, the very flock they supposedly tend. For years, such privileges for the

Bishops were accepted as normal, even deserved. Then, last year, Francis happened. Like a hurricane, a new pontiff — and a new ethic — hit the Catholic hierarchy. Pope Francis lives a spartan life and goes openly and gladly among the masses, while stressing simplicity and personal humility as the proper demeanor for the clergy. The Church's moral emphasis, Francis says by word and deed, must be on service to the

poor and disadvantaged, and the existence of economic inequality must be a top priority, addressed as a social evil. So we now have the phenomenon of Bishops scrambling to cut extravagances, allocating more resources to the down and out, focusing on economic justice, becoming more available to ordinary parishioners, and ... well, appearing more like Francis. Actually, though, they're not align-

ing their lifestyles and work with the Pope — but with the life and teaching of Jesus, the founder of their Church. Wow, that's a most impressive conversion! So here's an idea: If Francis can have this affect on the elites of the Church, what say we turn him loose on the hubris of Wall Street and the extravagances of the corporate elites? Copyright 2014 by Jim Hightower & Associates.

who can straighten this mess out. He is a bulldog for God-given Constitutional rights, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. He is a proven, principled, no-nonsense leader. Please vote Tuesday Sept 9th. Dick Ouellette Gilmanton, NH Dick: Thank you for giving us your unique perspective into the mind of a Bob Smith supporter. The Editor

Fair Warning

To the Editor: We have been given fair warning. Former Speaker of the House Republican Bill O'Brien, who occupied this post from 2010 to 2012, will again seek to be Speaker in 2015. With the help of columnist Katy Burns of the Concord Monitor (4/27/2014), let me try to recreate what life in the House was like under O'Brien's leadership. "From its very inception, in the Legislature's opening session, an atmosphere of rancor and hostility was set. Outgoing speaker Terie Norelli — in a ritual that had been enacted many dozens of times in the state's century old history — stood at the lectern to

turn the gavel over to incoming Speaker O'Brien." "And something happened that had never in memory happened before. Norelli was booed by O'Brien's (Republican) supporters. O'Brien didn't want cooperation and compromise. After all, he was dealing not with legislators of a different party but with implacable enemies, as he made clear over and over. And who cooperates with enemies?" Aided by a Republican supermajority, O'Brien rammed through regressive and harmful legislation. He passed a new hospital tax, which was subsequently ruled unconstitutional. He reduced cigarette taxes thereby encouraging smoking and endangering the health of the public. O'Brien cut aid to higher education by nearly one-half jeopardizing the development of an educated work force necessary to the economic vitality of New Hampshire. He weakened consumer protection laws and helped bring back the infamous payday loans with their astronomical interest rates. According to Burns, O'Brien "completely repealed the state's minimum wage, first enacted in the 1930s under John Winant, one of a long line of progressive Republican governors."

How did O'Brien gain all this power and a Republican supermajority? Burns writes, "thanks to an abysmally low voter turnout of moderates in the 2010 election — Republicans, dominated by an inflamed, angry right-wing base, rammed things through with supermajority votes that for the most part couldn't even be stopped by a gubernatorial veto." As cartoonist Walt Kelly used to say in his comic strip Pogo, "We have met the enemy and he is us." O'Brien gained power and a Republican supermajority because in 2010 Democrats and Independents stayed home on Election Day. We were at fault. We couldn't be bothered to vote. History can repeat itself. Bill O'Brien can return as Speaker. Democrats and Independents, for your sake and that of New Hampshire, vote on Tuesday, Sept. 9 in the Primary and again on Tuesday, Nov. 4 in the General Election. Gary Patton Hampton, NH Gary: You're scaring us. The Editor

Getting Off Scot-Free?

