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## The Fortnightly Rant

### And the Winner Is ...

Never mind the 5¢ cigar — here's what this country needs: a Lifetime Achievement Award for Moral Obtuseness to be awarded one time only, then permanently retired. The recipient, of course, would be former President George W. Bush.

Bush qualified for this singular distinction by pocketing \$100,000 for delivering a twenty-minute talk on behalf of a non-profit organization which claims to help "severely wounded veterans returning from service in the War on Terror" — nearly all of whom would still be intact were it not for Bush's own misbegotten orders.\*

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, *Politico's* Michael Kruse reported extensively — and presciently, as it turns out — on the former President's efforts to "replenish the ol' coffers." Bush typically charges between \$100,000 and \$175,000 when he delivers a speech. He has done so at least 200 times since the day when hundreds of thousands of Americans, who had gathered in Washington, D.C. to celebrate the inauguration of a new President, cheered the helicopters which removed the old one from the White House. Altogether then, he has earned, if that's the proper term, about \$27.5 million for delivering deep thoughts such as — these are genuine quotes here, from *Politico* — "evil is real," and "bowling is fun."

\* This story first broke just as our last issue was heading for the press and has since been overshadowed by the braying of an occasionally-bankrupt blowhard [see below]. We cannot, however, as the newspaper of record for a certain category of events, let this fortnight pass without covering it.

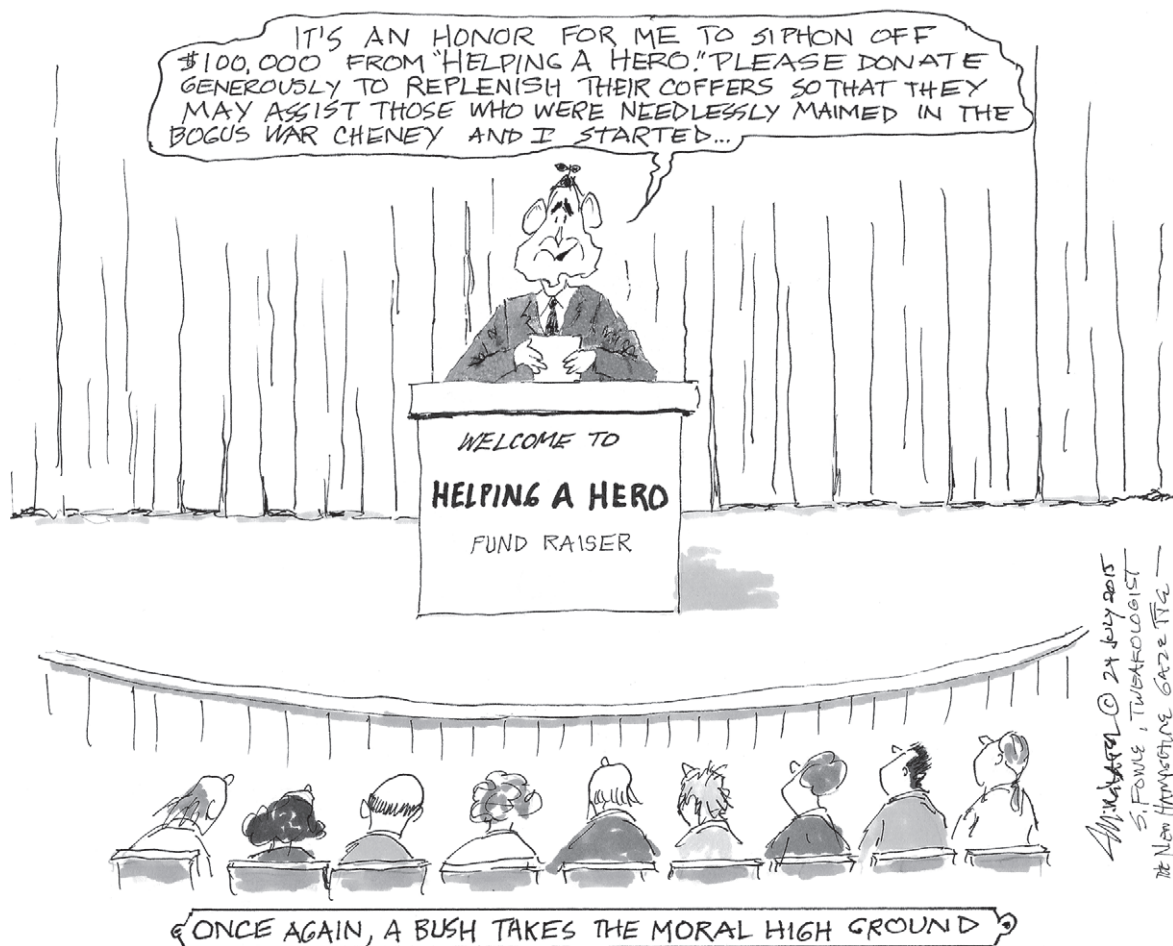
#### Charitably Defined as a Charity

Out of all these two hundred events, the only one which managed to transcend our national indifference, however briefly, was Helping a Hero's annual fundraising gala in 2012. The sponsoring organization, in addition to Bush's fee, scraped up \$20,000 for a private, chartered jet, so as to spare our former President the indignities of a grueling road trip. Former First Lady Laura Bush had spoken the previous year for a mere \$50,000. Strangely, the gender pay gap is most severe among those who deny its existence.

One might think that a charity throwing money around like this would be more than generous to its beneficiaries. But, as so often seems to be the case these days, one would be wrong. In fact, some of its alleged beneficiaries have told WFAA-TV in Dallas that "the charity is misleading and exploiting them."

Sam Brown, a West Point graduate who survived a 2008 IED explosion in Afghanistan, was told by Helping a Hero in March of 2013 that it would build him a home provided that he first bought a house lot. He did so in March of 2013. Eighteen months later, tired of mortgage payments, taxes, and excuses, he put the still-empty lot on the market.

Former Sergeant First Class Scott Lathan also complained of excessive delays — not to mention a smaller-than promised house, a higher mortgage payment than his family could afford, and small print in the title



of the property deeding it back to Helping a Hero.

#### Mandatory Funding Is Optional

People are often motivated to contribute to charities for veterans due to a widespread perception that the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] isn't up to the task. It's one of those rare cases in where the public perception is accurate.

Why is this so? There was a time when American citizens were exhorted every few nanoseconds to "Support the Troops!" Did Antonin Scalia find a secret clause in the Constitution whereby "the troops," by accepting their discharge, retroactively renounce their troopitude?

Last week the VA notified

Congress that unless a \$3 billion shortfall is plugged, it will have to shut down some of its hospitals. Congress, led by business-minded Republicans, is balking. It believes the VA should solve its funding problems by firing more of its staff. That should certainly reduce the wait time for treatment.

Perhaps Congress has concluded that funding the VA is now optional because peace is right around the corner in Afghanistan and Iraq is a serene and orderly democratic republic.

#### A Modest Proposal

"I miss being the Commander in Chief of our great nation," George W. Bush recently told the Chamber of Commerce, "and

so I have decided to dedicate the rest of my life to helping our vets, to helping those with whom I was honored to serve."

Here's a modest proposal. Let our former President demonstrate his appreciation of the sacrifices made by those who were once under his command, by vowing to always keep on his breakfast table a certain special memento.

We have in mind an *objet d'art* sculpted of clay from the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates, its creator to be chosen by a competition among wounded veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq. Competition will be restricted to those who are bilateral, upper limb amputees.

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### Donald Trump is a Hell of a Candidate

When last we slew a grove of trees to smear their remains with ink, Donald J. Trump, Sr., the world's most-famous real estate mogul, its biggest television star, its most successful gaming entrepreneur, best-selling author, and vendor of some of the gaudiest clothing ever to be shipped from a Chinese sweatshop, was already challenging J. Edgar "Jeb" Bush's status as the presumptive front-runner for the Republican Presidential nomination.

Now, just a fortnight later, as befits the most exciting, the most dynamic, the most incredible, the most *puissant* Presidential candidate since ...

No — stop. Block that metaphor. There can be no comparisons when reporting on the extremely unique awesomeness of Trump. Nothing will do but superlatives.

Now, where were we? Oh, yes: Trump has now left Bush and fourteen other complete losers in the dust, where they belong, because they're losers.

As of Tuesday, according to the *Huffington Post's* Pollster app, Trump was leading by a margin of 7.7 points; or, as Trump himself put it, by a double digit margin. Because, when you're Donald Trump, the numbers are what you say they are.

