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The Fortnightly Rant

The Indefensible Department

Television news outlets routinely solicit commentary from former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, a Georgia Republican who cheated on his first wife by sleeping with his second, then cheated on his second wife by sleeping with his third while simultaneously impeaching the President for lying about an affair. Gingrich tweeted on Monday, "Left has to lie because they can't defend their reality." After that little *bon mot*, delivered as the world's most powerful nation tries to decide whose finger shall be poised o'er the button that could launch 1,000 nukes, we would be justified leaving the rest of this space blank. Alternatively, we could retreat to a monastery and take a vow of silence. Either approach, however, would be a tragic waste of raw material. Let us then assess once again our potential President and Commander in Chief, Donald J. Trump.

Last February, Hugh Hewitt asked Trump his position on the maintenance of our nuclear triad. Trump's response made it clear that he had no idea what our nuclear triad is (a redundant system of three delivery platforms: bombers, missiles, and submarines). Ironically, his word-salad response included, "I think we need somebody ... *who really knows what he or she is doing.*"

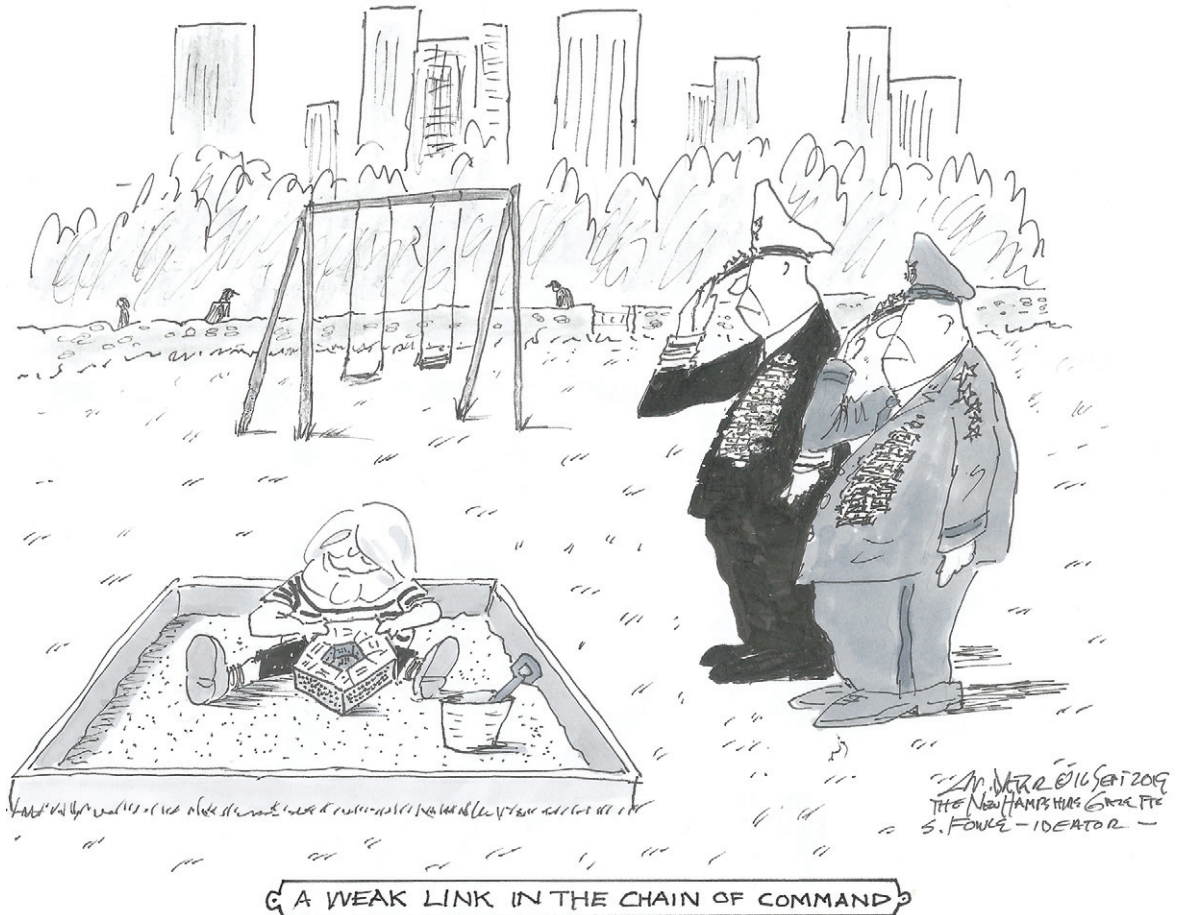
On August 3rd, Joe Scarborough reported that a "foreign policy expert on the international level" who had briefed Trump said that the candidate asked three times about nuclear weapons and wanted to know, "if we have them

why can't we use them?"

Trump's approach towards military operations seems to verge on the hallucinatory. During NBC's recent Commander-in-Chief Forum, Trump seemed to think he was channeling Alexander the Great: "If we would have taken [Iraq's] oil, you wouldn't have ISIS, because ISIS formed with the power and the wealth of that oil. ... it used to be to the victor belong the spoils ... I always said: Take the oil."

What competent psychotherapist would approve of a narcissistic egomaniac at the head of the most powerful military establishment in history? In Pensacola last Friday he said, "When Iran, when they circle our beautiful destroyers with their little boats, and they make gestures at our people that they shouldn't be allowed to make, they will be shot out of the water" — because those gestures won't be directed at our beautiful destroyers, they'll be directed at him, and his tiny little hands

Some military veterans have voiced the reassuring theory that if Trump were to be elected, the Defense Department's generals and admirals would, in effect, serve as our last-ditch defense against a lunatic in the Oval Office. As military professionals steeped in the laws of war, they would stand up to the President if he issued illegal orders. That argument was undermined recently when 88 retired generals and admirals endorsed Trump. That's a lot of brass; but then, it takes a lot of brass to back a draft-dodging chickenhawk who "earned" a Pur-



ple Heart by talking tough.*

In lieu of personal experience in uniform, Trump touts his purported prescience by reminding people that, unlike Hillary Clinton, he opposed the War in Iraq. That works fine with his base, because they know what he means: namely, that he believes what he says. The reality-based community remains un-reassured, since that's

* This being 'Murica, of course, Trump had plenty of spent brass to choose from. The Senate Armed Services Committee pointed out last May that while the total number of troops has dropped by 38 percent over the last 30 years, "the ratio of four-star officers to the overall force has increased by 65 percent." The *Daily Beast* noted in March that we had 12 generals fighting ISIS in Iraq — one for every 416 soldiers.

actually a lie. Unfortunately, experience has shown that liars are not barred from the Presidency.

Then What?

If, on November 8th, this man is not elected, we surely will have dodged a bullet. That won't mean we can stop ducking, though. Consider the words of Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin, delivered at the Values Voter Summit, one week ago in the nation's Capitol.†

When he was asked if the nation would "be able to survive" and recover if Hillary Clinton were to win the election, Bevin

replied, "I do think it would be possible, but at what price? At what price? The roots of the tree of liberty are watered by what? The blood, of who? The tyrants to be sure, but who else? The patriots. Whose blood will be shed? It may be that of those in this room. It might be that of our children and grandchildren. I have nine children. It breaks my heart to think that it might be their blood that is needed to redeem something, to reclaim something, that we through our apathy and our indifference have given away."

† Granite Staters tempted to assume from Bevin's histrionic language that he grew up down in Dixie under a revival tent might want to hold their tongues: born in Denver, he was raised in Shelburne, N.H., up in Coos County.