To the Editor: Will Senate candidate Brown get off scot-free for his disin-

genuous and highly hypocritical campaign rhetoric? I have faith that the Granite State's voters will recognize his lies, exaggerations, distortions and flip flops. Contrary to his TV spot there has never been, nor will there ever be, an amnesty bill before the Congress — so how could Senator Shaheen have voted for it? Brown boasts bi-partisanship but then disparages and misrepresents the bill by calling it amnesty. Does he think we don't pay attention here in New Hampshire? The Obama Administration has deported more illegal immigrants already, than Bush did in eight years. It has also dramatically increased the number of Border Patrol agents. This doesn't sound like a lenient policy to me. Maybe the GOP should cooperate to advance efforts on controlling illegal immigration instead of obstructing for purposes of political posturing. What blatant hypocrisy! Brown's own party, in the House, defeated a bi-partisan immigration bill which would have addressed many of the border issues, then left town. What does Brown do? He puts the blame on Obama and Shaheen. Now for the "brown bag" everyman image he is promoting.

What a phony proposition! Courting hedge fund managers, oil/financial industry executives and the Koch brothers is not something the average guy does or appreciates. Could Brown's recent complete flip flop on climate change have anything to do with the dollars the Koch's are pouring into his campaign to attack Shaheen? He now says that he no longer believes that science has proven man's role in climate change. This is the exact opposite of what he said back home in Massachusetts when running against Senator Warren. This proves to me that Brown's integrity is for sale. Scott Brown needs to do more than ride around in his pick-up when we are watching and in limousines when we are not, to get elected in New Hampshire. It would also help him if he stopped speaking and behaving like the worst of politicians and conducted a campaign based on some positive ideas ... if he has any. I predict candidate Brown will not get away with his dishonesty and phony persona and New Hampshire will remain Scott free. Dave Potter North Hampton, NH

