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## The Fortnightly Rant

### By Any Means Necessary

The Executive Council voted recently to cut off state funding to a non-profit organization which provides a broad array of health care services not otherwise available to 13,000 New Hampshire women and their families.

On the face of it, that sounds terrible and wrong. Appearances can be misleading, though. It is actually good, and right.

Allow us to explain — in Republicanese. With a slight Trumpian accent, just to suit the tenor of the times.

First, the people have spoken. In the most recent mid-term election, forty-one percent of the State's potential voters went to the polls and gave Republicans a whopping 3 to 2 majority in the Executive Council. So Democrats can just shut their pie holes.

Second, the Executive Council is a 335-year-old governing body which dates from the days of King Charles II. Its members were Puritans then, and they're Puritans now — at least, the ones whose votes count. You got a problem with that?

Therefore, whatever the Council decides must be what the people want, regardless of how cruel and crazy it may seem.

As to the specific vote in question: despite all appearances to the contrary, it was not about depriving thousands of people of vital health care services.

It was about putting a halt to the evil practice of extorting hard-earned taxpayers' money from innocent hard-working citizens and turning it over to a possibly-Communistic criminal organization that murders babies

for fun and profit.

We know that's what they were doing because an uncredentialed 26-year old kid from California, who models himself after the famous *faux*-pimp James O'Keefe, implied as much in a tortuously-edited video hit job.

The Executive Council deserves a medal, or three-fifths of a medal. David Daleiden, the videographer, is also a hero, since he was surreptitiously taping people providing health services. If he'd been taping farm animals being beaten with sticks, he'd be a felon like his idol O'Keefe.

We will now resume our regular programming — as soon as these Advils take effect.

#### Alternate Realities

Here is a less-tenuous version of what happened, and is happening, in Concord, in states across the country, and in Congress.

Forty-two years ago the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that women have a Constitutional right to end a pregnancy.

That has been driving reacto-conservatives crazy ever since, because it happens to run counter to their religious beliefs.

The Constitution, however, was carefully written to exclude the use of religious beliefs as a basis for legislation.

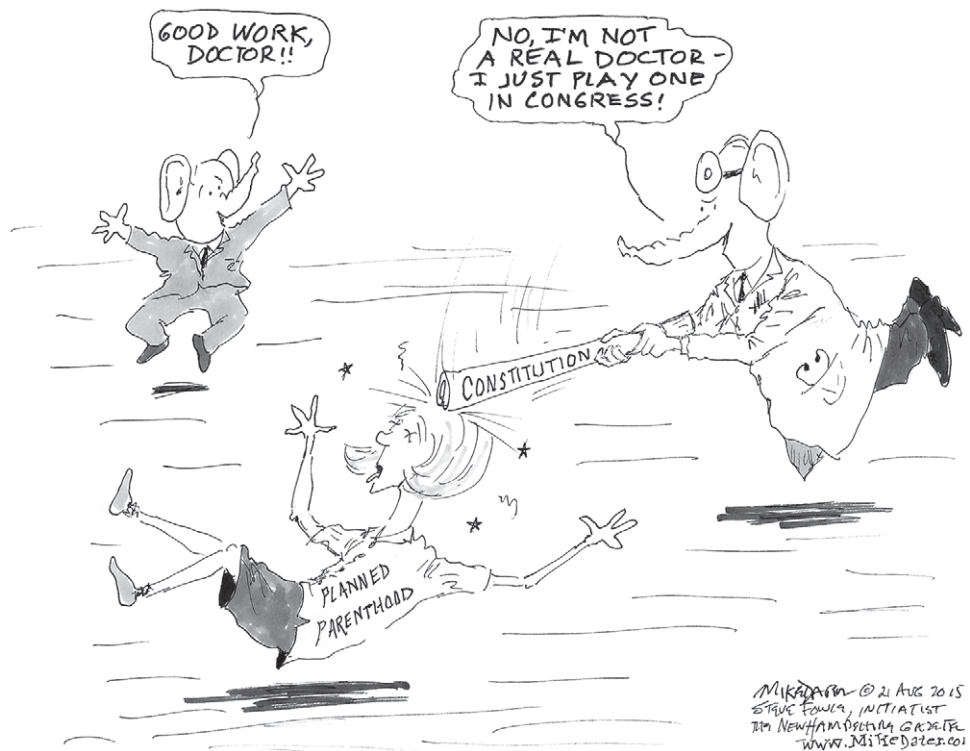
Despite that prohibition, the reacto-conservatives succeeded long ago in banning the use of federal money to fund abortions. That was quite a feat. Picture Quakers, Mennonites the Amish, and Seventh Day Adventists getting legislation passed that banned the Defense Department from firing artillery

and dropping bombs.

Impressive as it was, the reacto-conservatives were not satisfied with their victory. Their goal of banning all abortions, however, could not be achieved by using the Constitution as the Founding Fathers had intended.

Improbably channeling Malcolm X, they have adopted his maxim, "by any means necessary." Under those terms, with the Constitution as their only available tool, they've opted to use it as a hammer.

Let us review, because it is a little bit complicated: a minority of the public, which professes to simultaneously revere the Constitution and loathe the government which is the manifestation of it, has chosen to violate both the spirit and the letter of that Constitution in order to use that Government to impose their own religious beliefs upon others.



#### IOKIYAR

This morality play is being performed against a backdrop of lurid misbehavior committed by members of the moralizing Party. Strange how that backdrop seems always at the ready. The contrast between the standards of behavior prescribed by reacto-conservatives for others and those they follow themselves is persistent enough to have generated an acronym, standing for "It's OK If You're A Republican."

Take Michigan Representative Todd Courser, for example. Courser is a Tea Party Republican whose official website modestly notes his own role, at the age of four, in bringing his parents to Jesus. Courser recently admitted that he made up a story about having hired a male prostitute in order to mask an illicit affair he'd been conducting with a fellow Tea Partier. The world

is full of run-of-the-mill hypocrites. This guy's an overachiever.

The Tony Award for Best Performance by a Hypocrite goes to Presidential candidate Ben Carson, though. Having published a scientific paper in 1992 which relied on research he performed on tissue taken from "two fetuses aborted in the ninth and 17th week of gestation," he is adamantly opposed to funding Planned Parenthood.

#### Take That!

Some local women have begun a campaign to fund Planned Parenthood of Northern New England through donations — in the name of the Executive Councilor who cast the deciding defunding vote. It's easy, and it's fun. Just visit the URL <http://bit.ly/191WoWr>, and insert into the "Honoree" block, Chris Sununu, 71 Hemlock Court, Newfields, NH 03856.

## The Alleged News®

### When Donald Met Megyn

This has been a fortnight like no other. Technically, of course, the same could be said of every fourteen-day period in human history. But this is *[h]uuge*.

A single person, from time to time, may have dominated the news cycle for a couple of weeks. But this is the first time anyone has ever succeeded in bludgeoning that unwieldy, amorphous thing into his own image.

And what a grotesque image it is — straight outta "Caddyshack." If only Rodney Dangerfield were still alive, he could star in the biopic — provided that he could overcome his own innate gentility and sense of decorum.

We joke, of course. As those ubiquitous insurance ads would say, it's what we do. What else *can* we do, when so many things — from international nuclear arms

agreements to mammograms for women in Sullivan County — hang on the whims of a political party whose marbles have clearly gone missing?