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Another Deplorable Situation She's Gotten Herself Into

Hillary Clinton's odds of hitting 270 in the Electoral College, going into last weekend, were on the order of two-to-one. A CBS poll released Monday — too soon to reflect reaction to the weekend's events — reported Clinton's lead in 13 battleground states to be a measly one percent.

That was *before* she put half of Donald Trump's followers into a "basket of deplorables." Curiously, that little bit of badinage seems to have hurt some precious feelings in the ostentatiously macho environs of today's Right Wing, where cries of "Hang the Bitch" are not uncommon. Ever deaf to the dissonance in voices from that quarter, the media dutifully framed that comment as yet another controversy.

Then, on September 11th — America's High Holy Day — in the middle of the first high-profile event of the general election, Clinton was bundled, looking like Boris Yeltsin on a toot, into a Se-

cret Service van. Her campaign staff then granted Breitbart, *et al.* a full ninety minutes of silence, the better to diagnose and speculate.

Clinton had pneumonia, not the potato juice flu; she did not bring that on herself. The silence was another matter, and that was what hurt her. The first rule of presidential campaigns is to avoid self-inflicted wounds: there will be more than enough of the other type, and you can only sustain so many.

As some wag said on Twitter: it's her election to lose, and she's doing her damndest. What a tragic loss that would be, not having a President who is beloved by Wall Street, voted for the Iraq War, and is even now soliciting the support of the noted war criminal Henry Kissinger

The Sandernista Special

Our Undicted Co-Conspirator Win Rhoades has devised a little gadget for Democrats who would rather be voting for the

Senator from Vermont.



It's a common wooden clothespin; write "Hillary" on it with a Sharpie™, and clip it to your shirt like a campaign button. Then, on November 8th, you put it on your nose and vote for Clinton.

More Regulators Gone Wild

According to Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-Texas), Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau [CFPB] is "undoubtedly ... the single most powerful and least accountable federal agency in all of Washington."

Sen. Ted Cruz [R-Texas] warned last year, "Don't let the name fool you, the CFPB does little to protect consumers. The agency continues to grow in power and magnitude without any accountability to Congress and the people. The only way to stop this

runaway agency is by eliminating it altogether."

John Stumpf, the CEO of Wells Fargo, probably agrees, but it would be a little too late to help his outfit — Wells Fargo just coughed up \$185 million in penalties because the CFPB didn't like the way it was doing business.

Worker bees at Wells Fargo's community banking division forged signatures to open up 1.5 million "ghost" bank accounts and 565,443 credit card accounts which customers knew nothing about — until they got whacked with fees because their money was not where they thought it was. Employees did this, they say, to meet impossibly high quotas for new accounts and to avoid being fired if they failed.

Curiously, the *LA Times* notes that, despite this rather extravagantly bad behavior, "suits filed by Wells Fargo customers over fake accounts have not made it [to court]. As at many other banks,

Wells Fargo customers sign a contract requiring them to bring any disputes with the bank to a private arbitrator rather than to court."

Though his company is paying out \$185 million in fines, Stumpf insisted that it had offered its employees "no incentive to do bad things" — it was just 3,500 bad apples, who have all been dismissed.

Wells Fargo's community banking division has been headed since 2008 by Carrie Tolstedt. *Fortune* reported Monday that Tolstedt made \$1.7 million a year, plus bonuses and stock options, while managing those bad apples. "Tolstedt was regularly praised for her unit's ability to get customers to open numerous accounts," according to *Fortune*.

Tolstedt recently announced that she's retiring. She'll get a \$125-million golden parachute.

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As *Fortune* notes, Wells Fargo was among the banks which vowed, after the debacle of 2008, to claw-back executive compensation derived from bad management practices “[b]ut there is no sign that Wells Fargo is going to ask Tolstedt to return even a sliver of her stock jackpot.”

Hot Enough For Ya?

NASA said Monday that “August 2016 was the warmest August in 136 years of modern record-keeping.”

Furthermore, although “the seasonal temperature cycle typically peaks in July, August 2016 wound up tied with July 2016 for the warmest month ever recorded.”

Meanwhile, in a part of the world that actually cares about these matters, Scotland recently

met more than 100 percent of its electricity needs with renewable energy alone.

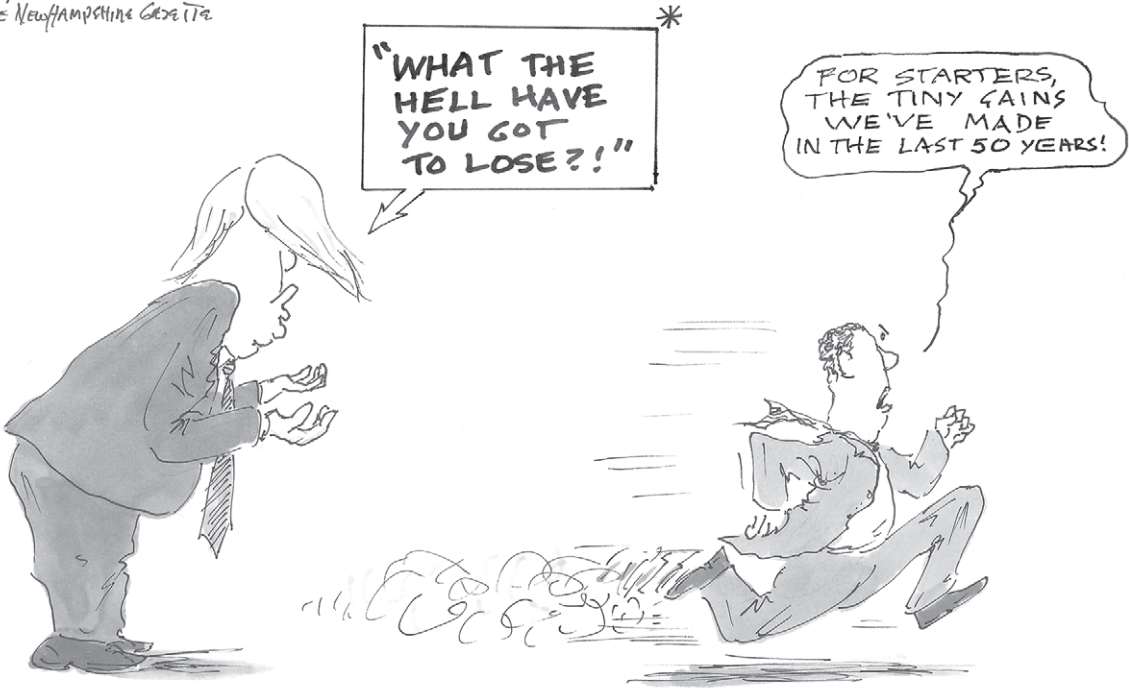
A Very Rude Awakening

Early on Sunday morning, September 21, 2008, Noel and Carla Wilson and their three children, ages nine, six, and two, were sleeping upstairs in their home in the suburbs of Kenosha, Wisconsin. Then, at about 5:30 a.m., they were awakened when the doors to their bedrooms were blown off their hinges.

A Robinson R44 helicopter had crashed through the back roof of their home, plunged down their staircase, and burst out of the house through their front door. After sliding across the street it was consumed by fire on their neighbor’s yard across the street.

The Wilsons, uninjured, were lucky. The intruders, not so much: thrown from the wreckage, they were found dead on the lawn.