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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>2008</b>—The FHFA tells Fannie Mae &amp; Freddie Mac, “all your mortgage are belong to U.S.”</p> <p><b>2000</b>—[“When I am President, we] will not have our veterans standing in line waiting for benefits that they’ve been promised,” G.W. Bush falsely asserts.</p> <p><b>1996</b>—Two women walk into the Norfolk (VA) Naval Base with a banner reading “Love Your Enemies.” They’re arrested.</p> <p><b>1978</b>—In London, an umbrella-wielding KGB agent gives Bulgarian defector Georgi Markov a fatal jab in the leg.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—“Plant one, plant two [Secret Service agents] on [Ted Kennedy],” Richard Nixon says to aides. “We might just get lucky and catch this son-of-a-bitch—ruin him for ’76. It’s going to be fun.”</p> <p><b>1964</b>—Lyndon Johnson’s infamous “Daisy Ad,” airs once, during NBC’s “Monday Night at the Movies.”</p> <p><b>1960</b>—Noted pseudoreligious hack Norman Vincent Peale opines that any Catholic president would be “under extreme pressure from the hierarchy of his church.”</p> <p><b>1914</b>—French generals send 6,000 infantrymen from Paris to the Battle of the Marne in taxicabs. They hold the line and save the city.</p> <p><b>1737</b>—Thomas Penn’s “Walking Purchase,” swindles the Lenni Lenape out of an area the size of Rhode Island.</p>	<p><b>2005</b>—Dr. Ben Marble achieves the new American Dream, telling Dick “Dick” Cheney, live on CNN, “Go f _k yourself, Mr. Cheney.”</p> <p><b>2005</b>—A memorial tribute to former Quebec premier Lucien Bouchard, being broadcast on a Canadian radio station, is cut short when the station is informed he is not dead.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—<i>The N.Y. Times</i> publishes an erroneous story about aluminum tubes based on a false leak from the Bush Administration. Later that day the story is cited by four Administration officials as proof that Iraq has nuclear ambitions.</p> <p><b>1978</b>—The Shah of Iran uses U.S.-made tanks and helicopter gunships to put down the Black Friday riots in Tehran; 89 die. Six months later the Ayatollah’s in charge.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—President Gerald Ford pardons ex-President Richard Nixon for any crimes he “committed or may have committed” as president.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—Evel Knievel rides a rocket-powered motorcycle partway across the Snake River Canyon.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—In exchange for a \$200,000 contribution from Ray A. Kroc to R. Nixon’s reelection campaign, the Federal Price Commission gives McDonalds permission, which it had denied on May 21, to raise the price of a quarter pounder.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—Farmworkers begin a strike against grape growers.</p>	<p><b>2009</b>—As Barack Obama addresses Congress on health care, Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC) yells at the President, “You lie.”</p> <p><b>2008</b>—Lehman Bros., the nation’s fourth largest investment bank, loses 45 percent of its value.</p> <p><b>2007</b>—Frances Townsend, a Bush Administration advisor, calls Osama bin Laden “impotent.”</p> <p><b>2005</b>—“You know,” says Glenn Beck, “it took me about a year to start hating the 9/11 victims families ... When I see a 9/11 victim family on television ... I’m just, like ‘Oh, shut up.’”</p> <p><b>2002</b>—In Beverly Hills, filmmaker Bart Sibrel calls Buzz Aldrin “a coward, a liar, and a thief.” Aldrin lays out Sibrel with one punch.</p> <p><b>1999</b>—Louis T. “Moondog” Hardin, American composer, street musician, and blind, Viking-helmet-wearing eccentric, dies at 83 in Germany.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—A four-day riot begins at Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, NY. Prisoners take nine guards hostage.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—San Francisco’s hippie paper <i>Oracle</i> begins publication.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—The Hank McCune Show introduces TV’s “laugh track.”</p> <p><b>1942</b>—A Japanese floatplane launched off the coast of Oregon from the submarine <i>L-25</i> drops two 170-lb incendiary bombs into the Siskiyou National Forest.</p>	<p><b>2008</b>—Lehman Brothers executives tell investors and analysts the firm has all the capital it needs.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—Donald Rumsfeld says the Defense Department can’t account for about \$2.3 trillion dollars.</p> <p><b>1998</b>—President Clinton vows to his Cabinet officers that he’s done messing around with interns.</p> <p><b>1977</b>—One-legged Tunisian pimp Hamida Djandoubi is the last man to die by a French guillotine.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—In Fruita, CO, Lloyd Willeson chops the head off “Mike,” a young rooster who goes on to have an 18-month career as “The Headless Wonder Chicken.”</p> <p><b>1939</b>—B&amp;M Railroad Engineer John Beattie and Fireman Charles Towle are killed when the Piscataqua Bridge, damaged during construction of the Mildred Long Bridge, drops their locomotive into the river.</p> <p><b>1939</b>—<i>HMS Oxley</i> becomes the first British sub sunk in WW II—by <i>HMS Triton</i>.</p> <p><b>1913</b>—The “Lincoln Highway” opens — the first paved coast-to-coast road in the U.S.</p> <p><b>1897</b>—Strikers at a Lattimer, PA, coal mine refuse to disperse, so a sheriff’s posse opens fire. Nineteen die and 36 are wounded, most of them shot in the back.</p> <p><b>1857</b>—Mormons murder 120 Arkansans <i>en route</i> to California at Mountain Meadows, UT.</p>	<p><b>2007</b>—Russia explodes the “Father of All Bombs,” which is said to be four times as powerful as the U.S.’s “Mother of All Bombs”</p> <p><b>2001</b>—Four American airliners are hijacked and crashed; thousands die. George Bush scurries to safety, Donald Rumsfeld looks for excuses to attack Iraq, and Dick “Dick” Cheney authorizes the shooting down of civilian airliners.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—Duly elected President of Chile, Salvador Allende, is overthrown by CIA-backed thugs.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—Development of a Ford Pinto/Cessna Skymaster hybrid ends when two die in a fiery crash after it falls apart in mid-air.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—“Free” elections are held in South Vietnam, all but assuring a peaceful future.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—Wheeler Lipes, a 22-year old dropout, successfully removes the inflamed appendix of a shipmate aboard the submerged <i>U.S.S. Seadragon</i>. The Navy’s Surgeon General rewards him with the threat of a court martial.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—After its pilot parachutes to safety, a burning airplane crashes into the Curtiss-Wright airplane factory in Buffalo, NY, killing 12 and injuring 35.</p> <p><b>1911</b>—The central span of the rebuilt Quebec Bridge, which had collapsed four years earlier, falls into the river as it’s being hoisted into place. Thirteen workers die.</p>	<p><b>2008</b>—Treasury Sec. Hank Paulson tells Merrill Lynch and Lehman Bros. the Fed can’t save them.</p> <p><b>1994</b>—After an evening spent drinking alcohol and smoking crack with his brother, Frank E. Corder dies at about 1:49 a.m., crash-landing a stolen Cessna on the South Lawn of the White House.</p> <p><b>1990</b>—Charles Walker’s heart beats for five minutes after Illinois begins killing him, because a lethal injection tube is kinked.</p> <p><b>1977</b>—Steven Biko dies in the custody of South African police.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—Timothy Leary busts out of prison with help from the Weather Underground.</p> <p><b>1944</b>—Black soldiers at Maranas Army Airfield near Tucson strike for pay they’ve been denied. After two days, they win.</p> <p><b>1909</b>—Emiliano Zapata, 30, is elected to head the town council of Anenecuceneo, Mexico.</p> <p><b>1880</b>—H.L. Menckene, newspaperman, is born in Baltimore.</p> <p><b>1860</b>—American adventurer William Walker, former dictator of Nicaragua deposed by Cornelius Vanderbilt and captured by the British, is executed by a Honduran firing squad.</p> <p><b>1818</b>—Birth of Richard J. Gatling, inventor of the first machine gun.</p> <p><b>1798</b>—Ben Franklin’s grandson, newspaper editor Benjamin Franklin Bache, is busted for sedition.</p>	<p><b>2005</b>—Two weeks after the catastrophe, George W. Bush admits the Federal response to Hurricane Katrina was less than ideal.</p> <p><b>1981</b>—William Loeb, alleged newspaperman, goes to his eternal torment at the age of 75.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—To restore order at New York’s Attica state prison, five hundred state troopers fire 2,200 rounds in nine minutes. The dead include 29 prisoners and ten guards.</p> <p><b>1948</b>—Rollie Free sets a speed record for bikes at Bonneville going 150 mph on a Vincent Black Shadow wearing just a Speedo.</p> <p><b>1940</b>—A Luftwaffe plane drops six bombs on Buckingham Palace.</p> <p><b>1913</b>—Mary, an elephant who had killed her untrained trainer the day before, is hanged from a railroad crane in Erwin, TN.</p> <p><b>1909</b>—George Bushor, a one-armed aeronaut descending via parachute from a balloon 2,000 feet above Pine Island Park in Manchester, NH, plunges the last 200 feet into a pond and lives.</p> <p><b>1859</b>—Sen. David Broderick (D-CA) is fatally shot in the chest by his duelling opponent, California’s Chief Justice David Terry.</p> <p><b>1848</b>—Phineas Gage, a Lebanon, NH native working in Vermont for a railroad company, loses a good chunk of his brain when an iron bar is blasted through it, but he lives 12 more pretty good years.</p>
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**2008**—Lehman Brothers CEO Richard Fuld gets punched in the face by a complete stranger.