The *HuffPost* app, it must be said, does not provide data on margins of error, so the true lead may actually be a few points less. That would lower Trump's lead to the realm of the negligible, which, considering the current stage of the race, would probably be more realistic. On

the other hand, his lead could be a few points more, which would make it all the more fantastic!

Also, we're not exactly sure why the *Huffington Post* app even includes data on Trump, because the site announced a few days earlier that it would not henceforth cover the Trump saga as a political story but as entertainment. What does that matter? The *Huffington Post* is nothing. Nothing!

ABC News, on the other hand — a major broadcast network — asked Bill Kristol last Saturday if Trump was hurting the Republican Party. Kristol — one of the nation's biggest journalists in terms of hat size — said, "if you look at match-ups of the various GOP possibilities



with Hillary Clinton, they're doing no worse today than before Trump emerged. So what evidence is there — as opposed to knee-jerk conventional wisdom — that he's hurting the GOP?"

Perhaps to make sure he wasn't experiencing auditory hallucinations, ABC's Benjamin Bell followed up by asking, "Would Donald Trump make a better president than Hillary Clinton?"

Kristol answered, "Yes. After all, he's older, wiser, and richer!"

A few hours later, Trump demonstrated that Kristol's record of being wrong about everything, every time, remains intact.

During an interview at the Family Leadership Summit in Ames, Iowa, Trump — who is one of the world's leading experts on family leadership, thanks to his three extremely successful marriages — was asked by Frank

Luntz what he thought of Sen. John McCain [R-AZ], who has called Trump "a wrecking ball for the future of the Republican Party" who has "fired up the crazies."

It was a rare mis-step for Luntz, the most skillful and successful manipulator of public perception since a certain German gentleman of the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century whose name we'll omit to avoid lawsuits. Luntz has successfully guided the Republican Party's campaign to market horse manure as prime rib since Newt Gingrich's "Contract [on] America," but this time his line of questioning went awry.

Displaying his usual tact, Trump said of McCain, a former Navy pilot who declined to be released from the Hanoi Hil-



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ton to avoid handing the North Vietnamese a propaganda coup, “He’s not a war hero. He was a war hero because he was captured. I like people who weren’t captured.”

This insult to a Senator who had served so bravely in uniform, coming as it did from a person who, as *The New Yorker’s* Andy Borowitz pointed out, “narrowly avoided capture in Vietnam by remaining in the United States for the duration of the war,” got a reaction similar to that which might occur if every pundit on cable television were simultaneously Tasered.

Trump’s jibe was the last straw for the *Des Moines Register*, which apparently lacks a sense of humor. It called Trump a “distraction with traction,” and a “feckless blowhard” who could best serve his country by terminating his ill-conceived

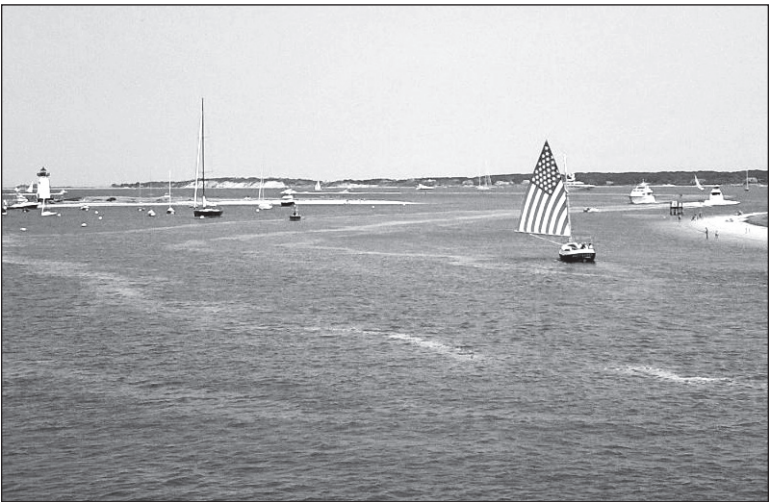
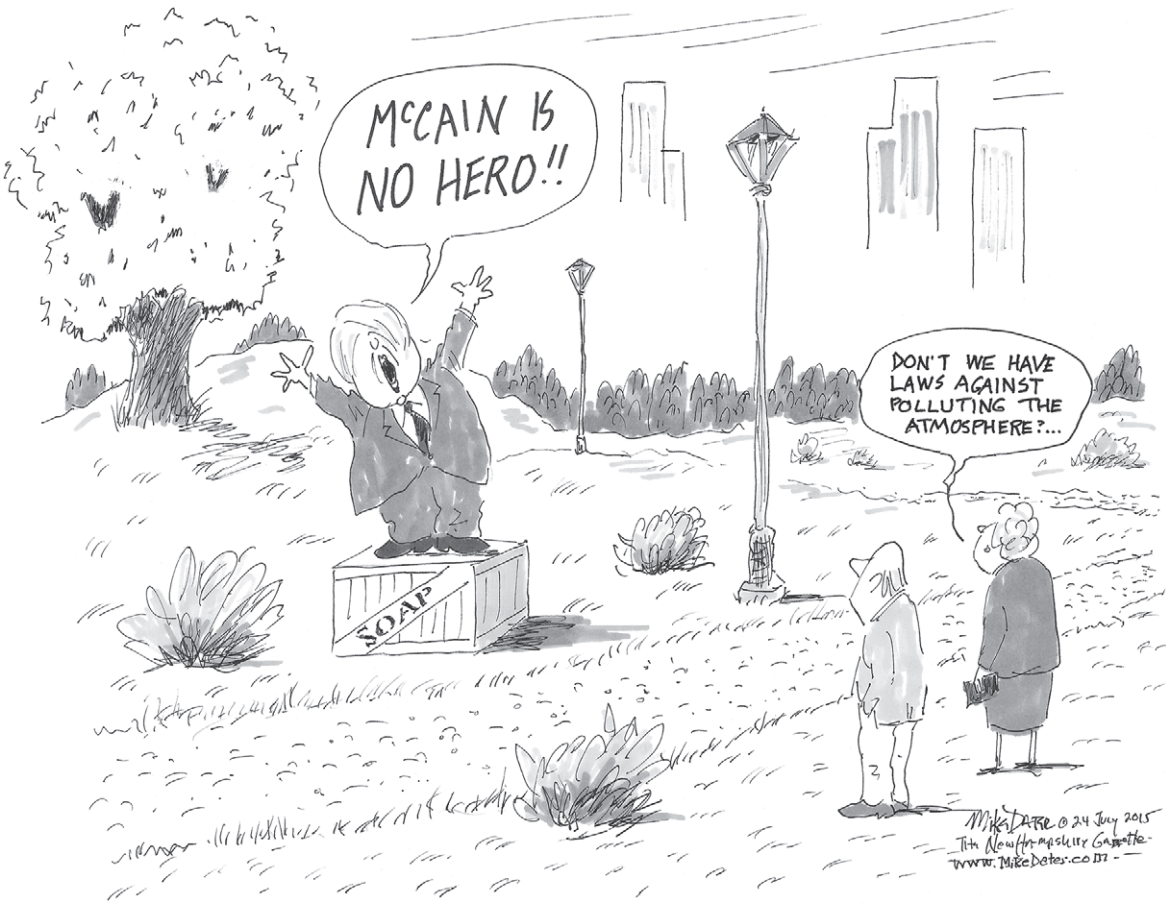
campaign — a very responsible sentiment which is likely to have about as much practical effect as any other newspaper editorial.

Strangely, hardly anyone seemed to recall the 2004 Republican Convention, at which hundreds of delegates, many of whom had certainly spent no more time in a war zone than Trump, wore “Purple Heart Band-Aids” to mock the service of the Democratic nominee, John Kerry.

**The Perfect Republican**

Donald Trump is political crack. The press can’t stay away, and the public can’t look away.

He is also the perfect Republican: a draft-dodging militarist and a self-made fraud, he embodies in one ludicrous, improbably-crowned human figure both the oligarchs whom the Party worships and serves, and its base, whom it ruthlessly exploits. The wealthy respect his money, and the base adores his willingness to express their resentments and



*The Flag Police, in their Ahab-like quest to root out violations of the Flag Code, sought and received permission from Eric Fisher, Emmy Award winning Chief Meteorologist at CBSBoston, to subpoena this photograph, taken by him July 12<sup>th</sup> from the dock at Edgartown, Mass., as evidence. A thorough review of Title 4 U.S. Code, Chapter 1 failed to uncover any sail-based loopholes. The skipper of this vessel is busted.*

xenophobia. He knows nothing about governing and he doesn’t care, because doing actual work is beneath him.

Earlier we dismissed the notion of comparing Trump to anyone. There are two figures, though, who might measure up.