How, you ask, can we possibly justify such a sweeping statement? Here's how: for decades, some sizeable portion of the Party in question has professed to believe that the world was created 6,000 years ago — and the rest have tacitly accepted that asinine belief for fear of alienating our gullible brethren.

As if that were not appalling enough, the Party now appears willing, if that is what its most-zealous, least reality-based members desire, to hand itself over to Donald Trump. Indeed, it appears unable to prevent such an outcome.

On a slightly less-cosmic lev-

el, the Trump Ascendancy (*pace* Robert Ludlum) may be another sign of the impending demise of New Hampshire's First in the Nation™ Presidential Primary Election,® and the retail politics it embodies.

If we are doomed to live in a world whose most-powerful nation has even the most remote chance of being run by a real life Al Czervik (minus that fictional character's charm), let us at least take the time to recall how we got here.

#### A Slippery, Slimy Slope

The stage was set for this debacle by the Supreme Court's inability to distinguish between a citizen's voice and a plutocrat's assets.

Taxation equals Communism in these post-Reagan days, so billionaires are a dime a dozen.

Desperate to distinguish themselves, they commission their own potential Presidential puppets.

In the absence of a non-proliferation treaty, it's a miracle there aren't twice as many candidates. Not to worry, though — the GOP has a big tent. There is room inside for every grifter, shill, and huckster out there who can muster up a smile and a shoeshine.

Such a mob would eventually have to be hacked down to size by some means or other. The traditional winnowing process has been for the wannabes to trudge through myriad podunk locales, of which the Granite State was the *sine qua non*.

This time around, the purportedly conservative Republican Party decided to try something different — radically different.

Following what it believes to be good business practice, the Party outsourced its debates to Fox News.

That is where things went predictably sideways. Just consider the ingredients: the base of the Republican Party is made up of people who are apoplectic about the economic hardships they are forced to endure — as a consequence of the policies of the party which they support. The only news medium they trust is Fox — the only news medium proven to lower its audience's understanding of public affairs.

Besides, Roger Ailes is the President of Fox News. A more honest job title would be Minister of Propaganda. He has a very

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particular set of skills, which are marvelously adapted for working along the dark end of the spectrum of the televisual arts. Ailes made his bones selling Richard Nixon to America in 1968. Incredibly, it's been downhill since then.

Giving the debates to Fox was the moral equivalent of giving hard liquor, cell phones, and fast cars to a mob of teenagers. You can't predict exactly what will happen, but you know there will be blood.

**When Donald Met Megyn**

Literally or figuratively, somewhere in a hushed room, the megalomaniacs who thought that they ran the Republican Party said to each other, "we've

got to get a net over this guy Trump."

Brett Baier, drawing the short straw, got to press Trump on whether he'd get in line and pledge fealty to something larger than himself. How idiotic. There is no such thing.

Then it was Megyn Kelly's turn. She might as well have waved a bullfighters' cape.

In an interview the following day Trump said, in effect, "you thought that was bad? Listen to this!"

Ailes and the Party he serves have learned to their horror that Trump has Godzilla DNA. Every day new footage emerges of him stomping on pillars of the Republican establishment. On Tuesday he went after Frank Luntz, the Party's chief linguist, second only to Ailes in



Three years ago, in August of 2012, any random person traveling along Route 1B in Rye could pull over here, at Sanders Poynt, to dig for clams, dabble their feet in the water, launch a canoe, go swimming, or otherwise take advantage of a public-access tradition dating back thousand of years. That month, however, William Binnie, former plastic clothes hanger magnate turned upscale adult amusement park proprietor, began taking steps to halt those practices. Town records suggest that his motivation may have been to reduce the potential for lawsuits from people who might be bonked on the noggin by his customers' errant golf balls.



importance when it comes to flim-flamming the rubes.

**Herzog Day Is Coming**

September 5th will be the second annual Tweet Like Werner Herzog Day.

We mention this now because our next paper will be published on September 4th, and 24 hours notice would be insufficient.

"To make great art you must suffer greatly. To make bad art you must suffer badly."

— Werner Twertzog

**"I'll Race Ya ..."**

The *Washington Post* reported on Monday that, since Dylann Roof murdered nine parishioners at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in South Carolina on June 17th, there have been 173 rallies in

support of ...

You are expecting, maybe, racial harmony?

No. The rallies were in support of the Confederate battle flag. Because, America.

**A [No] Class Act**

President Jimmy Carter engineered the Camp David Accords and presided over an economy that grew by an annual rate of over three percent — that's better than any post-WW II Republican has done. He also served, involuntarily, as the first test subject for the Right Wing's now-perfected opponent demonization program.

Now 90 years old, Carter recently announced that he has metastatic cancer. At times like

this, it is customary to make nice.

Unless, of course, you're Fox News, which tweeted, "Our country has not been as aimless & lost as it is today since, I think, Jimmy Carter ... It's probably even worse today."

**Nuisance's Complaint Dismissed**

Bruce Cultrera, the owner of what we would wager is the Seacoast's least-popular tourist attraction, has failed in his attempt to get the Portsmouth Police Department to arrest a Rye man for exercising his First Amendment rights.

In July, Michael Thiel wrote to Cultrera, asking him to "please stop flying your helicopters over my property and especially at heights below the 500 (feet)

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mandated by the FAA.” Otherwise, Thiel wrote, he would take “appropriate action, legal or otherwise.”

Cultrera rather skittishly interpreted that last phrase as a threat and called the cops. The police duly investigated, but concluded that there was no threat and dropped the matter.

The *Portsmouth Herald’s* story, published August 7th, included Cultrera’s curious statement that he and his company “are on ‘real good terms’ with the Portsmouth Police Department and donate to it charitably.”

Cultrera has made no charitable donations to the Police Department, according to Kathe Levesque, the Chief’s Secretary. She suggested that the paper, or Cultrera, might be confusing

the Department with the Portsmouth Police Relief Association. Our emailed inquiry to the Association has so far gone unanswered.

We asked Thiel if Seacoast Helicopters had begun complying with his request that they avoid his property. Far from it, he said. He continues to document the dates, times, estimated altitude, &c., of Cultrera’s flights, and sent us a template for the spreadsheet he uses for that purpose. We’ll send copies to readers upon request.

Although he did not share with us any specific Grand Plan, it appears clear that Thiel intends to keep fighting for peace and quiet. So do we.

Last October City Attorney Bob Sullivan suggested that if



*Sanders Poynt today. Local potentate William Binnie’s obliteration of the public parking facility here got him sued in Rockingham County Superior Court. In his defense, his attorneys filed so much paperwork they could probably have bought yachts with their fees. Judge Marguerite L. Wageling ruled for the public, though, upholding their right to walk from their road to their beach, regardless of the delicate feelings of the members of Binnie’s Wentworth by the Sea Country Club. But all is not yet well. The long row of four-foot long designer boulders which had been placed within the State’s right of way has been removed, and the row of man-high arbor vitae plants just behind the rail fence has been cut low. Both changes were mandated by an agreement between the Country Club and the Town of Rye. The rail fence still obstructs passage, though, and the gravel parking lot has not been restored. The Town has even petitioned the State to erect No Parking signs at the site. The public has its easement, but will not be able to use it unless Judge Wageling decrees that the gravel parking lot be restored. Even then, it is generally anticipated that Binnie will appeal.*



‘ELEPHANT SEE, ELEPHANT DO’

enough people are bothered by a given specific noisemaker — which clearly seems to be the case with helicopters — then the city could step in and bring a lawsuit under Chapter 3, Article IV, Section 3.406 of the City Ordinances. If that lawsuit were successful, then the city could get “an order from a court telling the nuisance, the noisemaker in this case, to stop doing it.”