**2005**—At the UN, during the World Summit, the Leader of the Free World passes a note to Secretary of State C. Rice saying, “I think I may need a bathroom break. Is that possible?”

**2001**—Standing in rubble created in part by his own failure, George W. Bush declares that America’s “responsibility to history” is to “rid the world of evil.”

**1978**—Jimmy Carter endangers the nation by permitting a 28 year-old State of Emergency to expire.

**1964**—At the White House, arch-propagandist Walt Disney is awarded the Medal of Freedom.

**1938**—The *Graf Zeppelin II*, world’s largest airship, first flies.

**1899**—Henry Bliss becomes the first person in the U.S. to be killed by an automobile.

**1874**—In a bloody coup d’etat, the White Leagues take over the Louisiana state government.

**1847**—Marines under Gen. Winfield “Old Fuss and Feathers” Scott take the Halls of Montezuma.

**1836**—Aaron Burr, the first vice President to shoot a man, dies in Port Richmond, NY.

**1814**—Francis Scott Key is inspired to write *The Star Spangled Banner*, cribbing the tune from *To Anacreon in Heaven*, a British drinking song.

**2008**—Lehman Brothers stock drops 90 percent in one day; the Dow loses 500 points.

**2004**—D.C. police respond to a 911 call from the bathroom of Rep. Don Sherwood (R-PA), 63, whom the caller, Cynthia Ore, 28, accuses of choking her.