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*DIRECT QUOTE, CNN, 20 AUG 2016



All was in order on September 11th, at least to the casual observer: six flags over Portsmouth’s Veterans Memorial Park.



The Flag Police, though, are cursed with an ingrained compulsion to observe the slightest detail. At least three of those flags require replacement.

The pilot, Alan J. Sapko, had flown with his girlfriend Joan Anzalone from Kenosha to the Horseshoe Casino Heliport in Whiting, Indiana the previous evening. According to the NTSB’s report of the incident, the couple arrived at the casino about 7:07 p.m. and stayed exactly 10 hours, departing the heliport at 5:07 a.m. Sapko drank wine with his dinner and, between 1:39 a.m. and 4:23 a.m., he was seen drinking Captain Morgan and diet Coke while the couple gambled.

Sapko was the owner of Sapko International, in Sturtevant, Wisconsin. The company came under investigation in April of 2007 after a prisoner at Kenosha Correctional Center called the U.S. Customs Service. Kevin Wilke alleged that Sapko was using prison labor to remove “Made in Bangladesh” labels from imported clothes, and sew on tags saying “Made in USA.”

“He had a special Dumpster just for tags,” Wilke told the *Racine, Wisc. Journal Times*. ICE

agents seized 234,500 pairs of jeans from Sapko, the *Twin Cities Pioneer Press* reported in July, 2008.

John Christman, who managed the tire mounting department of Sapko International’s shipping division, confirmed Wilke’s account. He added that Sapko hired employees for his department at \$7 an hour with a promise of a raise in 30 or 60 days, but the raises never came.

“Christman said he often tried to get Sapko to follow through with raises, to stabilize the work force,” according to the *Journal Times*. “He believes that is why Sapko one day fired him, without explanation.

“In another matter involving Alan Sapko, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue on Tuesday filed a warrant against him for delinquent taxes of \$162,707.88”

Recursion Meets Correction

The *New York Times* published a correction on September 8th, saying “An earlier version of this article misidentified the *de fac-*

to capitol of the Islamic State. It is Raqqa, in northern Syria, not Aleppo, the Syrian capitol.”

Shortly thereafter, the paper of record published a correction to the correction, saying, “An earlier version of the above correction misidentified the Syrian capitol as Aleppo. It is Damascus.”

Law-Breaking Lawmakers

We are stretching the bounds of this topic slightly to include Wear’s Jonathan Recupero. Since he came up 33 votes short in the Republican primary, he’s only a “law-breaking *would-be* lawmaker.” He makes the cut, though, for putting in extra effort.

Recupero vowed that, as a State Representative, he would “Promote a Higher Standard of Ethics in Government,” according to the professionally-printed flier a *Gazette* subscriber found in his mailbox on Tuesday, September 6th.

The flier’s reference to ethics is ironic, since its presence in the mailbox violated 18 U.S. Code § 1725. It carried no stamp or indicia (a printed marking used to

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But wait — there's more! As seems standard among Republicans these days, Recupero is a man of his convictions regardless of the facts. Despite volumes of evidence to the contrary, he's convinced there's a lot of voter fraud going on. In an August 31st radio interview he told Rich Girard, "the more you look into it, the more you see that people are just bused in from out of state and they vote."

That delusional view is particularly interesting in this case because, in order to vote for Recupero, our subscriber would have had to commit fraud. Recupero, 23, ran for one of three seats representing Hillsborough County District 2, which encompasses Deering and Weare. Our subscriber lives in the town of Hillsborough, which is in District 1.

In the real world of facts and such, voter fraud is exceedingly rare. NBC News reported in August that a study of 2,068 alleged election-fraud cases in 50 states between 2000 and 2012 found only 10 cases of voter impersonation, the only kind of fraud that could be prevented by voter ID at the polls.

There is one case currently being adjudicated in New Hampshire, though. The alleged perp is Don Leeman. A former State Rep., Leeman's troubles began in February when he was accused of voting in a district in which he did not reside. According to the AG's office, Leeman offered an employee of the Rochester Housing Authority a bribe if he would provide false documentation. Leeman rejected a plea deal in late August. Connoisseurs of hypocrisy will note with satisfaction that Leeman is a Republican who lives in public housing.

When it comes to law-breaking lawmakers, of course, the state's reigning champion is the First District's incumbent Congressman Frank Guinta — who will now proceed to get pounded into the ground like a tent peg by his Democratic challenger, Carol Shea-Porter.

Somebody call a medic —

"I WEAR THE CHAIN
I FORGED IN LIFE,
I MADE IT
LINK BY LINK..."
— Jacob Marley's ghost



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Frank's going to need one.

Cochranism Delineated!

There was a time when a person plagued with an ill-defined malaise could cure himself with the purchase of a colorful, expensive plastic device — derided by skeptics as a "Holy Healing Hockey Puck" — from a Post Office box across the river in Kittery. Then, ten years ago, callously disregarding the health of wealthy hypochondriacs, Maine's Attorney General shut down the Gentle Wind Project.

As it happens, the Gentle Wind Project was not the first weird cult to make York County its home.

In the aftermath of 1816's "Year Without a Summer," when crops suffered during very cold weather, and amid the growing tensions of rapid social change and the political push for statehood, Jacob Cochran arrived in northern York County, Maine, preaching a highly unorthodox theology borrowing from various churches while adding in his own radical teachings including, most infamously, the doctrine of free love or "spiritual wifery."

Cochran espoused these beliefs for years to a growing flock, de-

spite the preachings and warnings of local ministers like Reverend Ephraim Stinchfield. In 1819, Stinchfield wrote a pamphlet entitled "Cochranism Delineated," and subtitled "Religious Hydrophobia," in an attempt to check the sexy sect's growing popularity.

Cochran was eventually arrested, tried, and sentenced to prison for adultery and lascivious behavior. That ended his career, although controversy and questions remained, including the sect's role and influence in the development of Mormonism a decade later. The shock waves created by Cochran continued to roil through York County families and communities for several generations.

Brad Fletcher, chair of Berwick Academy's history department, will give a talk called "Cochranism Delineated!" on Thursday, September 22nd, at the Academy's Jeppesen Science Center.

"Beyond being a fascinating and wild story in itself," said Fletcher, "Cochranism tells us much about society, religion, gender and politics in the earliest days of Maine's statehood."

The event will begin at 7:30 p.m.; admission is by donation;

refreshments will be served by volunteers. Guests are asked to take Fogg Entrance #2 and use the parking lot at the top of the hill. For more information visit www.olderberwick.org, or call (207) 384-5162.

Racket in the Rock Pasture

This is our third issue composed to the cacophonous sounds of a large, track-mounted pneumatic hammer excavating a capacious foundation out of solid ledge on Bridge Street, to provide more of this town's primary product: affordable housing for millionaires. Based on our estimate of eight blows per second, with the hammer operating at least 45 minutes out of every hour, the editor's eardrums have sustained approximately six million pulses so far.

This challenge to equanimity became slightly more tolerable upon learning, while working up this estimate, that the first patents for pneumatic hammers went to Joseph Warren Fowle, of Boston, (1823 - 1880). He was, thus, a distant cousin of the editor. Speaking of relentlessness, Joseph was the 17th of 18 children born to the thrice-married Henry Fowle (1766 - 1837).



On Tuesday, the heroic poll workers of Portsmouth's Ward 2 managed once again to accommodate the thousand voters, more or less, who flocked to, or perhaps drifted towards, the city's spankin' new voting booths.