For sheer self-regard, there is the Pharaoh Akhenaten, who ruled Egypt in the 14<sup>th</sup> century BC. He discarded 1,750 years of religious tradition in order to establish a new system of monotheistic worship, with himself as the only intermediary.

As for who might be as frightening in the White House, we nominate Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the self-styled Caliph of the

Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. Fortunately their odds are just about equal.

Republicans are in an exquisite dilemma. Given the country’s demographic direction, they have to throw Trump out or risk kissing the party’s future goodbye. If they do throw him out, though, he can run as an independent — and the votes he’ll siphon won’t be coming from the Democratic candidate.

There are 473 more days to go in this Presidential campaign. We are not worthy, but we will gladly take them.

**Smoke, Mirrors, & Taxes**

Governor Maggie Hassan vetoed a Republican-backed tax

cut a few days ago. It would have given former one-term Republican Governor Craig Benson a nice fat tax break when Planet Fitness, of which he’s a major stakeholder, goes public. The amount would have been approximately equal to a cut from the budget which had been earmarked for fighting the heroin epidemic. Not that it has any bearing on the issue, but Benson recently contributed \$10,000 to the state GOP.

Republicans are up in arms about the Governor’s veto. They claim that the state’s business taxes are sky-high, and that the Governor, by refusing to cut those taxes, is driving businesses

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out of the state.

According to the New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute [NHFPI], they're wrong. In 2013, it says, our business taxes, state and local, amounted to 4.4 percent of private sector gross state product. That's lower than the national average of 4.7 percent. Only sixteen states have lower taxes.

Meanwhile Greg Abbott, the Texas Governor, has personally written to ten major New Hampshire employers, including Sig Sauer, Simplex, Tyco, and Planet Fitness — former Governor Benson's little pet project — urging their CEOs to consider moving their businesses to the Lone Star State.

Abbott is being advised in this matter by Hancock resident Dave Carney, who also worked for former Texas Governor Rick Perry's ill-fated 2012 Presidential campaign. Coincidentally, Carney is also chief consultant for Commitment Kept NH, a project of the cynically-named Super PAC, Ending Spending Action Fund. The PAC is working to re-elect Kelly Ayotte, who appears to be sweating bullets over the possibility she'll have to face Governor Hassan in her re-election bid next year.

**Whuppity-Whup Whup Whup**

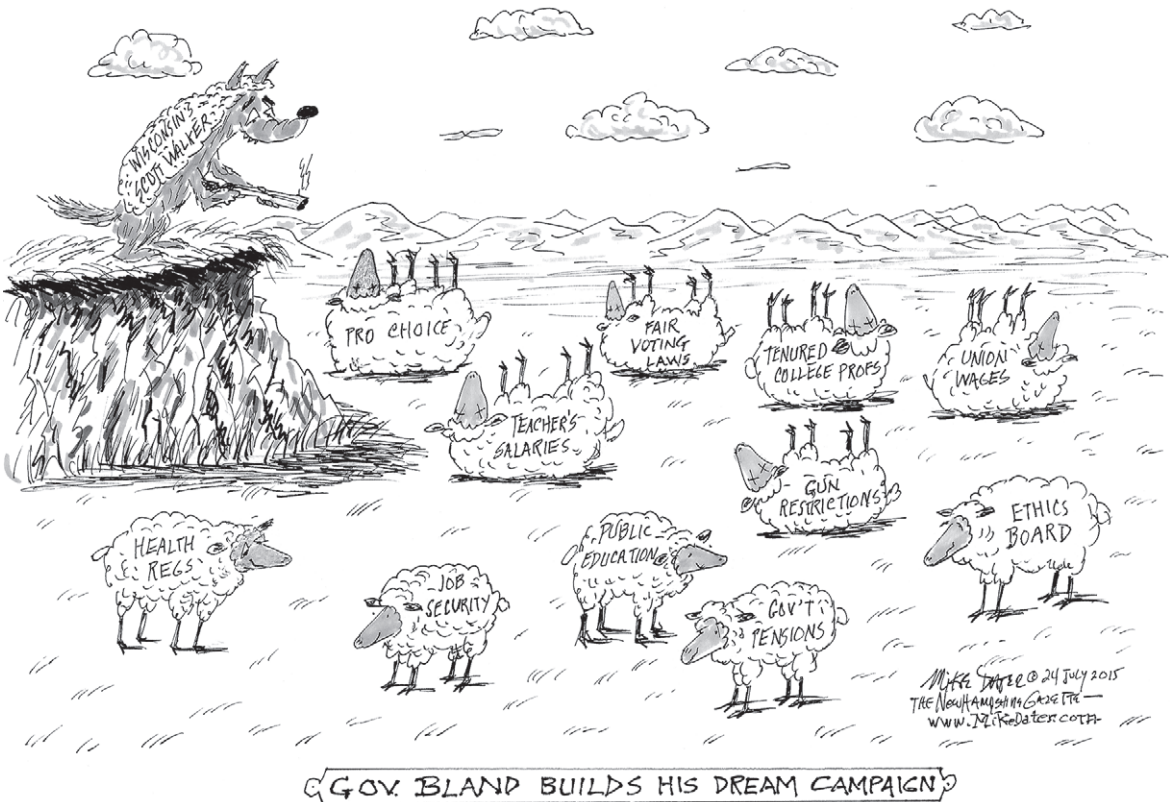
The Portsmouth Police Department — which we would have thought had enough on its plate these days — is investigating a Rye man because he wrote a letter to Bruce Cultrera, the owner of Seacoast Helicopters, which the recipient construed as threatening.

The story appeared Wednesday in the *Portsmouth Herald*, on page one, above the fold. It was accompanied by a two-column photo of one of Cultrera's helicopters which, together with its caption, could have passed for an ad promoting aerial joyrides.

The letter writer, Mike Thiel, also sent copies to Sen. Kelly Ayotte, Rep. Frank Guinta, and the *Portsmouth Herald*, according to reporter Jeff McMenemy.

"I am going to ask you one time nicely," Thiel is said to have written, "then I will be taking appropriate action, *legal or otherwise* [emphasis added]: Please stop flying your helicopters over my property and especially at heights below the 500 (feet) mandated by the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration)." Thiel lives on Brackett Road.

In that context, "legal or otherwise" could have meant a number of things, including "or I'm going



The front page of Sunday's New York Times, wheat-pasted onto the four year-old graffiti on the front of Clark's Creamery on State Street.

to form a group of local citizens, and work with similar groups in other places, like Long Island and Los Angeles, to see that existing laws against disturbing the peace and creating a public nuisance are duly enforced." In fact, according to McMenemy, that's almost exactly what Thiel did write: "Thiel also stated [in his letter] that if Cultrera didn't operate his business in a considerate way, you may find that the community will work together to put you out of business."

McMenemy dutifully adhered to the now-familiar ritual of quoting two highly dubious assertions of Cultrera's, neither of which he challenges: "We always fly at 1,000 feet or above," and "you can hear us for seven seconds and then we're gone." Our own ritual is to question the veracity of both these statements. By direct observation, with which we are surfeited, Seacoast Helicopters' machines seem to us to fly at an altitude two or three times the height of the 200-foot North Church steeple, and are audible for at least 30 seconds.

If Mr. Thiel decides to get serious about organizing local people towards this end, we hope he'll get in touch. He will find a willing ally in this newspaper. We've got plenty of space for ongoing progress reports right here in these columns.

On a more positive note, the Pease Tradeport's Noise Complaint web page [<http://www.peasedev.org/contactus-noisecomplaints.php>], which was not working the last time we tried it, is now working again. Sadly, using it is still a tedious process. The phone number of the Noise Complaint Line — (603) 436-6333 — now seems to be featured more prominently, as well.

**A Tiny Tall Ship?**

The Award-Winning Local Daily has now, in its endearingly inept fashion, repeated several times in print this rather implausible statement: "The 170-foot long vessel [*Andalusia*] weighs nearly 500 pounds ..."

The *Andalusia* is a modern reproduction of a 17th century Spanish galleon. It sailed into Portsmouth harbor Wednesday

with a crew of more than two dozen. If that ship only weighs 2.94 pounds per linear foot, the editor will personally lick the barnacles off it.

**Now, That's Value**

*Seacoast Summer Guide*, an independent, knowledgeable, free publication which actually contains useful information, also contains the odd surprise or two. Page 24 of this years edition, for example, consisted in its entirety of a letter from Eugene Mirman to the City of Portsmouth, "especially the Parking Clerk's Office." Mirman, a standup comic, related at some length his disappointment and apparent exasperation at having received a ticket for being "parked in the wrong direction" in a location which exhibited no signs prohibiting that practice.