On Monday, we asked Sullivan what it would take for the City Attorney to begin such a proceeding, specifically in regards to helicopters.

He replied that “the red helicopter situation is very much complicated by federal pre-emption of the law regarding regulation of the nation’s airways. [It is] very difficult to imagine a set of facts on which the City could prevail, for that reason.”

It is understandable that the City would be reluctant to devote taxpayers’ resources towards a regulatory effort with little hope for success. A grassroots, citi-

zen-driven effort to exert some other form of pressure seems like a reasonable alternative.

As a starting point, we would suggest an online platform, open to the community at large, into which anyone could enter data. Over time, a database could be developed graphically showing the magnitude of the aggravation: when, where and how many of these flights occur, and how many people are ticked off enough to try and do something about it. Trolls could be excluded through a simple registration process, or kept manageable, at least. You can’t control a process until you can measure it. Any coders out there want to take a crack at this?



Silence Scenic Helicopters! has made up a new batch of stickers, this time with the helicopter depicted in red ink. We believe they can be had at the Sheafe Street Bookstore. In the meantime, the phone number for airborne noise complaints is still (603) 436-6333.

### Flotsam & Jetsam

- “Sesame Street,” the program which helped teach the alphabet to millions of children from all walks of life, will no longer be broadcast Public Television first. Only subscribers to HBO, the premium cable network, will get it fresh. Free-loaders will wait nine months. After all, we’re not socialists.

- When we called the Portsmouth Police Department with an inquiry on Monday, the telephone was answered by Lieutenant Sargent. We had to ask, had he read *Catch-22*? With a slight chuckle, he said that he had.

- Happy discovery at Ceres Bakery on Monday: on the counter was a small stack of copies of *Mothers News* — “The Paper of Record.” Should they all be gone now, back issues may be found online at [www.mothers-news.net/backissues/](http://www.mothers-news.net/backissues/).

- In religious news, the Flying Spaghetti Monster has been located. He was discovered living off the coast of Angola, at a depth of about 4,000 feet, by a team of Pastafarian scientists.

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End This Outlandish Inequality

To the Editor:

Each year the National Low Income Housing Coalition calculates the average wage per hour a worker needs to earn to afford a one or two-bedroom apartment in each state. This year, New Hampshire was the 14th most expensive in the nation — a worker needs an hourly wage of more than \$20.50 to afford such housing — nearly three times greater than the national minimum hourly wage. A renter earning the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 would need to work 85 hours per week to afford a one-bedroom apartment at the Fair Market Rent and 102 hours per week to afford a two-bedroom Fair Market Rent. This is an atrocity.

It is outrageous that 35 million Americans, one in four workers, earn the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour. It has been that amount since July 24, 2009. It is obvious that wages are not keeping up with the costs of basic necessities such as shelter, food, clothing, and health care.

Many New Hampshire families struggle to make ends meet and live pay check to pay check, unable to tuck anything away for a rainy day or emergency.

Why is this happening? Simply put, those who have and control the wealth do not want to lend a hand to those who go without. They do not want to pay their fair share in taxes to fund the infrastructure or keep

the environment clean. They expect their employees to line the corporate coffers, yet they don't want to compensate them fairly.

The top one percent of income earners is immeasurably wealthy, while the remaining 99 percent (us) have stalled wages. The distribution of wealth has the widest gap between the wealthy and the rest of us since the Roaring Twenties. This is unacceptable and the trend must be reversed. Otherwise, what we now know as the middle class will disappear. The American dream will be a chapter in history books and all of the gains that have been made for workers over the last hundred years will vanish.

There is a growing undercurrent across our state, the nation and the world calling for all employers to pay their employees a livable wage. In many places, it is called the Fight for \$15. However, we know that in New Hampshire you need to earn more than that just to pay the rent.

If workers' wages increase, their contributions to the local economy will, as well. They will be able to go to the local movie theatre once in a while. They will be able to purchase a new vehicle. They will be able to stop at the local restaurant now and then. It is a win-win.

I am proud that our organization, SEA/SEIU Local 1984 is part of this movement and I ask you to be a part of it, as well. Working collectively, we can end the gross wage disparity in our nation and our state. We must reverse it now, before it is too late.

Richard Gulla  
Pres., SEA/SEIU Local 1984  
Concord, N.H.

Richard:

*All state residents, including the union-bating freeloaders, are in debt to the SEA/SEIU. Congratulations for forging ahead in the face of the never-ending efforts of the oligarchs to use the power of gov-*

*ernment they despise to legislate you out of existence.*

The Editor

Opposes Iran Agreement

To the Editor:

Critics of critics of the Iran deal seem to miss much of the point. This could be a great treaty if abided by, but would threaten grave consequences if not. So instead of analytical examination of the prospects, we are hearing lots of hysteria.

There are numerous real concerns. They deserve accurate discussion and evaluation. For example:

1. Verification: 24 days notice prior to examining known sites. 24 days? If there was real intention of compliance, wouldn't NO notice be ample, and wouldn't such snap inspections provide a much more reliable and reassuring verification?

2. Historical: Iran has repeatedly violated prior nuclear agreements with the UN. What would be improved here?

3. Declarative: Iran's leaders are still publicly exhorting their population to loath and destroy Little Satan and Great Satan. They are now purchasing warplanes and intercontinental ballistic missiles from abroad. All they need is a few nuclear surprises and they'll be free to act on the vile threats they make to their population. Even if they adhere scrupulously to every other aspect of this treaty, they could still purchase nukes from Pakistan (unlikely) or North Korea (eminently plausible.)

4. Policy: Iran is funding and arming proxies around the region, and occasionally blowing people up in places like Argentina. While this is very much like the U.S., it's great when we do it, and evil when anyone else does it, right? I'm no fan of moral double standards. How about we demand moral international actions from our own government,

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too? While we kill for democracy (translation: profit), Iran makes clear that they intend to bring Armageddon for the glory of Allah and the establishment of the 12th Caliphate, or whichever thread of violent Islam they adhere to — I get easily confused by religious silliness. At least we in the U.S. don't generally nuke people, not even as a matter of theological principle.

5: Wishful thinking: So many naive souls bought into Said's attacks on Huntington. There really is a clash between civilizations. Well-meaning optimists don't seem to grasp that different peoples hold vitally different *weltanschauungs* from our own, and that some of those viewpoints can be even more lethal than our repeated deadly caprices.

6. Risks: How about a cost/benefit analysis? If Iran continues its present declared path, is it better to risk a nuclear war that Iran initiates on its own schedule, or to preemptively pressure her and, worst case, engage in a non-nuclear one now?

7: Consequences: Iran's progress will likely trigger Saudi, post-Attaturk Turkey, and perhaps other regional antagonists to nucleify (creating new words is more fun than applying new meanings to the words attached to this treaty); and free up many billions to help fund terrorists throughout the region and beyond; and empower nuclear-armed true-believers whose decision-making does not fall under the rubric of "rational." If this is the outcome, then "deterrence" becomes a meaningless concept, and prevention becomes a vital focus, both toward Iran and the other competitor countries — or now, even organizations — to ensure there's no purchasing, stealing, or building of their own nukes.