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The Alt-Wrong Movement

To the Editor:

The Alt-Right movement is media's latest catch-all label for disillusioned voters who share a common fantasy of high-paying blue-collar jobs, white privilege, and a return to religious provincialism. The frustration and anger emanating from this group may be real, but the carefully crafted rhetoric giving it voice isn't their own. Ironically, the same corporate players responsible for today's "economic realignment" are also responsible for shaping the toxic tone of Alt-Right discontent. From K Street think tanks, to talk radio, Fox News, the Tea Party, and for-hire politicians, we're bombarded daily with propaganda and finger-pointing vilifying the public sector. It's a billion-dollar private-sector investment in negativity, deflection, and civil destruction — and it's causing serious damage to the fabric of our society. It's easy enough to understand why private-sector barons like the Koch brothers would fight against taxes and regulation by engaging in political activism — it fattens their bottom line. However, after 20 years of assaulting government, pandering to low-information voters, and investing billions to hijack the Republican party, along comes Donald Trump who, in no time at all, snatched away their prize and stomped it into the ground. In their arrogance, they believed they could uncork the same destructive genie that destroyed Germany in

the late '30s and control it. Sinclair Lewis warned us that, when fascism comes to America, it will be wrapped in the flag and carrying a cross. What better visual image could describe the propaganda currently being disseminated toward the Alt-Right?

Critical thinking is the only known antidote for the dark work of irascible buffoons like Murdoch, Ailes, Trump, and Koch. Critical thinking is a skill-set every American school kid should acquire at a young age, but unfortunately it hasn't been taught well. Somehow, despite our current deficit of critical thought, Main Street America must act quickly to shove this manufactured "hate genie" back into its bottle and begin mending the social fabric others have so callously torn apart. Dislike "political correctness" if you must, but conflate it with common civility at your peril! There's a monster on the loose, and time is running out to rein it in.

Rick Littlefield
Barrington, N.H.

Rick:

You are spot on, as usual; just one quibble.

Hasn't been taught well? Critical thinking hasn't been taught at all, to our knowledge. It's a structural problem.

In a classroom, the teacher is almost invariably an authority figure. A core element of critical thinking is the question, "Who says so?" With every lesson in critical thinking, teachers risk undermining their own standing in their workplace. That's not easy.

Then there's the larger issue: When the bell rings at the end of the day, a horde of adolescents escape from their daily confinement and into the community at large: the source of the school's funding. The Redcoats used to call newspaper offices "sedition factories." It's a rare community with the self-confidence to support sedition factories in their midst.

The Editor

She's For the Rest of Us

To the Editor:

Former Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter is running ahead of both of her possible opponents in the race for New Hampshire's First Congressional District seat. The Rothenberg & Gonzales Political Report/Roll Call has changed the First Congressional race from Tossup to Tilts Democratic! They said that, "Former Rep Carol Shea-Porter ... looks poised to return to Congress again." That is very welcome news to me.

Carol has always run a grassroots campaign. She takes no corporate PAC or DC lobbyist money. Many of her contributions come in small amounts from local supporters. She and her staff were always open and available to her constituents when she was in Washington, and will be again when she is re-elected.

If you ask Carol why she's running again, she says her work hasn't yet been finished. When elected, she promises to continue to work "for the rest of us," the poor and the middle class who have had no voice in the First District for the last two years. She will continue to work for affordable college, and to ensure that our senior citizens can live out their lives in security and freedom from worry.

As a senior citizen, and the grandmother of two college students, and two more getting ready to apply, I know that my concerns are Carol's concerns, and I unreservedly endorse her for election to Congress.

Lenore Patton
Hampton, N.H.

Lenore:

It's now down to Shea-Porter and Guinta; it will be their fourth match-up. Third time may or may not be the charm; we have a feeling this is going to be a smackdown of epic proportions. Bub-bye, Frank. It couldn't happen to a more odious liar.

The Editor

Mash Notes, **HATE MAIL**

Donald J. Combover

To the Editor:

Donald J. Combover tried to paint all undocumented immigrants in this country as violent criminals. He didn't call them "immigrants" although most of them have risked their lives coming to this country because the places from where they've come threatened them with starvation, violent death, or worse. He called them "illegal aliens," a term that denigrates the humanity of the millions of law-abiding, hard-working people who take the lowest paying jobs and try to get by, raising their children to have a better life. Lumping all undocumented immigrants as "aliens" and "criminals" is a big step toward fascism and despotism. We've seen this before in Hitler's Nazi Germany, in Mussolini's Fascist Italy, in Franco's Authoritarian Spain. Where does it lead? First the undocumented immigrants, then the liberals and political opposition, then racial minorities, then religious minorities, and then ... and then poor folk who get conscripted into fighting foreign wars for the "glory of the Homeland," dying and suffering disfiguring wounds for the satisfaction of the despot's pride.

Watching this demagogue give a speech on MSNBC shocked me as I saw, first hand, the ferocity of the untrue statements he uses to whip up emotional support for cruel policies that would destroy our free society. I'd like to fault the media for giving the Wannabe's campaign more than an hour of free air time without giving equal exposure to Hillary Clinton. But I also have to acknowledge that without such exposure, I wouldn't have seen what a dangerous threat his candidacy is to the civil liberties we hold dear.

It now is incumbent on the

media to give Clinton an equal amount of free media coverage of her campaign speeches.

Bruce Joffe
Piedmont, CA

It's Not Just For the Thrill

To the Editor:

While the thought of a woman leading the most powerful nation on earth is a thrilling one, it is not the reason that I am voting for Hillary Clinton. Nor is it because her opponent is the most dangerous and disastrous candidate ever. I am voting for her because she is the most qualified person in history to run for the Presidency of the United States.

Enough already of the so called "scandals" such as the fake "Travelgate" or the fake "Filegate" or the accusation that she "looted" the White House when the Clintons left. The Benghazi lies have survived seven separate probes which found she did nothing wrong. Who are the true prevaricators here?

For two decades conservatives have hounded Mrs. Clinton with groundless attacks that have echoed repeatedly across the airwaves of Fox News, talk radio and Twitter until they have become "reality" for many voters. I don't think even George Washington's reputation, established by his cherry tree "confession," or that of "Honest Abe" could withstand the slander by dishonest and unethical opponents which she has endured.

Hillary Clinton, like all of us, is not perfect, but she is a fine human being. She is intelligent, knowledgeable, experienced, hardworking and well intended. Whether or not you agree with all of her policies, at least she has them and they are well thought out. She will be an extraordinary leader of the free world.

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And Other Correspondence

Cynthia:
It's a minor point, but the story about George and the cherry tree was debunked long ago. And, for the record, our esteem for Clinton is less robust than yours. We must concede, though, that we can't think of another person who's been the subject of such a sustained campaign of toxic lies.

The Editor

Getting Stung by the EpiPen
To the Editor:
News Flash — Kelly Ayotte is allergic to the EpiPen. As I understand it she is sending the Mylan Corporation campaign donation back so she doesn't get stung by the voters in November. On the other hand, she got stung by Donald Trump and is sticking with him.

Some people say, "Don't worry about Trump, after he's elected he'll pick good people to help him out." That's a great hope, but Mr. Trump already says he makes his own decisions and he goes with his gut. Where are those individuals of vision and accomplishment; leaders in their fields for finance, international trade, agriculture and climate, public health policy, or effective governance? Perhaps, like Senator Susan Collins, they already know why they are not on board?