Someone found the letter amusing enough to post a photo of it online, where it proceeded to go viral. On July 14th, Mirman's letter became the No. 1 trending topic on Facebook — on Earth. Pretty impressive performance for a free publication.

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To the Editor:

“Old Glory” the inglorious. As has been clearly demonstrated recently with the Confederate flag, a flag is a public expression of the character of the people living under it. Another example of this is the Canadian national flag with a maple leaf at its center reflecting a people with respect and a sense of stewardship for their land. Looking at our flag in this country, we find fifty stars, each star representing an area of land taken from the original people living there. As a public expression of who we are, it suggests, not a respect and a sense of stewardship of the land, but one of dominion over it. It is the flag of a conquering people. It is no accident that our national anthem is the “Star Spangled Banner,” not “America the Beautiful.”

Paul Bamberger  
Greenland, NH  
Paul:

Thanks for writing. We haven't been getting enough Hate Mail. This may alleviate that shortage.

The Editor

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**Irony, Paradox,  
Hypocrisy, and Farce**

To the Editor:

Government of the people, by the people, and for the people, so eloquently stated and hypocritically applied by Abraham Lincoln, has long since perished from the United States. In its stead we have government by the oligarchs — the corporations,

Wall Street, and the Military Industrial Complex. Now, with the removal and state desecration of the Confederate Flag, the very philosophy of government by the people is vanishing from the United States.

But what can one expect from those who refuse to understand their own history, politicians who abandon the sacrifice of the soldiers they use as cannon fodder and for photo-ops, and those who want to enjoy the joys of self-referenced victimhood?

The facts are the the war of Northern Aggression was not about slavery, but about the right to secede, a right that was never questioned before Abraham Lincoln made the decision to reverse the real and philosophical achievements of the American Revolution — the only revolution of Enlightenment principles that did not substitute one tyranny for another — until Lincoln became a dictator.

The roots of his war lie in the tariffs that were put in place to protect the Northern businesses from competition and put an unnecessary burden on Southerners who could not buy cheaper imports. In addition, Southerners were taxed for internal improvements that benefited Lincoln's Northern cronies, while the Southerners thought private monies should be used for improvements that benefited only the few. But, as the war went on, Lincoln put forth the Emancipation Proclamation, which did not free even one slave as it did not apply to those slave states that remained in support of the Union — the only places in which the slaves could have been freed. And not only in deed, but in word, did Lincoln proclaim that the war had nothing to do with slavery, but with secession, incorrectly proclaiming that the states were the creation of the Central Government and not the opposite.

So here we are, removing the idea of government by the people, the only remnant of the Revolutionary War to survive, and soon the monuments and gravestones will suffer the same desecration, while places like Wal-Mart will no longer sell Confederate Flags, where, if they have anything against slavery, they would stop employing wage slaves earning substandard salaries with benefit plans paid by the tax payer.

And if the Confederate flag symbolized slavery, under what flag did those slave holding states of the Union Army fight? Was it not Old Glory? Should we take down the Stars and Stripes?

Why not? Obviously, when the warmongering, torture-loving media canceled reruns of the Dukes of Hazzard, they must have assumed all the many thousands of people — producers, directors, writers, actors, cameramen, distributors, broadcasters, and audiences — were just a bunch of racists.

John Dente  
Wilmington, DE  
John:  
Hmmm ....  
Mr. Marvel?  
The Editor

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**A Walker Fan**

To the Editor:

My Governor is running for president. He's a low-key, middle-class family guy with one very special quality. He has a spine of steel. He faced myriad adversaries who tried and failed to drive him from office. Why? Because he had to do the right thing. He won three elections for governor in four years.

Since he became Governor of Wisconsin, taxes have been reduced by \$2 billion dollars. In fact my property taxes are lower now than they were four years ago with no reduced services. How many Governors can claim they did that? Not only that, but lawsuit and regulatory reforms

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were passed. Planned Parenthood was defunded before it was exposed of what they are doing with baby body parts. Concealed carry and Castle Doctrine laws were enacted so people can refuse to become victims. Elections will be honest and uncompromised as a photo ID is now required to vote.

Scott Walker left college on his own in good standing, taking a good job with the Red Cross. He did not inherit a fortune and has the belief that if you work hard and play by the rules, you can do and be anything. That is the dream that has propelled this man to be a successful governor. Now he wants to rise and become leader of this great nation. He wants to fight for the American people. I suggest you get to know him, for he is a true leader.

Keith Best  
Waukesha, WI  
Keith:  
Thank you for the insight you have provided. Observing delusion in action can be discomfoting, but it is also informative.  
The Editor

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**Ayotte & Iran**

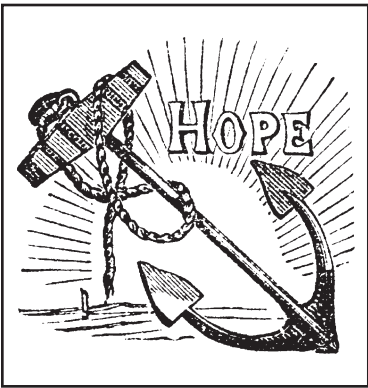
To the Editor:

It comes as absolutely no surprise that Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) has already stated her opposition to the nuclear agreement between Iran and the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, France, China and Russia. In her statement quoted in the *Portsmouth Herald* on July 15th, Sen. Ayotte stated, “The agreement appears to be a historic capitulation on Iran's nuclear program and support for terrorism in that it fails to fully guarantee unfettered ‘anytime, anywhere’ inspections at any suspect site — including military bases — necessary to confirm Iran's compliance; lifts the UN arms embargo

and missile sanctions based on arbitrary dates; and legitimizes Iran's enrichment program — potentially spurring more nuclear proliferation throughout the Middle East.” Since she stated that “the agreement appears” to contain all these perceived concerns, it is clear that she is uncertain about the validity of her comments, and has most likely not read the 159-page agreement before making her comments.

Today, I spent about three hours reading the full 159-page agreement to better fully understand what it contains, and to separate truth from fiction. While the document contains a great deal of very technical scientific terminology, it is very clear about the responsibilities and commitments made by all the nations involved, the United nations, and the European Union. I encourage everyone to read this document before making any uneducated statements about this agreement. It can be found at [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com).

While I openly admit that I am not a nuclear scientist, or a trained diplomat, I came away from reading this document with some very clear understandings about what it achieves. For example, under the category of restrictions on nuclear work, Iran will substantially reduce the number of centrifuges by two-thirds. Iran also agreed to limit enrichment of uranium over 3.67 percent and reduce the total stockpile of uranium by 98 percent. These restrictions are effective for 15 years. Under the area of increased “breakout time,” the time it would take for Iran to produce a nuclear bomb is increased three to six fold. With regard to verification, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspectors will have increased access to Iran's uranium



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# And Other Correspondence

enrichment sites for 25 years. Under sanctions relief, the agreement contains a “snap-back” provision, that would quickly reimpose sanctions if the agreement is violated. With regard to arms embargo and missile ban, the agreement lifts the U.N. ban on Iran trading in these items after five and eight years respectively.

Considering the critical importance of such a potential agreement with Iran, it is irresponsible for Sen. Ayotte, or any other member of Congress to make any definitive comments about the agreement before taking the time to study the document and allow the Administration to present detailed information at the appropriate Congressional hearings. Of course, being one of the 47 Senators who sent a letter this winter to the leaders of Iran opposing any nuclear deal, Senator Ayotte cannot be counted on to provide an objective and unbiased analysis. Unfortunately, rather than take a statesmen-like approach to a matter of grave importance to the world, her actions will be more politically motivated, just as she has already demonstrated in the past. And Senator, if you and your colleagues manage to kill this agreement, what alternatives do you propose to replace it?

Rich DiPentima  
Portsmouth, NH  
*Rich:*

*The Senator's thinking appears to be dominated by the question of whether or not she'll be replaced.*

*The Editor*

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## Sanders Should Be President

To the Editor:

When Bernie Sanders, the longtime Independent Senator from Vermont, announced his intention to seek the Democratic nomination for president

in 2016, few believed he could be successful. Despite the fact that Sanders has attracted large crowds and achieved recent gains in polls in New Hampshire and Iowa, pundits continue to discount his candidacy, virtually ceding the Democratic nomination to Hillary Clinton.

A Clinton candidacy, however, would be a terrible mistake. Sanders is the only candidate, Democratic or Republican or Trump, who is capable of solving the serious social and economic problems preventing widespread prosperity and hastening the slide of American society into plutocracy.