8: Reality: Recent reports suggest that CEO's, politicians, and criminal psychopaths share a high incidence of lack of empathy and conscience, which permits them to do the horrible things they do and still sleep just fine. Khomeini?

These and other items I haven't touched on are the fundamental issues we which we should be evaluating if we hope to arrive at a logical judgment regarding what makes sense in deciding this complicated issue.

Given Iran's duplicitous past behavior with the IAEA, I see no reason for optimism here. It probably is too late to avoid the harm that will likely flow from this situation whether Congress blocks or the veto is over-ridden. Either action could result in disaster if our fundamental premises were flawed. And so far, it's difficult to tell what to think — notice I didn't say "believe" — because people seem so focused on grammar, character assassination, and glib conceptual hallucinations that they aren't rationally assessing terms, conditions, and likely consequences. While I don't *know* what the accurate answer is — nor does anyone else except Khomeini — I'm pretty nervous that Iran's history of treaty violations and widespread support for violence does not provide a positive augury. Time to change my religion from Atheist to Survivalist.

Richard Collier  
Portsmouth, N.H.

Richard:

1: As Richard Nixon once said, "when they use a proctoscope, that's going too far."

2: Why should Iran trust us? What about the Geneva Accords of 1954?

3: Talk is cheap.

4: You countered your own objection pretty well yourself.

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Julian Bond (1940-2015), in a 1997 PBS interview about the ongoing civil rights struggle

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# And Other Correspondence

5: *Optimism and Coca-Cola will, in the long run, defend us better than F-35s.*  
6: *Fatalism.*  
7: *Trouble-borrowing.*  
8: *Pot, meet kettle.*  
*The Editor*

**Supports Iran Agreement**  
To the Editor:  
As I listen to opponents of the Iran Agreement I am struck by their ignoring of the international nature of this agreement. The most foolish talk in terms of "Obama's deal with the Aya-tollah." Perhaps these blind partisans do not know and do not want to know that the Brits, the French, the Germans the Russians and the Chinese are on our side. Together the sanctions of this huge international community have made these negotiations possible and borne fruit in an effective enforceable international agreement to end Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons.

The great danger in this blindness is that we might do something that will result in huge shifts in the overall stability of the world's political structure. If this shift occurs our rivals will likely seek their own gain and our friends will blame us for causing the instability. I am no prophet and make no predictions. I am only pointing out that within the generally stable world political structure the largest and most potent nations have been moving together towards a shared goal in a matter of great consequence. Each has done so for its own motivations. Getting out of this what it sees as what is best for it within the current overall world political situation.

If a monkey wrench is thrown into the works everything might change. The current stability might end and a period of instability may begin. Even our

friends can be expected to grab for all they can get and our rivals can be expected to do things we will not like one bit. Being the authors of the instability that enabled this situation will hamper our options to effectively deal with it.

We tend not to think of the current world political situation as stable and predictable but it currently is largely stable and fairly predicable. Our not seeing it in these terms is a form of taking peace for granted. If this International Agreement is rejected it might initiate a chain of reactions that could spin out of control and create disaster on a global scale.

Tom Laperriere  
Rochester, N.H.

**Little Red Heli#@%ers**  
To the Editor:  
Enough is enough. Oliver Wendell Holmes said it best — my right to swing my fist ends where your nose begins.

I am a former airline pilot. I know a little something about airplanes and a little something about their noise. As any pilot knows, practically every airport has what is called a "noise abatement" procedure requiring some sort of usually non-standard flying maneuver mandated by the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) which attempts to limit noise and annoyance to the airport's neighbors. I sympathized with those living in an airport's vicinity, but still felt that most nearby residents most likely chose to live there, and noise unfortunately is a consequence of that decision.

I retired and moved to Portsmouth in the early 90s. I did not choose to buy a house near an airport with its concomitant noise. But the City Council allowed the airport, in essence, to move to my house. That is the

consequence of allowing Bruce Cultrera's infuriatingly annoying helicopters to circle overhead on any sunny day, seemingly endlessly.

I won't argue at what altitude they fly — 900 feet, 1,000 feet, it makes little difference. I won't argue what the duration is per flight. I won't argue how often one particular flight may or may not return and circle more than once. I won't argue that Mr. Cultrera has the option to fly with no paying passengers as a way to advertise he's in the sight-seeing business. I won't argue that his altruistic gestures aren't sincere, though I believe they are attempts to suborn and deflect criticism and enhance his image as a civic-minded Good Samaritan. And I won't argue that Mr. Cultrera hasn't a right to make a living with his helicopters.

But I will argue that I have a right to a certain peace and quietude sitting inside my house or in my backyard the privilege for which I pay the city (currently) \$9,600 per year. And I will argue that that right is repeatedly violated daily by Mr. Cultrera's rights. We both have rights, but his seem more equal than mine.

For the record, out of the slew I missed, I recorded on my video gizmo this past Saturday — August 8, 2015 — 10 of Mr. Cultrera's helicopters directly over or in close vicinity to my house, starting at 8:22 a.m. through the last, at 8:02 p.m. That's pretty close to 12 hours of blue-ribbon grade irritation.

Why are the city and the FAA so impotent or so hamstrung to curtail his operation in any way? If Mr. Cultrera owned a bar with loud music annoying perhaps 50 or so abutters, he'd be limited in a trice. But he can annoy an entire city and all the authorities are helpless?!

In short, I guess this is what I don't understand: why can Mr. Cultrera have all his rights pro-

tected, but I can't have any of mine protected? And why can't Portsmouth's other similarly annoyed residents have their rights protected? This isn't a hypothetical question. I really want an answer. Mr. Cultrera can make his bucks at the expense of my quality of life. That just doesn't seem fair and square somehow.

In the end it sure feels to me as if Mr. Cultrera's fist is well beyond where my nose begins.

Mike Dater  
Portsmouth, N.H.

*Mike:*  
*Have we met? That name sounds familiar ....*

*Don't worry about altitude, duration, &c. — we will happily continue beating those dead horses ourselves.*

*Exactly how Seacoast citizens might regain their peace and quiet has yet to be determined. These pages stand ready to host the debate on how that goal might best be accomplished.*

*The Editor*

**Defunding Planned Parenthood**  
To the Editor:

The following letter was sent to Chris Sununu, Executive Councilor on August 11, 2015.

Yesterday you, along with two other men, restricted the health care of 13,000 New Hampshire women and families that depend on Planned Parenthood for wellness, cancer screening, and family planning. The bulk of funds that Planned Parenthood receives comes in the form of Medicaid reimbursements for medical services. These services do not include abortion.

It is no answer to casually suggest that women obtain these medical services elsewhere. You and those who claim other health clinics and providers could simply step in to offer care to those affected by permanently closing Planned Parenthood's doors are operating outside reality. The capacity to serve this population



does not exist and won't magically spring up overnight in our rural or underserved areas.

You feel uncomfortable about the practices described in the secretly recorded videos. So far, the five videos which have been released do not, as claimed, show that Planned Parenthood sells fetal tissue for profit. There's simply no evidence that Planned Parenthood has done anything wrong, except making fetal tissue available to medical researchers — a practice specifically authorized by Congress over two decades ago, with broad, bipartisan support. Planned Parenthood staffers were discussing transferring fetal tissue to what they believe were legitimate medical researchers. The group behind the videos, the Center for Medical Progress, employs no scientists or physicians engaged in advancing medical treatments.