But — we are not in Maine and the question is why Senator Ayotte is still on board here? She is not a "birther," white supremacist, or even under federal indictment for certain wildlife refuge actions in Oregon. It is both awkward and disturbing to watch the flailing footwork of the former Attorney General of the State of New Hampshire, who is still an "Officer of the General Court," as she attempts to stand fully committed to the rule of law and to those voters who support Trump. "Stick with Kelly. She sticks with

Trump." I have a better slogan. "Don't get stung twice."
Vote for "Maggie" in November and enjoy six full years of protection for all the citizens of our state.

Larry Brown
Milton, N.H.

Just Who is the Racist?
To the Editor:
The fact that the neo-cons, men like Paul Wolfowitz, Robert Kagan, Max Boot, and Eliot Cohen, are returning to the Democratic Party whence they came proves there is only one party — the party of the oligarchs, with two names, Republican and Democrat, but of one mind.

And that mind is devious. They attack Trump on the subject of borders from within their own borders — those gated communities into which they permit their power base of minorities and illegals only to provide cheap labor in the form of nannies, cooks, gardeners, and general help, but who must leave before sun down to catch the evening bus. Many of them even have to supply their own lunch. Yes, the oligarchs will allow wealthy minority sports stars and entertainment personalities in, and these wealthy minorities will use the same services and exploit their own while trying to maintain that they too are victims in spite of the fact that they are wealthy. Open borders for the masses, including their power base but tightly enforced borders for the oligarchs.

But, Trump is the racist. And this is coming from people like Bill Clinton, who opined to Ted Kennedy that Obama "would be getting us coffee, a few years ago. And of course Joe Biden, the man who used every vulgar black stereotype against Clarence Thomas, referring to Obama as bright and clean and nice-looking. In contrast to whom, Joe? And let's not overlook Harry Reid's description of Obama as "light skinned" with "no negro dialect." Then there is Hillary Clinton, who aggressively supported the removal of Gadaffi when he had the audacity to move toward an African Union that would use Africa's resources to benefit the African people, and to have a gold-backed currency to challenge the American dollar and the French franc. Then of course there is the ultimate racism embodied in the concept of American exceptionalism which Hillary embraces, and uses as an excuse for invading and destabilizing other nations.

John Dente
Wilmington, DE
John:
With the exception of American exceptionalism — at which Trump and his party far surpass Democrats — that's pretty small potatoes.

Hope is Not A Strategy!
To the Editor:
A few years ago there was a bestselling business book, *Hope Is Not A Strategy*, that outlined basic principles of a successful business strategy. Ideas and slogans are not enough they must have specific and consistently communicated actions backing them up. "The devil is in the details" is not a worthless axiom.

The lessons highlighted apply equally to governing, but Donald Trump and his supporters don't understand this fact. Successful government policy cannot be vague and inconsistently stated. Who is going to do what, when and how needs to be spelled out along with the cost. These details need to be in place ahead of time not in real time in order to do it right the first time.

Does anyone really believe that we can build a highly expensive wall, spend billions to deport millions, "rebuild" the military, create a new healthcare system, cut

everyone's taxes and not touch Social Security and Medicare without ballooning the deficit? Hope is not a strategy and blind endorsement by a minority is not a legitimate validation.

Well!, I have a strategy and a hope to deal with Donald Trump. The strategy is to tell every friend, relative and acquaintance I meet between now and election day that he is a blowhard and a con man. My hope is that you will do the same.

Dave Potter
North Hampton, N.H.

Who Should You Vote For?
To the Editor:
Actually, I can't tell you who to vote for.

But I can tell you who not to vote for: Do not vote for any candidate, at any level, of any party, who supports lowering or doing away the (federal) Estate tax (euphemistically known as the "Death Tax" in certain quarters). Such candidates are usually Republican, but there are a few Democrats sprinkled in.

Why not vote for them? Because the Estate Tax only affects the top 2 tenths of the wealthiest people in the country. That is, 80% of the top 1% do not even pay this tax upon death. So, any politician who tells you doing away with the "death tax" will be good for the country, is lying. This is a politician who is not representing his or her constituents, but pandering to the wealthiest campaign donors.

Disregard this advice if you and your spouse are leaving an estate over \$11,000,000. Otherwise, take it.

Michael Frandzel
Portsmouth, N.H.



Michael:
We could not agree more, except for one small point: "Death Tax" is not a euphemism, but a dysphemism; a figure of speech which, to achieve its desired effect — in this case, preserving the ill-gotten gains of one generation of thieves so that it may be passed on to another pack of entitled brats — applies a disparaging connotation to its subject.

The Macho Mistake
To The Editor:
Is machismo the most important quality for a president? The idea of a tough, no nonsense leader can be appealing but maybe not at the expense of rational judgement, superior analytical skills and coolness under pressure.

Often candidates win elections by appealing to the voter's limbic lobe which controls our basic instincts and emotions. This is most purely demonstrated by chimpanzees struggling for alpha-male status. When facing an adversary they puff themselves up, stand their hair on end, make a lot of noise, beat their chests and throw dirt. Remind you of anyone?

Good governing skills reside in the cerebral cortex, the part that sets us apart from the other mammals. Measured, sober, patient thinking resides here. Not everyone can balance the influence of these two parts of the brain on their behavior. Those more con-

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The Diogenes of Davis Hill

by William Marvel

During my childhood our house marked the end of the passable portion of Davis Hill Road. Except for a couple of months in summer, we had the hill to ourselves, and I was allowed to run wild, roaming woods that were just growing in after a century and a half of farming. Cellar holes lay here and there, and the abandoned, 1865-vintage French place was still precariously upright. I was strictly forbidden to enter that house, so of course I went through it like a dose of salts, but I was more observant of my parents' strictures to avoid the open wells that sat not far from the cellar of every former farmhouse.

Opposite the French place sat the George Moore lot, a furlong or so down the road from us. There was a shallow cellar hole that was always choked with tiger lilies, and a well with a crude cover of homemade cement. I don't re-

member ever seeing a house there, although I roamed that far at least as early as 1956 or '57. It was about then that my parents and I went down there one evening to fetch a truckload of tiger lilies to plant around our house.

George Moore was born in Nova Scotia in August of 1865, but migrated to the United States in 1887. Not long after his arrival he must have found work in South Conway, for in 1892 he married Nellie Eaton, whose father owned the ancestral farm on the Brownfield Road. Over the next five years they had three children. George did whatever he could for a living, and at the turn of the century he was working at the paper mill in Berlin, lodging his family in a tenement on Goebel Street. Nellie died in 1905, at 42, and most of the time thereafter the children lived with her widowed sisters in South Conway while George boarded wherever he happened to be working.

The children kept George com-

ing back to South Conway. His son and one daughter eventually moved away, but his daughter Merle married Ivory Cole, a South Conway farmer who lived at Goshen Corner. In 1924 George bought an old camp on an acre of land atop Davis Hill, one mile from them. My father, who was going to high school at the time, knew both Ivory and George, and he remembered Ivory for the jug of hard cider he always kept hanging in the well under a trap door in his barn. His main recollections of George involved the lantern he used to carry when he came down the hill to visit Ivory — like an old philosopher looking either for an honest man or an honest man's jug.

The lantern played another part in my father's description of George Moore, who was perennially threadbare and broke. When the headlights on his old Model T Ford had both burned out, he strung a rope between them and hung his lantern on it. The rough

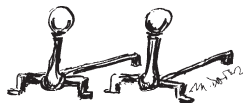
dirt roads and the faintness of the beam required him to take it pretty slow, and my father said they could always tell it was him coming by the sound of his glacial progress.