For over forty years, American society has been moving away from the egalitarian ideals enshrined in the Constitution toward rule by the economically privileged. The data is both clear and stark. The top one percent of U.S. society currently takes in approximately 25 percent of total income and owns 40 percent of total wealth — levels not seen since just prior to the Great Depression.

Since the end of the '08 recession, the top one percent have appropriated virtually all the growth in national income. Real median income is lower today than in the '70s as middle class incomes have stagnated while lower class incomes have declined. The U.S. has the highest rate of childhood poverty among industrialized nations and the distribution of income in the U.S. approximates that found in Russia and China while social democracies such as Sweden and Denmark provide a much more egalitarian income distribution.

As income inequality has increased in the U.S., social mobility has declined. Today, the best predictor of a child's social class is the income and education of

her parents, not her work ethic. In fact, social mobility in the U.S. is among the lowest in the industrialized world belying the myth that anyone can achieve high position in the U.S. solely by dint of ambition and hard work. Apparently, Horatio Alger has emigrated to Europe.

These dismal data are made worse by the fact that economic elites exert undue influence on the political process through lobbying and campaign contributions that bind politicians to their will and prevent policies that could alleviate economic inequality. The next president must confront these issues and work toward revolutionary change.

Although Hillary Clinton has adopted a populist rhetoric of late, she has little credibility as the people's candidate. The Clintons' association with Wall Street financiers is long and well known. As a member of the Washington elite, Hillary relies heavily on rich benefactors making it doubtful that she will ever promote policies that would harm her patrons.

Regarding the menagerie of Republican candidates, all suffer from a myopic adherence to a simplistic economic mythology that deifies unregulated markets and demonizes any government intervention in the economy. Policies based on this ideology have delayed a robust recovery to the Great Recession and have exacerbated inequality rather than providing widespread economic opportunity.

During his twenty-five years in Congress, Bernie Sanders has been an unabashed champion of the working class. He is not a recent populist convert nor is he a Wall Street minion. Sanders has been in the forefront exposing the inequality in the American system and has worked tirelessly for the benefit of the working class. It is time that we end the influence of plutocratic elites

and restore the egalitarian values enshrined in the Constitution. Nominate and elect Bernie Sanders for president.

Dr. Robert D. Russell

School of Business Administration, Penn State, H'burg, PA

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## Reason versus Fear

To the Editor:

You will be hearing and reading lots of words from Right Wing radio and Fox News, but not much truth about the Iran Nuclear agreement. The GOP spin masters, wordsmiths, sound bite creators and prevaricators extraordinaire are hyperventilating because diplomacy might win over warfare.

Before the details were revealed, the usual propagandists, Limbaugh, Hannity, & Levin, were deriding what they didn't know. The distortion, misdirection, derision and denial have little relation to what is in the agreement.

Sadly, GOP Congressional leadership and Presidential candidates fall into this category.

If these highly partisan politicians were to look outside their myopic cocoon they would see the multitude of reasonable assessments of the agreement from arms control experts, Middle East observers, retired diplomats and nuclear scientists. Ami Ayalon former director of Israeli internal security service summarized the consensus, “reaching the agreement wasn't a mistake it is the best of the available options.”

Unfortunately, in the GOP world, reality is trumped by rhetoric, facts are to be twisted, compromise is failure, negotiation is a sign of weakness, and a realistic world view is non-existent.

They also lack historical perspective, ignoring the inconvenient truth that Republican presidents broke the ice with China and the Soviet Union and normalized relations with Viet-



nam. These actions included the removal of sanctions against a nuclear armed communist China and paved the way for millions of U.S. jobs to go there.

When a Democratic President attempts to improve relations with a protagonist, Republicans cry that the end of the free world is near and he is failing his responsibility.

The Republican party outlook is shaped by fear of change, the unknown and the complicated. This is a serious weakness in a constantly evolving, dangerous and disorderly world and reason enough for us to keep them out of office.

Dave Potter

North Hampton, NH

*Dave:*

*Hmmm .... Now you have us wondering: do politics just boil down to a battle between the amygdala and the frontal cortex?*

*The Editor*

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## Bernie's Economic Team

To the Editor:

Bernie Sanders, Vermont's popular Independent Senator and candidate for President, is drawing huge crowds of followers wherever he goes for several good reasons. He, unlike all the establishment candidates (Republicans and Democrats) representing the status quo, is actually addressing the issues that impact all ordinary Americans, while of-

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Plains Gothic

by William Marvel

This year's Western hegira began with a massive family reunion on the Nebraska side of the Niobrara River. Fire-and-brimstone Kansas preachers and their progeny faced off against Ozark beer-guzzlers from opposite sides of a three-day bonfire and barbecue, but the crowd was mitigated by the opportunities for avoidance. My brother-in-law hosted the party on his 1200-acre ranch, where the nearest neighbors are miles away, and after each meal the conflicting factions would retreat to their respective campsites for prayers and potatoes. I was quickly adopted by the Ozark cousins, who dispense the milk of human kindness in more obvious proof but in lower volume than do their Kansas kin.

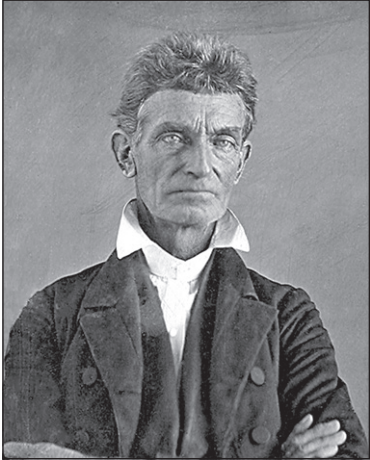
The occasion was ostensibly my in-laws' 60th wedding anniversary — a milestone for which my mother-in-law deserves great credit and sympathy. Characteristically, however, the five daughters who planned the affair scheduled it for my father-in-law's 80th birthday, so he could sit around and absorb his innumerable descendants' adoration in the confidence that everything had really been planned for him. Meanwhile, my mother-in-law slaved away as usual with her sisters and all six daughters on the cooking and cleanup. At least she is finally considering letting her nursing license go and giving up outside work; we speculate she may have been putting that off to avoid sharing too much of her husband's retirement, which he has been enjoying for several decades now.

Work is hard to find out West these days, even for those who want it. I suppose that explains why so many of each generation wind up teaching in the public schools, for that's where all the best jobs are; even the land of gospel-mongers and meth labs provides only so many opportunities for preachers and police. Exactly half the daughters went into teaching, and so have about half of the grandchildren and their spouses — for most in that innumerable generation have succumbed to the pressure to marry quickly and propagate the faithful. Only a few of the wisest or widest among the girls remain single, with our beloved

techno-maven still among them, happily.

The aforementioned techno-maven afforded me an excuse for early escape. At 4:15 a.m., with the day's first dim light glowing surprisingly far to the north-northeast, we fled the misty lodges of the somnolent tribe for the 250-mile trip to the nearest airport of any size. That put me close enough to an assortment of prairie-state historical societies to circulate among them the rest of the week, during which my wife continued on to Kansas to arrange her homecoming concert for the town where she grew up. Had I been forced to spend that week in such proximity to her father I'm sure I would have exploded, although we both strive to pretend from different ends of the house that we don't drive each other crazy.

To extend my absence a little, I took a side trip to find the spot where the sainted John Brown and his followers slaughtered five innocent men. Modern prejudice admits no innocence about his victims, for they came from the slave South — partly, it seems, to escape the economic blight of slavery, but they get no credit for



John Brown

that. They staked a claim among settlers from their own region, and their political connections in that Southern community marked them for death by Brown and an opprobrious obscurity from a self-righteous posterity that never faced choosing sides in so vicious a conflict.

The tributary of Pottawatomie Creek where Brown and his platoon of intrepid followers hacked the five unarmed men to death looks as desolate and dangerous today as it was in 1856. A vine-covered shack surrounded by dusty jalopies and myriad faded warning signs about

dogs and trespassers sits on the approximate site where those altruistic crusaders deprived Mahala Doyle of her husband and two oldest sons that spring night. Given the prevalence of methamphetamine production in the Kansas hinterlands, I half expected to see the muzzle of a shotgun peek between one of the fissures in the siding, 159 years too late to deter Brown's revered heroes.

Ultimately I had to go back to central Kansas, however, for that concert was a big deal to the organizer and she's a big deal to me. Once it was over the exhausting pilgrimage homeward began, with interludes at various manuscript repositories to get some use out of all those miles. The courteous, you-first driving style of Kansas is separated from the lane-jumping, tailgating, and squeezing-in of the East Coast by a world, but that world is shrinking. Cutthroat highway habits have migrated as far west as Columbus, and leapfrogged from there to Chicago. Only when a car finally cut in front of me with bumper stickers advising me to "Coexist" and "Be Kind" did I know I was home.