**2001**—One person in Congress, Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA) votes against granting G.W. Bush unlimited military power.

**1982**—Israeli Defense Forces surround Sabra and Shatila, Palestinian refugee camps in West Beirut, and permit Christian Phalangist militiamen to slaughter perhaps 3,500 civilians.

**1980**—A B-52 armed with nukes burns for hours at Grand Forks AFB, ND. The fire is put out before anything explodes.

**1963**—Two Ku Klux Klan members bomb Birmingham’s 16th St. Baptist Church, killing 4 girls and injuring 22. One bomber is convicted 14 years later; the delay is caused by J. Edgar “Mary” Hoover’s withholding of evidence.

**1946**—The Dodgers beat the Cubs 2-0 in just 5 innings; game is called on account of gnats.

**1940**—During the Battle of Britain, RAF pilot Ray Holmes sees a Dornier heading for Buckingham Palace. His Hurricane out of ammo, he rams the Dornier, downing it, and parachutes to safety.

**2008**—The Federal government bails out insurance giant AIG with a loan of \$85 billion.

**2001**—Dick “Dick” Cheney accepts Tim Russert’s assertion that he would accept Osama bin Laden’s head on a platter and admits that the U.S. has no evidence linking Saddam Hussein or Iraq to 9/11.

**1975**—New Hampshire Democrat John Durkin wins a Senate seat after a marathon nine-month battle following the closest Senate election in history.

**1974**—President Ford announces a conditional amnesty for Vietnam War deserters.

**1968**—Richard M. Nixon appears on “Laugh-In” and says, “Sock it to me.” Eventually, they do.

**1940**—A remarkably prescient draft goes into effect over a year before Pearl Harbor is attacked.

**1925**—Riley B. “B.B.” King is born in Itta Bena, MS.

**1920**—A bomb in a horse-drawn wagon explodes in front of the J.P. Morgan building on Wall Street, killing 38 and wounding 400.

**1893**—Ten thousand people race for 42,000 parcels of land in the Oklahoma Land Rush.

**1864**—Confederate Cavalry chief Wade Hampton and his men steal 2,500 head of Union Army beef.

**1692**—Giles Cory, 80, is crushed to death in Salem for refusing to testify in his trial for witchcraft.

**2013**—*Mother Jones* releases a video showing Mitt Romney denigrating 47 percent of Americans as leeches.

**2011**—Hundreds of protestors Occupy Wall Street.

**2002**—“There’s an old saying in Tennessee,” says G.W. Bush, “I know it’s in Texas, probably in Tennessee—that says, fool me once, shame on—shame on you. Fool me ... you can’t get fooled again.”

**1991**—Yale Law Dean Guido Calabresi tells the Senate Judiciary Committee that Clarence Thomas, if confirmed for the Supreme Court, might grow intellectually.

**1967**—The Mt. Washington cog railway train derails; eight die.

**1948**—Count Folke Bernadotte, in Jerusalem to mediate the Arab-Israeli conflict for the UN, is assassinated by the Zionist Stern Gang.

**1935**—Len Koenecke, an outfielder just cut from the Dodgers, charts a plane, starts a fight with the pilot, and is killed by a blow to the head with a fire extinguisher.

**1908**—Wilbur Wright crashes a Wright Flyer at Ft. Meyer, VA, making Signal Corps Lieutenant Thomas Selfridge the first person to be killed by a powered aircraft.

**1862**—At Antietam, in Maryland, 113,000 men clash; 3,654 are killed and 17,292 are wounded—bloodiest day in U.S. military history.

**1787**—Having OK’d the Constitution, its authors head to a tavern.

**2001**—Five anthrax-laced letters are mailed to news media by a person or persons still un-apprehended. Five people die.

**2001**—EPA Chief Christine Todd Whitman, acceding to a White House request, says the air at “Ground Zero” is safe to breathe.

**1980**—An airman performing maintenance on a Titan II missile in Damascus, AR, drops a socket wrench which hits a fuel tank, causing a leak. The leaked fuel catches fire and causes an explosion, sending a 9-megaton hydrogen bomb flying 100 feet. It does not detonate.