In 1935, something went awry. Merle and Ivory split up and sold the farm back to his mother, who lived across the road — which may have been part of the problem, for she was described to me as a tightfisted and spiteful old virago. They both quickly remarried, Ivory moving to Maine and Merle to Massachusetts, and suddenly George was alone on top of Davis Hill.

In the infancy of Social Security, an old man had to work until the end of his days. George was still employed until at least 75, calling himself a woodchopper when people asked his occupation, and he may have taken part in the logging-off of the east side of the hill, just before World War II; the stumps were mossed-over and beginning to turn phospho-

rescent in my teens. George had trouble earning enough to live on, especially during the Depression, and in 1937 Merle and her new husband had to redeem her father's camp for \$5.81 in unpaid taxes.

My grandfather spent World War II on Cape Cod, covering for Welfleet's town doctor, and was not around to tend George in his last illness. He died August 5, 1943, the day before his 78th birthday. Merle buried him in the Cole family lot in Center Conway, and now she lies there, too, right between her father and her ex-husband. In 1946 my uncle bought the tumbledown camp for \$25 in back taxes, and today the lot separates two suburban driveways. The canopy of trees has nearly killed off the lilies, but their descendants survive in abundance at my house.



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trolled by their limbic lobe exhibit impulsivity, arrogance and a tendency to act too fast. Remind you of anybody?

You know this personality: because there is one in most families; neighborhoods; clubs and workplaces. They are bullies, take offense easily, are rude, crude, dishonest and constantly criticize everything and everyone. They are never wrong, never take responsibility and usually shift blame to someone else. Remind you of anyone?

This begs the question, should you vote for the candidate who appeals to your gut attraction to alpha-males or should you vote

for the candidate that intellectually you know is needed in these dangerous and complex times?

Competence and experience trump machismo every day of the week. Don't make the macho mistake! Sizzle may sell, but substance is required for a serious job.

Dave Potter
North Hampton, N.H.

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Clinton v. Clinton

To the Editor:

Isn't this election supposed to be about the future welfare of our nation and not about those "damn emails" or Daffy Donald?

In an adversarial divorce, the biggest challenge the combatants

face is staying focused on the welfare of the kids rather than savaging each other. Unfortunately, it looks like this election could get needlessly messy because someone isn't keeping their eye on the ball!

The Democratic party allegedly has a platform — one with some pretty juicy stuff packed into it thanks to Bernie Sanders and his many followers. But how would we know, given the conduct of the campaign thus far? Matt Lauer certainly wasn't aware of the platform at last week's so-called "forum," and Hillary didn't seem the least bit motivated to stomp on his foot and remind him!

Fact is, even if Hillary is elected, the changes proposed by the Democratic Platform have zero chance of seeing the light of day without solid Congressional support. At this point, shouldn't the presumptive leader's job be selling the platform and promoting those candidates who must win seats in order to make it all happen? Swing voters already know Trump is a whack job. Do we honestly need Hillary wasting her time reminding us? Does a train wreck really require that much artistic interpretation?

It really shouldn't matter that Hillary Clinton is an unattractive candidate. Top salespeople know

you don't need to be flamboyant, charismatic, or even toothsome to sell a good product. Sales is a skill-set millions of Americans master and use every day to put food on the table. Where is Dale Carnegie when we need him? Lord knows Hillary's opponent has mastered the basics. Hell, he even paid someone to write the book!

Joe Biden is right about Hillary. It's time to shed those dowdy feathers and fly. Otherwise we're all going to be neck deep in guano in just the matter of a few short weeks!

Rick Littlefield  
Barrington, N.H.

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It's Greed That Fuels This CEO's "Grit"

by Jim Hightower

Heather Bresch regards herself as a self-made corporate success story — a woman who came out of hard-scrabble West Virginia and scrambled to the top as CEO of Mylan, a leading pharmaceutical corporation. As she puts it, "There is a work ethic and grit about [West Virginia] that allows me to help make a difference."

Well, yes, grit, hard work — and being the daughter of the state's former Governor and current U.S. Senator, Joe Manchin III. Take the MBA degree she got from West Virginia University, an academic credential bestowed on her 10 years after she left the school, having completed only about half of the coursework required to get a degree. The state university later conceded that Bresch was awarded the MBA because ... well, be-

cause her father was Governor at the time, overseeing the school's budget.

It's this sort of ethical "grit" that Mylan's chief exec has employed to pick the pockets of thousands of vulnerable customers who rely on EpiPen, the life-saving medical treatment for deadly allergies that her corporation monopolizes. She has ruthlessly hiked the price of EpiPen by some 600 percent, while jacking up her own

multi-million-dollar annual pay by nearly 700 percent. She certainly is helping to "make a difference" — by helping herself, that is.

Bresch's greed has sparked a furious public backlash, but several top advocacy groups for allergy patients are curiously silent about her gouging of EpiPen patients. Why? Perhaps because she has doled out millions of dollars in "partnership" grants to them, effectively buying their allegiance.

Meanwhile, Congress does nothing, for Mylan and Big Pharma are major campaign donors. It's not grit and work ethic that makes today's drug makers so rich — it's their unrestrained greed, bribery dollars, and systemic ethic of corruption.

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Narcissist's Profound Ignorance To the Editor:

The Wannabe Bully-in-Chief said "we should take Iraq's oil" during the Commander-In-Chief Forum. It's a terrible, dangerous, and immoral idea. It says our nation should be a thief. How would we look to the entire Muslim world? It's a call for enmity and disaster. And the logistic difficulty and cost, in human life and treasure, of such a nasty endeavor reveals the Nasty Narcissist's profound ignorance. The Combover Candidate's statement was a much more serious disqualification than his stated admiration for Vladimir Putin. He is making us out to be a nation of thieves. Hillary, and the legitimate news media, must call the Shifty Huckster to account for his thoughtless bluster.

Bruce Joffe
Piedmont, Calif.

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Recognize the Real Threat

To the Editor:

Over the centuries Americans have suffered greatly as a result of self-inflicted wounds to our nation. Among the most devastating were slavery and the resulting Civil War and segregation, the genocide of Native Americans, Vietnam, Watergate, and the Iraq War. The legacy of these self-inflicted wounds continues to fester, never fully healed, and negatively

impacting our nation, and will do so for decades to come.

Unfortunately, many Americans either forget, diminish, rationalize or outright deny the impact and the lasting consequences of these terrible mistakes. In doing so, we open up the possibility of never learning from our past and encouraging the self-inflicting of additional wounds to our nation and our people.

Today, America is standing on the precipice of inflicting another devastating self-inflicted wound, one that may make the others pale in comparison. The election of Donald Trump as President of the United States, would be a self-inflicted wound of such a magnitude that the entire world will be severely negatively impacted. Never in our history has a person with such severe moral, ethical, intellectual, behavioral, and qualifications and temperament deficits come this close to the Presidency. It is a sad commentary about our society, our media, our educational system and our political process, that has allowed Donald Trump to rise so far.

Fortunately, we still have time to recognize the real threat that Donald Trump poses to our nation, a threat that should have already been made very clear to everyone by his actions, words and deeds over the past year and a

half, not to mention his life-time of self gratification and ethical/moral lapses. We have inflicted enough harm on ourselves over the years, we cannot afford a wound of the magnitude that would result from a Trump victory.

Rich DiPentima
Portsmouth, N.H.

Rich:

In our opinion, your alarm is wholly justified.

The Editor

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He Supported the Loser

To the Editor:

Jim Rubens will get my vote in the September Republican primary election for the U.S. Senate. Rubens' positions on key issues promote prosperity and security for Americans, and protection of our Constitutional rights.