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fering viable, commonsense solutions at the same time.

Bernie has made it perfectly clear that he is in the race to win and that he will do it by leading a grass-roots political and economic revolution against the status quo which has created a 40-year decline of our nation's middle class and increased the gap between the very wealthy and all other Americans.

Different from the others, who are bought and paid for by the

billionaires they will serve, Bernie, beholden only to the people, has identified our economy, currently rigged in favor of the wealthy and powerful, as one of the issues that matter most and has vowed to fight for a progressive economic agenda that: creates jobs through initiatives such as a much needed massive infrastructure jobs program, raises wages including the federal minimum, protects the environment, and will have America providing

universal healthcare like all other advanced nations.

I just read a transcript from a recent CNN "State of the Union" interview where Bernie promised Jake Tapper that "My cabinet would not be dominated by representatives of Wall Street. I think Wall Street's played a horrendous role in recent years, in negatively impacting our economy and in making the rich richer. There are a lot of great public servants out there, great

economists who for years have been standing up for the middle class and the working families of this country."

When Tapper inquired about the composition of Bernie's future economic team, Bernie proudly identified three of the country's most brilliant progressive economic minds who, for ages, have been pushing for an economic agenda like his: Paul Krugman and Joseph Stiglitz, both Nobel Laureates for

Economics, and former Clinton Administration (age of economic prosperity) Labor Secretary Robert Reich, which Bernie's rapidly growing following will find extremely exciting!

Wayne H. Merritt

Dover, NH

Wayne:

You make a good point. What a refreshing concept: a Cabinet that, for once, isn't composed primarily of retirees.

The Editor

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# Government Of, By, and For Big Money

by Jim Hightower

Your standard Governor, Congress critter, and other elected officials routinely insist that they represent “The People.” But when it comes to making public policy, do they actually represent you —or Mr. Money, who writes big campaign checks? Right.

Any pretension that we live in a self-governing democratic republic is gone. It’s been snuffed

out by a tiny club of Big Money donors (only about 600 people out of our population of 330 million). They’ve empowered themselves to choose candidates, control the public debate, and bend public policy to their selfish interests. Both major political parties are complicit in this kleptocratic transformation — Republicans by aggressively pushing it, and Democrats by passively acquiescing to it.

While Barack Obama has

done nothing to stop this money-perversion of democracy, he’s at least made noise about making the thieves disclose their theft. But noise is not action, and the GOP’s enablers of the thievery have even moved to kill Obama’s modest disclosure ideas. In June, for example, House Republicans quietly voted to prohibit the SEC — the shareholder’s watchdog — from requiring CEOs to tell the corporate owners how much of their money is being spent on

particular political candidates. Another GOP backroom proviso would keep the IRS from disclosing the names of corporate tax-law manipulators that use so-called “social-welfare” groups to funnel money anonymously into partisan political campaigns. Also, a third Republican hide-and-seek provision would allow corporations that get billions of dollars in taxpayer funds to avoid telling us the names of lawmakers they’re showering with cam-

paign cash.

The torrent of secret corporate money in our elections is hosing our democratic ideals and possibilities, blasting the people out of the process and imposing Big Money governance over America.

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## He’s Ready, Too

To the Editor:

I was born on a wintry December 4th day, 1940, under the watchful eye of the German Gestapo. During the German occupation in Lyon, France, I joined the growing numbers of abandoned, newborn boys coming of age in the shadow of the war. Paradoxically, I was saved because of this unfortunate beginning. I am here today solely for the fact that I have always relied on my gut feelings; always looking forward and thinking about the future. So, it is fitting to state that I am a product, conceived and shaped, of the seasonal prevailing winds, monsoons, earthquakes, and gales.

Recently, I was approached by a smart, eclectic and vibrant team of young titans dedicated to elect Hillary Clinton the next President of the United States. I was previously contemplating getting involved with the process, so I jumped at the occasion! This past Saturday, we joined the Merrimack Independence Day parade. Our delegation proved to be the best organized, with the greatest number of participants and the most demonstrative and enthusiastic group in attendance. The march gave us the chance to acknowledge that our message was

well received.

Like most of our past Presidents, each won because they ran at the right time with the right message, brain, spine and heart. It is my gut feeling, the same one which has carried me successfully throughout my life, that Secretary Clinton will bring together the wisest and most diverse pool of American voters. Hillary, she is the one this time!

Jean-Claude Prevot  
Manchester, NH

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## Call For More Work, Less Pay

To the Editor:

Jeb Bush, born with a silver spoon in his mouth, stated Wednesday, July 8th that “people need to work longer hours.”

Really? Americans already work longer hours than workers in any other industrial country. Since 1973 worker productivity has increased 74 percent but their pay has only increased a paltry nine percent.

Where does the difference go?

One day later, Jeb answered that question. He announced that a few big donors had contributed over \$100 million to his SuperPac. You guessed it — the difference goes to Jeb’s friends, relatives, and donors, the top one percent.

Yep, plenty of room for a foot

right next to that silver spoon.

Michael Frandzel  
Portsmouth, NH

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## Leadership: Lacking

To the Editor:

The society in which we are raised shapes the way we see the world and our idea of our place in it. Particularly in rural and small town America “where everybody knows your name” and where I grew up, there is little opportunity to experience broader views. The traditional values and the accompanying rules provide comfort and a feeling of safety along with pressure to conform.

With technology and the global economy there has been an explosion of change. With change comes discomfort and fear. The Republican Party has exploited that natural fear to their own advantage. Distortion of facts and actual lies are neither new in politics nor exclusive to one party, but the Republicans have taken the technique of manipulating voters to a new level. From weapons of mass destruction, to Mexico is sending us all its murderers and rapists, the party, with the considerable help of Fox News, has escalated normal fear of change to paranoia for the purpose of their political agenda — to get elected and

to cater to the interests of their wealthy donors.

Some sample differences between normal fear and paranoia: sensible background checks to keep people safe vs the government wants to take away all our guns; an effective immigration policy vs need for a replica of the Great Wall of China; a nuclear arms agreement vs bombing Iran and starting a new war in the Middle East.

True leaders would not polarize the country with inflammatory rhetoric, but would work to bring us together to confront the world as it is now and resolve the issues we face with common sense and respect for others. Where are those leaders in the Republican Party?

Cynthia Muse  
Rye, NH

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coast Helicopters), Hate Mail, and, of course, the back page; and then I share the paper with others whom I know appreciate the point of view.

With Jon Stewart going off the air soon, who will be left to critique the media, provide satire, and skewer the Republican Party? Well, of course, “The Nation’s Oldest Newspaper™”. Renewing my subscription is my way of helping to sustain this publication. If I lived in New Hampshire I would be a Supporting Subscriber.

I am thankful to my sister and brother-in-law, who live in Nottingham, for the Gift Subscription; and, for first sharing the *Gazette* with me back during the reign of King “W.” Long may your fine publication live.

With appreciation,  
David Cook  
Brownsville, TN

David:

We publish primarily to stave off what might otherwise manifest as random, uncontrolled eruptions of bile. Nobody wants that. That said, we do take great pleasure in hearing from those like-minded souls who apparently share our afflictions. Please extend our regards to the Nottingham crew.