Planned Parenthood is not profiting from the sale of such tissue, which is only done with the consent and cooperation of the woman who donates it. The videos actually make it clear that the group charges only a small fee, as allowed by government regulations to cover their expenses. Justification for donation tissue is that it goes to researchers studying Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's, Down syndrome, cystic fibrosis and treatments for sick babies, among other health

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The Northcountry Chronicle

The New Colonialism

by William Marvel

It probably took the television adaptation of “Johnny Tremain” to distract me from my obsession with the Civil War long enough to kindle an interest in the first rebellious era in American history. That 1957-vintage movie served as my introduction to the watershed events around Boston in the 1770s, and to the tensions with Great Britain. I was young enough to be thoroughly confused when we watched “Northwest Passage” about the same time, with a couple of New Hampshire soldiers willingly serving the king only a few years before the clashes at Lexington and Concord.

Back in the middle of the Eisenhower administration, colonialism was presented to us as more of an era than a concept. Depictions of our colonial past involved mainly visual images of flintlock muskets and tricorne hats, and we had to build little dioramas of rude villages surrounded by popsicle-stick stockades. The nastier details of one society gradually taking over another probably escaped all of

us at Pine Tree School. We were all too enthralled by the pleasant Thanksgiving scenes to contemplate how ruthlessly the British colonists finally eradicated the welcoming Wampanoags.

Only when the colonists felt themselves in turn becoming objects of exploitation by those across the sea did they rise up in rebellion, and by the time they did it was nearly too late, because the interests of so many had come to depend on loyalty to the crown. After a century and a half, a fairly profitable relationship had developed between the colonies and the so-called Mother Country. The trouble developed when British authorities attempted to exert more direct control over colonial government for the purpose of extracting revenue.

Early in September it will be six decades since my first day’s class at Pine Tree. Our teacher conveyed the same curriculum she had followed since William Howard Taft was president, concentrating on the reading and writing that prepared most students for their real education. Her deficiencies in history were

common, understandable, and not that different from those of teachers in grammar schools today, where even grammar isn’t that prominent anymore. We were expected to learn our history later, anyway — at high school, or perhaps in college.

I think I learned less about colonialism in high school or college than I have by watching events in Conway since 1954, when my father retired from the Navy and brought us back to his boyhood home on Davis Hill. In those days the town was about evenly divided between North Conway’s two-season tourist economy and the year-round wood-products industries in Conway Village. For the first few years my father worked primarily as a logger, and most of our acquaintances reflected the self-reliant tradition that once typified northern New England.

Tourism eventually wrought the death of that society. Recasting our region as the mythical Mount Washington Valley, promoters engineered a boom in vacation homes that drove land prices beyond the reach of woodsmen and millworkers.

The eternally unfinished, tarpaper-covered houses gave way to chalets, condos, and trophy homes, while those who had worked in the woods and mills either drifted into construction labor for the newcomers or decamped for cheaper digs.

With that victory, this part of New Hampshire essentially became a colony of Megalopolis. Property purchases here are usually made now with personal fortunes that had their genesis south of Manchester, and the most common question between new acquaintances is “Where are you from?” The dwindling local population still cherishes a semblance of self-determination through its elected bodies, but a secret government composed of carpetbaggers and northcountry scalawags surreptitiously wields more potent power. They have even selected an effective viceroy — or in this case a vicereine — who immerses herself in as many influential roles as possible, posing as an expert in tourist promotion, preservation, local history, long-range school planning, and municipal government; residency laws confine her to holding office

in Fryeburg, but her proxies have infiltrated Conway’s Board of Selectmen and School Board.

This conquest entailed more than an economic struggle between the devotees of play and the advocates of work. It required an actual kulturkampf that could replace the ethic of the original inhabitants with the values of the conquerors. The image of a fantasy playground could gain little traction among proud people for whom the foremost virtue (and the linchpin of societal functioning) was taking care of oneself and one’s immediate clan. That inconvenience could only be overcome by first stigmatizing the prevailing principle as a version of mean-spirited selfishness and replacing it with what seemed to be its opposite — sympathy. Compassion thus became the mantra of the mandarins, who have at least superficially embraced the Be Kind campaign as the best means of silencing or discrediting those for whom the new colonialism has proven the most unpleasant.

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issues. The videos are a reminder to the political world of common medical practice that the public usually doesn’t think about: after a pregnancy is terminated, fetal tissue is used by medical researchers to explore treatments and cures for all kinds of ailments.

As a physician I am appalled at your reversal of your past position. Defunding Planned Parenthood would inevitably result in more unplanned pregnancies and therefore more abortions,

not fewer. In fact, if you really want to reduce the number of abortions, you should be lobbying to increase funding. Our society benefits when motherhood is voluntary. Nearly one in three women will have had at least one abortion by the time she reaches menopause. I have had two abortions, have no regrets and make no excuse to anyone.

I sincerely hope that you will put aside political concerns and again pay attention to the women and families of New Hamp-

shire that depend on Planned Parenthood for low-cost medical services. We shouldn’t allow partisan politics to add another obstacle for women who already face too many barriers to quality, affordable health care.

Sylvia R. Kennedy, M.D  
Exeter, N.H.

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**Denial of Treatment**  
To the Editor:  
I watched the striking “60 Minutes,” on August 2, 2015, show patients being premature-

ly denied coverage for inpatient psychiatric treatment by insurance doctors who never ever saw the patients, sometimes with disastrous outcomes including suicide and homicide.

Reporter Scott Pelley cited several vivid examples of patients with acute and/or chronic emotional problems whose overhasty coverage denials reached between 90 and 100 percent. In one case, a health insurance psychiatrist who reviewed 550 cases a month promptly rejected cov-

erage when the patient’s treating doctor failed to call him back within 54 minutes.

The case of a 14 year-old bulimic girl who was purging and wasting away was one of those featured. From age 12 on she cut herself, and she required around the clock watching so as not to purge. She was prescribed several weeks of treatment at a psychiatric hospital but insurance coverage was terminated part way through treatment. The hapless parents couldn’t afford the out-

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## ISDS: A Corporate Cluster Bomb To Obliterate Our People's Sovereignty

by Jim Hightower

The Powers That Be are very unhappy with you and me. They're also unhappy with senators like Elizabeth Warren, activist groups like Public Citizen, unions like the Communications Workers, and ... well, with the majority of us Americans who oppose the establishment's latest free trade scam.

Despite its benign name, the

Trans-Pacific Partnership is a cluster-bomb of legalized "gotchas." TPP empowers global corporations from Brunei, Japan, Vietnam and eight other nations to circumvent and even overturn our local, state, and national laws. Those moneyed elites are upset that rabble like us oppose their latest effort to enthrone corporate power over citizen power, and they're particularly peeved that we've found TPP's trigger mechanism — something called

"Investor-State Dispute Settlements."

That's a mouthful of wonky gobbledygook, isn't it? Indeed, ISDS is an intentionally-arcane phrase meant to hide its democracy-destroying impact from us. It would create a system of private, international tribunals through which corporations (ie, "investors") could sue our sovereign governments to overturn laws that might trim the level of corporate profits that — get this

— they "expected" to make.

These tribunals are not part of our public courts of justice but are totally-privatized, inherently-biased corporate "courts" set up by the UN and the World Bank. A tribunal's "judges" are corporate lawyers, and they unilaterally decide whether the protections we've enacted for workers, consumers, our environment, etc. might pinch the profits of some foreign corporation.