Rubens is for secure borders, enforcement of our immigration laws, and the end of sanctuary cities that allow illegal alien criminals to escape Federal prosecution and/or deportation. He wants an immigration policy and enforcement that benefits Americans, not one that benefits foreigners at the expense of Americans.

Rubens wants a thorough review of our national budget to end using Federal spending to buy political support and other wasteful spending and return to a respon-

sible balanced budget. He believes passing on the burden of our huge national debt to future generations is irresponsible and immoral.

Rubens believes in Constitutionally-limited government; and that changes to our Constitution must be made through the Amendment process, not by five unelected Supreme Court Justices. Thus he supports all our Constitutional rights, including our Second Amendment rights.

Rubens opposes the Trans-Pacific Partnership which will cost American jobs and depress wages, and which subjects American citizens, businesses, and our government to international control, threatening our freedoms and prosperity.

Rubens believes our national government has grown corrupt, wasteful, incompetent, overly intrusive, arrogant, and far beyond its Constitutional limitations. Many inappropriately exercised functions, like education, must be returned to the states, local communities, and to the people. Veterans should be able to pick their doctors and hospitals rather than being stuck in the insensitive and self-serving VA system.

In her re-election campaign, Senator Ayotte talks about representing New Hampshire values in Washington but her recent voting record doesn't support her talk. In

Ayotte's first year in office she did represent New Hampshire values, her voting record and Senator Shaheen's were usually opposite. But Ayotte's representation of our values steadily declined, last year Ayotte voted like Senator Shaheen about two-thirds of the time on key issues. Some of Ayotte's votes against the interests of New Hampshire citizens include for the gang of eight amnesty bill; for increased visas and immigration; for irresponsible spending and increased national debt; for Washington control of education, local zoning, and detention of Americans without due process; increased government regulations, &c.

I was hopeful after Senator Ayotte's first year, but she has become "Washingtonized" like Senator Shaheen and so many others.

Jim Rubens offers a more faithful representation of New Hampshire values. Please join me in voting for Jim Rubens for U.S. Senate in the September Primary Election.

Don Ewing
Meredith, N.H.

Don:

Rubens has a few interesting ideas, and a refreshing willingness to draw outside the lines — which, of course, rules out any chance of success within your party.

The Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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<p>2001—Five anthrax-laced letters are mailed to news media by a person or persons still un-apprehended. Five people die.</p> <p>2001—EPA Chief Christine Todd Whitman, acceding to a White House request, says the air at “Ground Zero” is safe to breathe.</p> <p>1992—John Schlafly, a 41-year-old attorney living and working with his mother Phyllis in Alton, Ill., defends her “family values” politics while announcing he is gay.</p> <p>1980—An airman performing maintenance on a Titan II missile in Damascus, Ark., drops a yard-long, thirty-pound socket wrench. It hits a fuel tank, causing a leak. The leaked fuel then catches fire.</p> <p>1975—The FBI catches “Tanya,” press baron Wm. Randolph Hearst’s bank-robbing granddaughter.</p> <p>1931—Japanese troops blow up their own railroad at Mukden, Manchuria, blaming it on the Chinese to justify an attack on Chinese Nationalists.</p> <p>1873—Civil War financier Jay Cooke goes bust on railroads, precipitating the Panic of 1873.</p> <p>1793—George Washington lays the cornerstone for the U.S. Capitol using secret Masonic rites.</p> <p>1755—Mark and Phillis, enslaved black servants of Captain John Codman, are executed in Charlestown for his murder by poison. She is burned at the stake; he is hanged. His gibbeted body is displayed for 20 years.</p>	<p>2014—Iraq vet Omar J. Gonzalez jumps the fence and runs into the East Room of the White House.</p> <p>2001—George W.[MD] Bush tells CIA chief George Tenet to look for links between S. Hussein and al Qaeda and recommends Dick “Dick” Cheney as a source.</p> <p>2001—The U.S. goes to war against Afghanistan—what could go wrong?</p> <p>1991—Alpine tourists discover 5,300 year-old Ötzi the Iceman.</p> <p>1980—Eight hours after a dropped wrench causes a fire in a missile silo in Arkansas, an explosion hurls a nuclear weapon 600 feet. Thanks to divine providence, only one person is killed.</p> <p>1961—Betty and Barney Hill of Portsmouth, N.H. find their trip back home from a vacation takes two hours longer than expected.</p> <p>1959—Nikita Khrushchev is denied admittance to Disneyland.</p> <p>1957—In Nevada, after 25 above-ground nuclear blasts in 111 days, the U.S. runs its first underground test.</p> <p>1952—The U.S.—with Richard Nixon as Veep and Joe McCarthy a Senator—bars Charlie Chaplin from entering unless he proves he’s of sound moral character.</p> <p>1945—William “Lord Haw-Haw” Joyce, U.S.-born fascist of Irish descent, is sentenced to death in England for broadcasting German propaganda.</p> <p>1692—After two days of being crushed by huge rocks, suspected warlock Giles Corey, 81, dies in Salem.</p>	<p>2009—A Robinson R22 goes “bang” over Forest Grove, Ore. and tumbles to the ground; two die in an inferno.</p> <p>2001—George W.[MD] Bush declares a War on a noun, <i>viz.</i>, Terror, before a joint session of Congress, which somehow takes him seriously.</p> <p>1968—A U.S. military spokesman in Saigon says Agent Orange has no harmful effects on human health.</p> <p>1958—A deranged woman stabs Martin Luther King while he autographs books in Harlem.</p> <p>1945—Ex-Nazi, former SS member, and rocket scientist Werner von Braun begins working for the U.S.</p> <p>1830—In Philadelphia, 38 free blacks form the National Negro Convention to abolish slavery.</p> <p>1797—The frigate <i>Constitution</i> is launched in Boston.</p> <p>1797—Captain Pigot of <i>HMS Hermine</i> orders that the bodies of three sailors who died trying to fulfill his orders be thrown overboard.</p> <p>1777—British troops conduct a surprise nighttime bayonet attack near present-day Malvern, Pa. The Paoli Massacre leaves 272 either dead, wounded, or missing.</p> <p>1565—Spanish forces slaughter 135 Frenchmen in Florida, “for heresy.” It’s the first clash of European colonialists in the New World.</p> <p>1378—French cardinals elect Robert of Geneva, aka “The Butcher of Cesena,” to be Pope Clement VII, bringing the current number of Popes to two.</p>	<p>2014—Abu Mohammad al-Adnani al-Shami, spokesman for the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), calls U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry an “uncircumcised old geezer.”</p> <p>2001—George Tenet informs Dick “Dick” Cheney that his alleged Iraq/al-Qaeda link is fiction. Cheney, however, is not dissuaded.</p> <p>1976—Ex-Chilean Ambassador to the U.S., Orlando Letelier, and an assistant are assassinated by car bomb in Washington, D.C.</p> <p>1970—On his 20th birthday, a pre-med student is busted at O’Hare Airport with ten pounds of pot. Bill Murray gets off with probation.</p> <p>1957—Hurricane Carrie and a badly-trimmed load of barley sink <i>Pamir</i>, the last cargo-carrying windjammer, off the Azores. Six crewmembers survive, 80 drown.</p> <p>1956—Anastasio Somoza, dictator of Nicaragua, is fatally shot by Roliberto Lopez, a poet.</p> <p>1953—No Kum-Sok, a Lieutenant in the North Korean Air Force, defects to South Korea via MiG-15.</p> <p>1938—New England is clobbered by a nameless 183 m.p.h. hurricane that kills up to 700.</p> <p>1906—A <i>New York Sun</i> editorial lies to a girl named Virginia, telling her a mythical “Santa Claus” is real.</p> <p>1797—The crew of <i>HMS Hermoine</i> slaughters eight officers, heaves their bodies overboard, and hands the ship over to the Spanish.</p>	<p>2003—“A year from now,” Richard Perle predicts, “I’ll be very surprised if there is not some grand square in Baghdad that is named after President Bush.”</p> <p>1987—Navy Reserve Captain Timothy J. Dorsey shoots down a Navy plane during a training exercise. Its crew survives ejection with injuries. Dorsey’s career in uninjured: daddy’s an Admiral.</p> <p>1980—The Iran-Iraq War begins.</p> <p>1975—Sarah Jane Moore shoots at President Ford, but former Marine and disabled ‘Nam vet Oliver Sipple deflects her gun.</p> <p>1970—President Nixon requests another 1,000 FBI agents to spy on college campuses.</p> <p>1959—Fire Commissioner Robert J. Quinn sounds the air-raid sirens to celebrate the White Sox’s pennant win. Many Chicagoans assume it’s war with the Russkies.</p> <p>1949—After putting vast effort and expense into it, the USSR blows up its first A-bomb.</p> <p>1927—Dempsey loses to Tunney in the famous “Long Count.”</p> <p>1907—In Genoa, the luxury liner <i>S.S. Principessa Jolanda</i> sinks upon launch.</p> <p>1906—Following a gubernatorial campaign in which the candidates—both Democratic newspapermen—run on their racism, 10,000 whites use unsubstantiated newspaper stories as an excuse to attack blacks in Atlanta. Death toll: 25 blacks and two whites.</p>	<p>1999—The \$328 million Mars Climate Orbiter burns on landing because Lockheed Martin used Imperial measure, not metric.</p> <p>1998—The New York Fed bails out broke hedge fund LTCM, establishing a suicidal precedent.</p> <p>1974—Fort Knox opens for inspection to quell a tabloid rumor.</p> <p>1960—Alan Ginsberg, Peter Orlovsky, and LeRoi Jones meet in Manhattan with Fidel Castro.</p> <p>1955—A white male jury which believes they’re guilty finds Emmett Till’s murderers “not guilty.”</p> <p>1952—Richard Nixon cites his daughters’ dog as proof he’s not a crook. Many are fooled.</p> <p>1945—French forces overthrow the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. The U.S. acquiesces.</p> <p>1930—Birth of Ray Charles.</p> <p>1912—Release of Mack Sennett’s first “Keystone Comedy.”</p> <p>1861—Osceola, Mo., is sacked, looted, and torched by drunken, pro-Union Jayhawkers. Nine men are hanged after a drumhead court-martial.</p> <p>1848—John Curtis, of Bangor, begins producing “State of Maine Pure Spruce Gum,” the first commercial chewing gum.</p> <p>1838—Birth of Victoria Woodhull, proponent of free love and the first female presidential candidate.</p> <p>1779—John Paul Jones takes the British ship <i>Serapis</i> as the <i>Bonhomme Richard</i> sinks under him.</p>	<p>2007—A plane previously used for “rendition” flights carrying alleged terrorists to Gitmo crashes in the Yucatan carrying 3.3 tons of cocaine.</p> <p>2006—<i>The New York Times</i> publishes a leaked intelligence document concluding that the Iraq War has increased the threat of radical Islamic terrorism.</p> <p>2006—George W.[MD] Bush says, “When the final history is written on Iraq, it will look just like a comma.”</p> <p>2005—Human Rights Watch reports that U.S. troops routinely beat and tortured detained Iraqis.</p> <p>1993—A Robinson R22 partially disassembles over Wildomar, Calif., crashes, and kills its two occupants.</p> <p>1981—CIA Director William Casey urges that intelligence agencies be exempted from the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>1978—On his yacht in Chesapeake Bay, right-handed CIA spook John Paisley takes a shotgun blast behind his left ear. It’s ruled suicide.</p> <p>1968—Protestors destroy 10,000 draft files in Milwaukee, Wis.</p> <p>1957—The Dodgers play their last game at Ebbetts Field.</p> <p>1911—Portsmouth native Ensign Charles Emerson Hovey, 26, is shot and killed by natives on the island of Basilan in the Philippines.</p> <p>1869—Black Friday; Jay Gould and Jim Fisk try to corner the gold market, precipitating national financial collapse.</p>
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2008—Somali pirates capture the *MV Faina*, a 500-foot freighter with a cargo of 33 Soviet tanks.