The Editor

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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>1979</b>—Three and a half feet of rain fall on Alvin, Texas.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Nguyen Van Thieu, winner of 1967 Vietnamese presidential election, jails the runner-up. Same day: Mexican troops arrest thousands of students, shoot hundreds, kill dozens.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—In Detroit, police and National Guardsmen “investigating reports of a sniper” at the Algier Motel murder three black men and beat hell out of a bunch more.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—French Pres. deGaulle endorses sovereignty for Quebec.</p> <p><b>1959</b>—Engine failure forces U.S.M.C. Lt. Col. William Rankin to eject from his F-8 fighter jet over a thunderstorm. Aloft for 40 minutes amid lightning, hail, and -58° temperatures, he survives.</p> <p><b>1953</b>—Arizona State Police and National Guard arrest the town of Short Creek for polygamy.</p> <p><b>1947</b>—The National Security Act creates the CIA and NSA and turns the War Department into the DoD.</p> <p><b>1877</b>—In Chicago, at the Battle of the Viaduct, Federal troops kill 30 striking railroad workers.</p> <p><b>1826</b>—Cayetano Ripoll becomes the last person executed under the Spanish Inquisition.</p> <p><b>1758</b>—The French fortress of Louisburg, taken by New Englanders in 1744 and given back by Britain three years later, is re-taken by the British.</p>	<p><b>1996</b>—To protect the sanctity of life, Eric Robert Rudolph bombs the Atlanta Summer Olympics. For some time, though, Richard Jewell is guilty in the press.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—The House Judiciary Committee votes to impeach R.M. Nixon for trying to cover his tracks.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—South Vietnam gets another 5,000 American “military advisors,” for a total of 21,000.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—Dick “Dick” Cheney is busted for driving drunk.</p> <p><b>1957</b>—Jimmy Wilson (black) is sentenced to death in AL for stealing \$1.95 from a (white) woman.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—Guatemalan President Jacobo Árbenz Guzmán is overthrown by mercenaries at the behest of the CIA. Genocide follows.</p> <p><b>1953</b>—A truce “ends” the fighting in Korea; our troops are still there.</p> <p><b>1935</b>—In his first performance, the human cannonball W.C. Filler, 24, flies 150 feet from Ocean Park Pier in Santa Monica and fatally crashes full-length against a wave.</p> <p><b>1893</b>—During the first jolt from New York's electric chair, William Taylor breaks the straps. A second jolt fails due to generator trouble. Morphine and chloroform keep him alive for an hour so the third jolt can finally kill him.</p> <p><b>1877</b>—Pennsylvania Governor John Hartranft sends 9,000 troops to defend Pittsburgh against striking railroad workers.</p>	<p><b>2008</b>—A tornado leaves a 40-mile swath of destruction in New Hampshire and kills a woman in Deerfield.</p> <p><b>2006</b>—A wild storm topples the partially-renovated steeple of the North Church and its surrounding scaffolding onto Pleasant Street.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—Tom DeLay (R-Texas), who once said Americans smoke Cuban cigars “at the cost of our national honor,” is photographed in Jerusalem lighting up a \$25 Hoyo de Monterrey double corona.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—The country's two largest banks are fined \$300 million for helping Enron fleece investors.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—Lyndon Johnson doubles the draft quota.</p> <p><b>1957</b>—An Air Force C-24 hauling 3 nukes along the East coast dumps 2 in the ocean after losing power.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—A B-25 crashes into the Empire State Building. One engine goes right through the building, another severs elevator cables and sends a car plummeting to the basement. Six floors burn; flaming gas streams down the sides of the building. Toll: 13 dead, 26 injured.</p> <p><b>1932</b>—U.S. Army troops led by Dwight Eisenhower, aided by George S. Patton, and commanded by General Douglas MacArthur drive the “Bonus Expeditionary Force”—20,000 hungry World War I veterans—out of Washington D.C., killing two in the process.</p>	<p><b>1986</b>—Disgusted by U.S. policies in Latin America, ex-Chaplain Charlie Litley renounces the Medal of Honor he was awarded for his bravery in Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1981</b>—Congress passes Ronald Reagan's tax cut for the rich.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—The House Judiciary Committee adopts a second article to impeach Richard M. Nixon, this time for misuse of power and violating his oath of office.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Old bombs cook off after an accidental missile launch, nearly sinking the <i>U.S.S. Forrestal</i> off North Vietnam, killing 134.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—Bob Dylan crashes his Triumph, breaking his neck.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—The 101st Airborne lands in South Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—In Korea, the U.S. 7th Cavalry withdraws from No Gun Ri having shot hundreds of civilian refugees, mostly women, children, and old men, under orders from high command.</p> <p><b>1923</b>—“No more war” demonstrations held in 23 countries.</p> <p><b>1921</b>—Disgruntled former corporal Adolf Hitler becomes President of the German Nazi Party.</p> <p><b>1920</b>—Disabled German veterans rally for “No more war.”</p> <p><b>1839</b>—While looting the Tuileries along with the rest of the mob, Alexandre Dumas <i>père</i> finds a copy of one of his novels in the royal apartments and takes it.</p>	<p><b>1975</b>—Teamsters’ boss Jimmy Hoffa makes his last public appearance in Birmingham, Mich.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—The House Judiciary Committee adopts a 3rd article of impeachment of Richard M. Nixon, for ignoring subpoenas.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—Fifty-three caribou are found dead near an Army chemical and biological warfare lab. The base commander suggests they were hit by lightning.</p> <p><b>1956</b>—Congress adopts “In God We Trust” as the national motto.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—After delivering the Hiroshima A-bomb, the <i>U.S.S. Indianapolis</i> is torpedoed and sunk. Due to security measures, the sinking isn't reported for 5 days; sharks and drowning claim 880 out of 1,100 aboard.</p> <p><b>1938</b>—A. Hitler bestows Germany's highest award for non-citizens, the Grand Cross of the Supreme Order of the German Eagle, on his pal Henry Ford.</p> <p><b>1916</b>—A German saboteur destroys a thousand tons of munitions stored on a barge at Black Tom Island in New York Harbor.</p> <p><b>1864</b>—Union forces breach Confederate defenses at Petersburg by exploding a huge mine. Sadly, nearly 4,000 Union soldiers are slaughtered in the resulting crater because Brig. Gen. James Ledlie, selected to command by the drawing of straws, is drunk.</p>	<p><b>1999</b>—Astrogeologist Eugene Shoemaker becomes the first Earthling to have his cremated remains interred on the moon.</p> <p><b>1996</b>—Ex-Presidents Gerald Ford and George H. [H.] Walker Bush speak for pay before an audience of Moonies.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—Dick Nixon's former advisor John Erlichman gets five years in a felons' country club.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—The public is shocked as Thomas Eagleton withdraws his candidacy for Vice President.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—A \$100,000 “contribution” to the Republican convention persuades the “Justice” Department to let ITT retain its ownership of Hartford Fire Insurance.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—Dave Scott becomes the first person to drive a motor vehicle on the moon. Parking is no problem.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—The city of Chicago approves a plan to have its citizens tattooed with their blood type.</p> <p><b>1944</b>—Antoine de Saint-Exupéry disappears during a flight over southern France.</p> <p><b>1938</b>—New York Yankee Jake Powell is suspended after saying, on Chicago radio, that he'd “hit every colored person in Chicago over the head with a club.”</p> <p><b>1934</b>—In Scotland, German businessman Gerhard Zucker demonstrates his rocket mail proposal. He is deported after his rocket explodes and incinerates the mail.</p>	<p><b>2007</b>—An undersized gusset plate gives way on the overloaded I35-W Bridge in Minneapolis; 13 die.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—Lt. Gov. Butch Otter [R-Idaho], is busted for drunk driving a day after winning a “tight jeans” contest at Boise's Rockin' Rodeo Inn.</p> <p><b>1983</b>—After a fourteen-year suspension, the U.S. resumes the manufacture of chemical weapons.</p> <p><b>1981</b>—MTV is launched; the remnants of civilization crumble.</p> <p><b>1977</b>—Former U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers, misled by the fuel gauge of his traffic-reporting helicopter, dies after crash landing to avoid children playing.</p> <p><b>1976</b>—First occupation of the Seabrook nuclear power plant site.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—The <i>Washington Post</i> reports on a “two-bit burglary” at Democratic National HQ.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—1st Lt. G.W. Bush is suspended from flying status with the Texas Air Nat'l Guard for failure to take a physical exam (which would have required him to pee in a cup).</p> <p><b>1969</b>—A Massachusetts Superior Court judge rejects a DA's request for an inquest into the death of Mary Jo Kopeczne.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—Honor student and former Marine Charles Whitman shoots 45 (killing 12) from a tower at the University of Texas.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—IWW organizer Frank Little is lynched in Butte, Mont. No one bothers to look for the culprits.</p>
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 2	MONDAY, AUGUST 3	TUESDAY, AUGUST 4	Wednesday, AUGUST 5	THURSDAY, AUGUST 6	FRIDAY, AUGUST 7	SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

**2000**—The GOP picks George W. Bush to be president, and Dick “Dick” Cheney to run the country.

**1993**—A short circuit sends a self-destruct command to a Titan IV rocket over the Pacific. It blows up, destroying three spy satellites. Total cost: \$1 billion.

**1990**—Iraq invades Kuwait.

**1965**—CBS reporter Morley Safer suggests that the U.S. might not win in Vietnam.

**1964**—The *U.S.S. Maddox*, collecting intelligence in support of covert operations in North Vietnam, reports an “unprovoked” attack by North Vietnamese torpedo boats in the Gulf of Tonkin.