Jefferson, Madison, Adams,

and the other revolutionaries of 1776 would upchuck at this desecration of our nation's democratic ideals — and so should we. To join today's rebellion against the aristocracy of corporate elites, go to [www.StopTheTPP.org](http://www.StopTheTPP.org).

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of-pocket fee. Their daughter came home and soon after died.

This is how it typically works. The insurance rep poses the question, "Is the patient acutely homicidal or suicidal?" The answer is usually no, because guns, knives, poisons, &c. have been confiscated. What follows is insurance's retort: "Then why does he/she need to be in the hospital?" The patient is summarily referred to a lower level of care, meaning hospital coverage is henceforth denied.

Losing health coverage in the midst of outpatient psychiatric treatment is appalling. Most developed countries of the world, like Canada, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, France, Germany, Italy, Taiwan, &c., treat health care as a necessity, not a privilege. Like fire or police protection, it is considered a right. The World Health Organization ranked the U.S. 37th out of 191 countries in 2013, just above Slovenia and Cuba. And, the American health care system is expensive.

Other wealthy democracies could show us how to build a health system that meets our particular needs. A potpourri of options are available. However, vested interests (insurance, pharmaceutical, hospital chains) have

fended off attempts to restructure our system for the benefit of care holders.

The mental health care system in America is a multi-dollar industry that is still not big enough to serve all those who need to use it. Cost is one barrier. Since the 1960s there has been a big shift away from inpatient treatment and toward outpatient treatment and prescription drugs. The push was for more treatment in community settings rather than in state-run mega institutions. But in the process of "reform," the most disturbed patients have turned up in jails, homeless shelters, and flop houses. Deinstitutionalization has been problematic in its own right and has contributed to the bottom lines of pricier private psychiatric hospitals and insurance companies.

There has been an alarming incidence of mental illness the world over. Countries are struggling to address the issue in terms of professional resources, available facilities and the economic burden.

Apart from established biological and genetic reasons, the current disruption of the social fabric, due to changing political scenarios, poverty, violence and terrorism, has negatively effected millions of people's psyches.

There are some good tidings for psychiatric patients, such as the celebrated law requiring insurers to treat all patients equally with either a physical or mental affliction. This is on paper, though. In practice, many insurance companies routinely deny requests for inpatient treatment for psychological problems.

One advantage of the Affordable Care Act, aka ObamaCare, is that patients are no longer denied coverage for pre-existing conditions like schizophrenia, depression, bipolar disorder or drug and alcohol dependence. Also, young adults up to age 26 can remain on their parents' health plan. This is a boon because half of all mental health and substance abuse conditions begin by age 14, and three-quarters begin by age 24.

We all, especially long-term psychiatric patients, deserve fair treatment. Successful outcomes require a partnership between patients, families, mental health professionals and health plans. Some other industrialized nations with vested interests have overcome political hurdles and reformed their health care systems. What about us?

Michael Kulla

Pleasant Valley, NY

Dr. Kulla is a psychologist who

practices in Dutchess County  
Michael:

*The way this nation treats its mentally ill is not only disgraceful, but self-defeating. What are we, crazy? Thanks for this comprehensive look at the problem.*

The Editor

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**Taxation, Inc.**

To the Editor:

The ideologues who represent big business in Washington say we need huge government cuts to rescue America from debt. But, in reality, Wall Street loves debt because it's a highly marketable and richly profitable commodity. What they hate are federally-sponsored social programs that preclude the private sector from getting their hands on your money. Privatizing resolves that issue.

For Wall Street, privatizing is the elixir of the gods. However, for folks on the receiving end, it's almost always bad medicine. Sooner or later, added fees, hidden charges, deductibles, exceptions, cherry-picking, and fine-print exclusions undercut what you get for your dollar. And, don't forget corporations are mandated by law to skim liberal amounts of profit off the top to "enhance shareholder value." They may tell you competition

lowers costs, but after deregulation, most companies prefer to conspire, "partner," or merge rather than compete. In the end, all privatization really does is change the address of the tax collector and alter the manner of collection. So, get ready for sticker shock when Taxation Incorporated comes to town!

With this disquieting thought in mind, it's fair to ask each candidate running for office where they stand on privatization. Would they prefer to slash non-profit programs intended to serve the public good, or would they make a Herculean effort to streamline and improve each one to work more effectively?

I have my personal bias on this matter. In my book, when a candidate for "public office" advocates "privatizing" responsibility, it's tantamount to admitting he or she isn't up to the demands of serving the public and might prefer sipping drinks at a corporate fundraiser. Certainly not a person I'd hire to do the people's work!

Hope you agree.

Rick Littlefield  
Barrington, N.H.

Rick:

*Thanks for a refreshing perspective on a pernicious problem.*

The Editor

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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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Before long, they do.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—In Chicago, the Youth International Party nominates a pig for president.</p> <p><b>1944</b>—An American B-24 Liberator crashes into an English school and explodes, liberating 71 people from this mortal coil.</p> <p><b>1927</b>—Bostonians electrocute Italian anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti.</p> <p><b>1784</b>—Settlers gather at Jonesboro, in what is now Tennessee, to establish the state of Franklin.</p> <p><b>1724</b>—Jeremiah Moulton, who saw his parents scalped 32 years earlier, leads a raid on Norridgewock, killing seven Abenaki chiefs and the French priest, Sebastian Rasle.</p> <p><b>1305</b>—For rebelling against His Majesty King Edward, William Wallace is hanged, cut down while alive, disembowelled, then killed by beheading. His corpse is quartered, and his head displayed on a pike.</p>	<p><b>2001</b>—Due to a fuel leak, Air Transat Flight 236, with 306 souls aboard, runs out of fuel over the Atlantic, 90 miles from the Azores. Pilots glide the plane to safety.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—Graduate student Robert Fasnacht is killed and three others are injured when peaceniks blow up a physics lab at the U. of Wisconsin.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—The floor of the New York Stock Exchange erupts into bedlam as capitalists scramble for 300 one-dollar bills dropped by Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—The U.S. State Department cables Ambassador Lodge in Vietnam, instructing him to encourage ARVN generals to stage a coup.</p> <p><b>1960</b>—Temperature drops to minus 126.9 at Vostok Station; lowest ever recorded on Earth.</p> <p><b>1889</b>—On St. Pierre, off Newfoundland, murderer Auguste Neel becomes the only person ever to be guillotined in North America.</p> <p><b>1827</b>—<i>The Mechanics Gazette</i>, first U.S. labor paper, is published in Philadelphia. By 1832 there are 68 labor newspapers.</p> <p><b>1814</b>—British troops march unopposed into Washington, D.C. and set fire to the White House and the Library of Congress.</p> <p><b>1572</b>—French Catholic mobs massacre thousands of Huguenots. Learning of the slaughter, Pope Gregory is so pleased he orders a day of thanksgiving.</p>	<p><b>1999</b>—Six years after the fact the FBI admits that tear gas canisters it fired into David Koresh’s compound in Waco were incendiary—but denies they started the fatal fire.</p> <p><b>1995</b>—In Athens, Ga., House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Asylum) announces new policy to win the drug war: executing “27 or 30 or 35 people at one time.”</p> <p><b>1985</b>—The White House confirms that President Reagan was an FBI informant during the late 1940’s while he was head of the Screen Actors Guild.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—American Nazi Party founder George Lincoln Rockwell is shot dead at an Arlington, Va. shopping mall by a former aide.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—Harry S Truman orders the U.S. Army to take over the nation’s railroads to prevent a strike.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—Ho Chi Minh proclaims the Republic of Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—Baptist missionary and U.S. spy John Birch is shot by Chinese Communists.</p> <p><b>1925</b>—Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters is founded by A. Philip Randolph.</p> <p><b>1921</b>—Ten thousand striking coal miners square off against coal companies and their stooges in the Battle of Blair Mountain, W.V.</p> <p><b>1893</b>—“Colored Peoples’ Day” at the Columbian Exposition.</p> <p><b>1875</b>—Matthew Webb becomes the first man to swim the English Channel.</p>	<p><b>2005</b>—The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard gets a stay of execution.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—Ex-Luftwaffe pilot John Birges, attempting to recoup his gambling losses, plants a half-ton bomb at Harvey’s Resort Hotel in Stateline, Nev.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Canada decriminalizes sodomy.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—With just weeks left to go in Vietnam, the New Hampshire National Guard’s 197th Field Artillery loses five men in a single incident.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Mayor Richard Daley formally opens the 1968 Democratic National Convention as his cops bust heads outside.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Jimi Hendrix’s “Purple Haze” is released escapes.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—Last day getting married could improve your draft status.</p> <p><b>1935</b>—The United Auto Workers union is founded.</p> <p><b>1924</b>—<i>Wanderer</i>, the last sailing whaleship to leave New Bedford, drags her anchor and is lost while sitting out a storm off Cuttyhunk.</p> <p><b>1920</b>—The 19th Amendment is ratified; women can vote now.</p> <p><b>1919</b>—Company goons shoot United Mine Workers’ Fannie Sellins in Brackenridge, Penn.</p> <p><b>1883</b>—Krakatoa begins a three-day eruption; tens of thousands die, 13 percent less sunlight reaches the earth during the following year.</p> <p><b>1858</b>—The first news dispatch is sent by telegraph.</p>	<p><b>2014</b>—Arthur T. Demoulas gets the OK to buy Market Basket.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—A fifteen-member committee of the American Bar Association rates Clarence Thomas as a candidate for U.S. Supreme Court: none rate him “well-qualified,” two rate him “not qualified.”</p> <p><b>1984</b>—Ronald Reagan announces that he will put a teacher in space.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—FBI agents, attempting to defuse a half-ton bomb at Harvey’s Resort Hotel in Nevada, cause it to explode. No one is injured.</p> <p><b>1979</b>—The IRA uses a radio-controlled bomb to assassinate Earl Mountbatten, British Admiral of the Fleet, and kill three others aboard his yacht off Ireland.</p> <p><b>1975</b>—Veronica and Colin Scargill complete a tandem bicycle ride around the world.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—U.S. planes bomb Haiphong harbor.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Democrats nominate Hubert Humphrey for President as cops and protestors do battle.</p> <p><b>1949</b>—While an anti-Communist mob attacks the audience at a Paul Robeson concert in Peekskill, N.Y., three FBI agents passively look on.</p> <p><b>1938</b>—Becoming increasingly agitated during a poetry reading by Archibald MacLeish, Robert Frost sets fire to a handful of papers.</p> <p><b>1928</b>—In Paris, sixty nations sign the Kellogg-Briand Pact and outlaw war forever.</p>	<p><b>2009</b>—Saudi Deputy Interior Minister Prince Mohammed bin Nayef barely escapes assassination.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—After he’s made to rob a Pennsylvania bank, pizza deliveryman Brian Wells is killed by a time bomb fastened to his neck.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—At the Lincoln Memorial, half a million people hear Martin Luther King call to let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire . . .</p> <p><b>1961</b>—The 5th Conference of the Situationist International convenes in Göteborg, Sweden.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—During a visit to his family in Money, Miss., fourteen year-old Chicagoan Emmett Till is murdered by whites for speaking inappropriately to a white woman.</p> <p><b>1947</b>—A bull in Linares, Spain helps even the score by fatally goring Manolete.</p> <p><b>1922</b>—WEAF in New York earns \$100 for airing the first paid radio commercial: a ten minute plug for the Queensboro Realty Company.</p> <p><b>1919</b>—The mayor of Seattle demands, “hang or incarcerate all anarchists for life.”</p> <p><b>1918</b>—Big Bill Haywood and 14 other Wobblies get 20 years for draft obstruction.</p> <p><b>1884</b>—The first known photograph of a tornado is taken in Howard, S.D.</p> <p><b>1833</b>—Britain abolishes slavery throughout the Empire.</p>	<p><b>2007</b>—Sloppy accounting results in an Air Force B-52 taking off from Minot AFB in North Dakota with some extra cargo on board: six loose nukes.</p> <p><b>2006</b>—George W. Bush tells NBC interviewer Brian Williams, “I’ve got an ek-a-lec-tic reading list.”</p> <p><b>2005</b>—Katrina slams New Orleans as FEMA dozes.</p> <p><b>1996</b>—The day Bill Clinton accepts the Democratic nomination for a second term, his political advisor Dick Morris resigns because it’s been revealed he paid a whore \$200/hr. to let him suck her toes.</p> <p><b>1977</b>—Memphis nabs three people trying to steal Elvis’s corpse.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—A week-long riot erupts at the Long Binh Jail in Vietnam; 115 MPs and prisoners are injured, one prisoner is killed.</p> <p><b>1957</b>—Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.) ends a record-setting 24 hour and 18 minute filibuster. The Civil Rights Act passes despite him.</p> <p><b>1956</b>—Jesus Christ “GG” Allin, the most depraved punk rocker in history, is born in Lancaster, N.H.</p> <p><b>1956</b>—The GOP announces it will henceforth refer to the Democratic Party as the Democrat Party.</p> <p><b>1949</b>—Soviets pop an A-Bomb.</p> <p><b>1907</b>—An eight million pound miscalculation, dismissed by a supervising engineer 440 miles away in NYC, causes the Quebec Bridge to collapse killing 75 workers.</p>
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 30	MONDAY, AUGUST 31	TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1	Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 2	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

**2004**—The Republican Party holds its Presidential Convention in New York City to milk all they can out of 9/11. Patriotic attendees mock wounded veterans by wearing “Purple Heart” band-aids.

**1979**—Attacked by a crazed rabbit while vacationing in Georgia, Jimmy Carter is forced to defend himself with a canoe paddle.

**1979**—First recorded instance of a comet hitting the sun.

**1968**—“I want to pack my bags and get out of this city,” says Walter Cronkite as Mayor Daley’s finest clobber citizens.

**1964**—At the Democratic Convention, an all-white delegation from Mississippi is seated while a black protest delegation isn’t.

**1963**—A “Hot Line” is set up between the White House and the Kremlin.

**1959**—Parties loyal to Ngo Dinh Diem win control of Vietnamese National Assembly.

**1943**—R. Crumb is born.

**1918**—Would-be assassin Fanya Kaplan shoots V.I. Lenin.

**1893**—Huey “The Kingfish” Long is born in Winnfield, La.

**1813**—At Ft. Mims, Ala., drunken officers are playing cards when 800 Creeks attack. About 15 out of 500 whites survive.