**1980**—The Soviet Union puts the first black person in space: Cuban Arnoldo Tamayo.

**1975**—The FBI catches “Tanya,” press baron Wm. Randolph Hearst’s bank-robbing granddaughter.

**1970**—RIP Jimi Hendrix.

**1931**—At Mukden, in Manchuria, Japanese troops dynamite their own railroad and blame it on the Chinese to justify an attack on Chinese Nationalists.

**1895**—Booker T. Washington, in his “Atlanta Compromise” speech, renounces black agitation for equal rights as “extremist folly.”

**1873**—Civil War financier Jay Cooke goes bust on railroads, precipitating the Panic of 1873.

**1793**—Using secret Masonic rites, G. Washington lays the cornerstone for the U.S. Capitol.

**2001**—George W. Bush tells CIA chief George Tenet to look for links between S. Hussein and al Qaeda and recommends Dick “Dick” Cheney as a source.

**2001**—Official start of U.S. war against Afghanistan.

**1991**—Alpine tourists discover Oetzi the Iceman.

**1980**—In Arkansas, an Air Force repairman drops a tool that punctures a fuel tank that leaks vapors which explode and hurl a nuclear weapon 600 feet. Only one person is killed.

**1961**—Betty and Barney Hill of Portsmouth, NH find their trip back home from a vacation takes two hours longer than expected.

**1959**—Nikita Khrushchev is denied admittance to Disneyland.

**1957**—First U.S. underground nuclear explosion: Nevada.

**1952**—The U.S. (with Richard Nixon as Vice President, Joe McCarthy a Senator, and Bill Loeb publishing a newspaper) bars Charlie Chaplin from entering unless he proves he’s of sound moral character.

**1945**—William Joyce, aka “Lord Haw-Haw,” an American-born fascist of Irish descent, is sentenced to death in England for broadcasting German propaganda.

**1796**—President George Washington warns against any “small, artful, enterprising minority” that might try to control the government.

**2006**—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez tells the UN General Assembly that he can still smell the sulfur from George W. Bush’s visit of the day before.

**2001**—Before a joint session of Congress, George W. Bush declares “War on Terror.” The idiots listen and take him seriously.

**1988**—Pandering for votes as usual, Veeep George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush visits a flag factory.

**1977**—The UN admits Vietnam.

**1976**—*Playboy* runs Pres. Carter’s confession re: lust in his heart.

**1958**—A deranged woman stabs Martin Luther King while he autographs books in Harlem.

**1945**—German rocket scientist Werner von Braun begins working for the U.S.

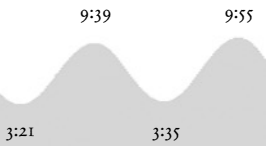
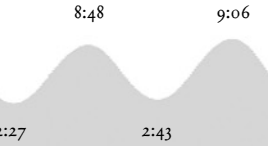
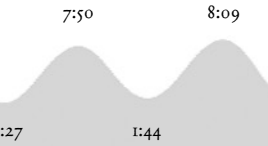
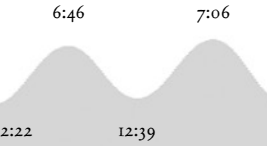
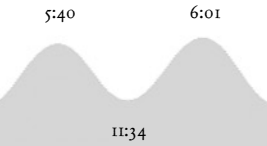
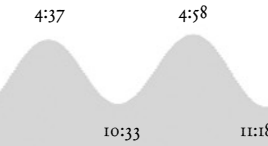
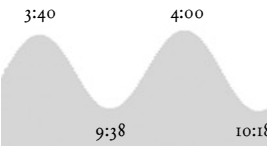
**1873**—In response to the Panic, the NY Stock Exchange shuts down for ten days.

**1830**—In Philadelphia, 38 free blacks form the National Negro Convention to abolish slavery.

**1797**—The frigate *Constitution* is launched in Boston.

**1797**—Captain Pigot of *HMS Hermeine* orders that the bodies of three sailors who died trying to fulfill his orders be thrown overboard.

**1378**—French cardinals elect Robert of Geneva, aka “The Butcher of Cesena,” to be Pope Clement VII, bringing the current number of Popes to two.



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