**1943**—Prisoners at Treblinka revolt. Only forty survive, but the camp is shut down.

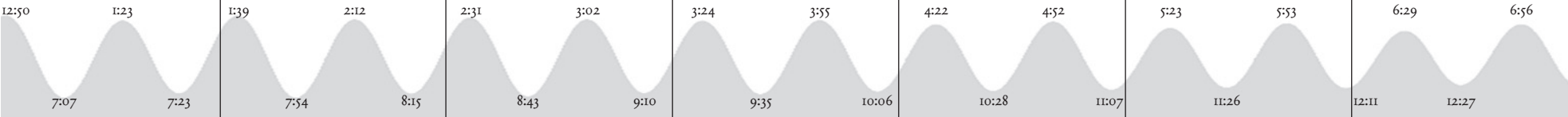
**1943**—The nimble American PT boat #109 is rammed and sunk by a ponderous Japanese destroyer.

**1939**—A. Einstein writes to FDR describing the possibility of constructing a nuclear bomb.

**1931**—A. Einstein urges all scientists to refuse military work.

**1865**—After capturing and sinking American whaling vessels all summer, the *CSS Shenandoah* learns the war's been over since April.

**1832**—Hundreds of starving Sauk and Fox Indians try to surrender at Bad Axe, Wis., only to be massacred by the Illinois militia. Wisconsin apologizes—in 1990.

 **1999**—A House/Senate committee agrees to cut taxes for the rich by nearly \$800 billion.  **1981**—Federal air traffic controllers go on strike.  **1971**—New Hampshire's own Alan Shepard becomes the first man to whack a golf ball on the moon.  **1966**—Lenny Bruce, free on appeal, beats a four-month sentence on an obscenity rap by dying.  **1962**—Tusko the elephant dies in an Oklahoma City zoo two hours after researchers give him LSD.  **1948**—Alger Hiss is accused of spying by ex-Red Whittaker Chambers.  **1943**—Gen. George S. Patton slaps a shell-shocked private in an Army hospital.  **1939**—After catching five baseballs dropped from a blimp 500 feet above the World's Fair, Joe Sprinz tries to catch one dropped 1,000 feet. He loses four teeth.  **1931**—In Chicago, an anti-eviction march by 60,000 turns into a riot; three die.  **1923**—By the light of a kerosene lantern, at 2:47 a.m. in Plymouth, Vt., Calvin Coolidge is sworn in as President by his own father.  **1913**—Police shoot up an IWW farmworkers' meeting in Wheatland, Calif., killing four. For organizing the meeting, two union leaders are later convicted of murder and sentenced to life. | **1995**—Congress votes to de-regulate the media with predictably splendid results.  **1992**—The Republican National Convention re-nominates the Bush/Quayle ticket. Snicker.  **1987**—The FCC jettisons the Fairness Doctrine, declaring it “restricts the journalistic freedom of broadcasters.”  **1973**—Toronto police arrest Yankee outfielder Dave Winfield for accidentally killing a seagull with a thrown ball.  **1964**—The *U.S.S. Maddox* and *U.S.S. Turner Joy* report a second torpedo attack in Gulf of Tonkin. Oddly, there are no casualties; neither is there any damage.  **1961**—Barack H. Obama allegedly is born in Hawaii.  **1948**—HUAC chairman J.P. Thomas's pocketing of the payroll from his pals' no-show jobs is exposed in Drew Pearson's column.  **1945**—Red Sox vs. Senators in D.C.: Joe Cleary (last Irish native in the Majors, ERA 189.0), is relieved by one-legged Bert Shepard, the Majors' first amputee. In 5 innings Shepard gives up just 3 hits and 1 run, but the Sox win 15-4.  **1925**—After 13 years, U.S. Marines leave Nicaragua.  **1916**—The U.S. agrees to buy the Virgin Islands from Denmark.  **1892**—In Fall River, Mass., somebody gives Lizzie Borden's father and stepmother the axe. | **2012**—A White Supremacist invalidates his own ideology by murdering six Sikhs in Oak Creek, Wis.  **2011**—Responding to GOP threats that it might not pay its bills, S&P downgrades the U.S. Government's credit rating.  **2004**—“Our enemies,” says George W. Bush, “never stop thinking about new ways to harm our country and our people, and neither do we.”  **1981**—Ronald Reagan fires 12,700 air traffic controllers.  **1977**—The NRC admits it's lost 4 tons of enriched uranium.  **1969**—The Army reveals that eight Green Berets have been arrested for “terminating” a suspected South Vietnamese double agent “with extreme prejudice.”  **1964**—The U.S. bombs N. Vietnam.  **1962**—South Africa nabs fugitive Nelson Mandela thanks to a tip from the CIA.  **1950**—Eighteen are killed when a B-29 crashes into a trailer park in California, but at least the nuclear weapon on board fails to explode.  **1912**—The Progressive Party is formed “to dissolve the unholy alliance between corrupt business and corrupt politics.”  **1864**—As Admiral Farragut damns the torpedoes and takes Mobile Bay, Portsmouth native Samuel Todd mans the conn of the *U.S.S. Brooklyn* with such distinction he is later awarded the Medal of Honor. | **2001**—Given a briefing titled, *Bin Laden Determined to Strike in U.S.* George W. Bush, while on vacation, responds, “All right. You've covered your ass now.”  **1991**—Tim Berners-Lee introduces the World to the Web.  **1970**—Disneyland is invaded by 300 pot-smoking Yippies chanting Viet Cong slogans & demanding freedom for Mickey Mouse.  **1945**—Sayonara, Hiroshima.  **1930**—New York Supreme Court Justice and Democratic bigwig John Force Crater purges some private files, cashes a large check, and disappears forever.  **1926**—Gertrude Ederle swims the English Channel, two hours faster than any of the five men who had previously accomplished that feat.  **1895**—The socialist paper *Appeal to Reason* begins. By 1902 its circulation is the 4th highest in the U.S.  **1890**—New York State takes 8 minutes to execute William Kemmler, thrashing and smoking, in its new electric chair.  **1882**—Abel Pifre prints newspapers on a steam-powered press fueled by a solar boiler on an overcast day in Paris.  **1855**—A Louisville mob armed with a cannon is dissuaded by the mayor from destroying a Catholic church. They settle for burning down houses in the Irish quarter and killing 20. | **1979**—A nuclear fuel plant leak near Erwin, Tenn., contaminates 1,000 people with 5 times a year's normal background radiation.  **1974**—In New York, Phillipe Petit takes a stroll on a wire between the World Trade Center towers.  **1964**—Congress falls for Gulf of Tonkin hoax and gives L.B.J. unprecedented (and unconstitutional) power. Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) votes no, saying “I believe that within the next century, future generations will look with dismay and great disappointment upon a Congress which is now about to make such a historic mistake.”  **1964**—*Time Magazine* says of “A Hard Day's Night,” “avoid this film at all costs.”  **1942**—Marines land on Guadalcanal.  **1936**—Rep. Marion Zioncheck (D-Wash.), who once had a load of manure delivered to J. Edgar “Mary” Hoover's front lawn, defenestrates from the fifth floor of a Seattle office building.  **1917**—Squadron Commander E.H. Dunning, first man to safely land a plane on a moving ship, dies five days after performing that feat while attempting to repeat it.  **1915**—Gen. A. Godley sends the Australian 3rd Light Horse into Turkish machine guns at Gallipoli despite a failed artillery barrage. Sixty-two percent of the men in the unit are either killed or wounded. | **1991**—After 17 years as the world's tallest structure, the 2,120 ft. Warsaw Radio Mast collapses.  **1989**—Ed “Meese is a Pig” Meese's pal E. Robert Wallach is convicted of racketeering for accepting \$425,000 to influence Meese and others to win defense contracts for Wedtech Corp.  **1988**—Mehran Karimi Nasseri gets stranded at the airport in Paris, where he spends the next 16 years.  **1980**—While running for re-election, Rep. Jon Hinson (R-Mich.) admits he has been accused of committing an obscene act in a “gay haunt” in Virginia and once barely escaped a fire in a gay movie theatre. But he denies he's gay.  **1974**—Richard M. Nixon announces he's a quitter after all.  **1973**—Veeep Spiro “Ted” Agnew calls true allegations that he accepted kickbacks while Governor of Maryland “damned lies.”  **1968**—R. Nixon chooses S. Agnew for a running mate.  **1925**—Thirty thousand members of the Ku Klux Klan march in full regalia down Pennsylvania Ave. in Washington, D.C.  **1903**—Miners strike in Cripple Creek, Colo.  **1892**—Three McCoys kill a Hatfield during an election day brawl in Pike County, Kentucky.  **1879**—Birth of Emiliano Zapata, Mexican revolutionary. |

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