**1986**—Levan Merrit, 5, falls into the cage of Jambo the Gorilla on the Isle of Jersey. Jambo guards the unconscious boy until he regains consciousness and is retrieved.

**1973**—The Gainesville Eight, anti-tiwar vets charged with conspiracy to riot at the 1972 Republican National Convention, are acquitted.

**1965**—Lyndon Johnson signs a bill outlawing draft card burning.

**1954**—Hurricane Carol slams New England; 65 die.

**1948**—Robert Mitchum is busted for pot. He does sixty days.

**1939**—German operatives carry out 21 false flag attacks along the Polish border.

**1925**—After an 11 year occupation, U.S. Marines depart from Haiti, leaving a dictatorship behind.

**1920**—The first American radio news program is broadcast, on station 8MK in Detroit.

**1919**—The American Communist Party is formed in Chicago.

**1895**—Julius Wyland commences publication of the socialist paper, *An Appeal to Reason*.

**1869**—In Ireland, Mary (King) Ward is thrown from a steam-powered automobile and run over: she’s the first person to be killed by a car.

**1833**—*Amphitrite*, a British convict ship, is blown ashore near Boulogne. The captain refuses aid and 133 drown, including 108 female convicts and 12 children.

**2005**—In a radio interview, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin tells George W. Bush and FEMA to “get off your asses and do something” about his flooded city.

**1989**—Narcs trying for the third time to score some crack near the White House for a George H.[H.] W. Bush presidential photo-op get their dope but miss the film—their camera operator gets mugged by a homeless person.

**1983**—The USSR shoots down Korean Air Flight 007. Among the victims: John Birch Society President and Congressman Larry McDonald (R-Ga.).

**1976**—“The meanest man in Congress,” and one of the most powerful, Rep. Wayne Hays (D-Ohio), resigns three months after a sex scandal revealed by his secretary/mistress, whom he treated shabbily.

**1970**—“This chamber reeks of blood,” charges George McGovern on the floor of the U.S. Senate.

**1956**—The U.S. begins to train the South Vietnamese Army.

**1920**—A stuck valve sinks Portsmouth-built sub *S-5* off Delaware. Under Captain C.M. “Savvy” Cooke, with help from the steamship *Alantbus*, all hands escape.

**1894**—Thomas P. “Boston” Corbett, the self-castrating Cavalryman who shot John Wilkes Booth, dies in Hinckley, Minn. along with 800 others in a four-hour firestorm.

**1984**—Mashantucket Pequots buy 650 acres in eastern Connecticut to resume their old tribal ways.

**1983**—Mississippi’s execution of Jimmy Lee Gray goes badly, possibly because executioner T. Berry Bruce is drunk. Eight minutes after the poison gas is released, officials clear the witness room because Gray is still gasping, moaning, and banging his head on a steel pole.

**1967**—Maj. Paddy Roy Bates (Ret.) displaces a rival pirate radio team from an unused military platform off the coast of England and declares Sealand a sovereign nation.

**1957**—Gov. Orval Faubus calls out the National Guard to keep blacks out of Little Rock High.

**1945**—VJ Day—Japan surrenders to Douglas MacArthur aboard a battleship named after Harry Truman’s home state.

**1945**—Cribbing freely from Jefferson, Ho Chi Minh declares Vietnam independent of France.

**1935**—Already routed from Washington, D.C. by Gen. MacArthur, 259 veterans working on the Overseas Highway are among the dead when the Labor Day Hurricane hits the Florida Keys.

**1921**—Mine owners in West Virginia respond to strikers by dropping bombs from airplanes.

**1885**—White miners in Rock Spring, Wyo., massacre 30 to 50 Chinese.

**2003**—Paul Hill, whose fervent pro-life beliefs inspired him to murder Dr. John Britton, is killed by the state of Florida to demonstrate that life is sacred.

**2002**—Donald Rumsfeld says the Bush Administration has evidence that Iraq is developing nukes. But it’s secret. So there.

**1973**—A milk producers’ coop delivers a check to cover the cost of the “Plumbers” burglary of Daniel Ellsberg’s shrink’s office to a meeting attended by President Nixon.

**1971**—Employees of President Richard Nixon break into the office of Daniel Ellsberg’s psychiatrist.

**1967**—Woody Guthrie dies in New York at 52.

**1948**—Two hundred votes “found” in notoriously corrupt Duval County make Lyndon Johnson a Senator from Texas.

**1925**—The airship *U.S.S. Shenandoah* crashes in Ohio due to bad weather, 14 officers and men die.

**1833**—Benjamin Day publishes the first successful penny paper, the *New York Sun*.

**1813**—“Uncle Sam” makes his first appearance in the Troy, (N.Y.) *Post*.

**1783**—The Treaty of Paris is signed, ending the Revolutionary War.

**1752**—Parliament adopts the Gregorian calendar. Londoners, thinking they’ve been robbed of 11 days of their lives, riot and holler, “Give us our 11 days back!”

**2006**—Aussie Steve “The Crocodile Hunter” Irwin is killed by a stingray while diving on the Great Barrier Reef.

**1987**—Eighteen year-old West German Mathias Rust lands a small plane in Red Square.

**1976**—George W. Bush, future President, is arrested in Kennebunk, Maine for driving drunk.

**1973**—Nixon flunkies Erlichman and Liddy are indicted for burgling a shrink’s office.

**1970**—Two hundred Vietnam Veterans Against the War begin Operation RAW (Rapid American Withdrawal), a four-day guerilla theater march to Valley Forge.

**1967**—“I just had the greatest brainwashing that anyone can get . . . [in] Vietnam,” says Gov. George Romney (R-MI), “they do a very thorough job.”

**1957**—National Guard troops in Little Rock stand and watch as a white mob threatens to lynch a black girl trying to enter Central High school.

**1918**—U.S. troops land at Archangel, Russia, to “protect American interests.”

**1886**—Geronimo, chief of the Chiricahua Apache, surrenders at Skeleton Canyon in the Arizona Territory; it’s the end of the major resistance.

**1833**—*The* [N.Y.] *Sun* hires Barney Flaherty, America’s first newsboy.

**2005**—Visiting Houston, Barbara Bush says Hurricane Katrina was “working very well” for thousands of homeless refugees.

**2002**—Portsmouth loses Jay Smith, creator of the Press Room, defender and supporter of The Music Hall.

**2001**—Rep. Joe Scarborough (R-Fla.) resigns 47 days after his aide Lori Klausutis, 28, is found dead in his Ft. Walton office.

**1993**—*Birmingham News* reveals that, according to the Southern Baptist Convention, 46.1 percent of Alabamans are going to Hell.

**1990**—L.A. Police Chief Darryl Gates tell the Senate Judiciary Committee that “casual drug users should be taken out and shot.”

**1975**—Lynette “Squeaky” Fromme, dressed as a nun, points an unloaded .45 at Gerry Ford.

**1957**—Jack Kerouac’s *On The Road* is published.

**1939**—Dalton Trumbo’s *Johnny Got His Gun* is published.

**1931**—Consolidated Edison worker George Metesky is injured on the job. Denied Workmen’s Compensation, “The Mad Bomber” plants 32 bombs over 16 years before he’s caught.

**1930**—“Hurry it up you Hoosier bastard,” says Carl Panzram to his executioner at Leavenworth. “I could hang a dozen men while you’re screwing around.”

**1905**—The Treaty of Portsmouth ends the Russo-Japanese War.

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