2007—Texas kills Michael Richard on schedule because Judge Sharon Keller refused to work overtime.

2003—An early draft of an interim report from weapons inspectors in Iraq says no WMD have been found.

2002—George W.[MD] Bush says “You can’t distinguish between al Qaeda and Saddam when you talk about the war on terror.”

1982—A Robinson R22 partially disassembles over Nashville, crashes, and kills its two occupants.

1981—Sandra Day O’Connor becomes America’s first female Supreme Court Justice.

1966—The smallest crowd in the history of Yankee Stadium—413—watches the White Sox beat the Yankees 4-1.

1962—While listening to the first Liston/Patterson fight, Vivian Stan-shall and Rodey Slater form the Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah Band.

1959—The U.S. Navy loses a nuclear depth charge, minus its fissile core, in Puget Sound.

1926—Henry Ford announces the 8 hour, 5 day work week.

1915—At Loos, France, British forces release 150 tons of chlorine gas towards German troops. Then the wind shifts.

1789—Congress passes the Bill of Rights.

2011—Dick “Dick” Cheney is stuck in a Vancouver building while police clear an angry mob.

2002—George W.[MD] Bush claims that “the Iraqi regime possesses biological and chemical weapons.”

1991—The House bank announces that, after covering 8,331 rubber checks written by Congressmen over the past year, it will stop.

1983—Lt. Col. Stanislav Petrov disregards malfunctioning Red Army computers showing five attacking American nuclear missiles. World War III is averted; Col. Petrov is rep- rimanded.

1960—John Kennedy and Richard Nixon hold the first televised presidential debate.

1945—American OSS officer Lt. Col. A. Peter Dewey is killed in Saigon by Viet Minh guerrillas who have mistaken him for a French officer. Before his death, Dewey filed a report saying the U.S. “ought to clear out of Southeast Asia.”

1933—The same day G-Men arrest Machine Gun Kelly, ten men escape from an Indiana prison using guns smuggled in by John Dillinger.

1911—The Battle of the Meuse-Argonne begins, the last great battle of the War to End All Wars.

1901—Abraham Lincoln’s body is viewed one last time before being covered with two tons of concrete. Among the 23 present is Fleetwood Linley, 13, who lives until 1963.

2002—Donald Rumsfeld calls the alleged link between al Qaeda and Iraq “accurate and not debatable.”

1994—On the Capitol steps, 350 GOP candidates take out a Contract on America.

1991—For the first time in decades, the U.S. has no nuclear-armed B-52’s on alert.

1989—To show kids there are more constructive things to do than take drugs, Jeffrey Petkovitch and Peter DeBernardi climb into a barrel and go over Niagara’s Horseshoe Falls.

1972—The first stretch of the Trans-Amazonian Highway opens; bye-bye rain forest, hello global warming.

1964—The Warren Commission reports that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, killed President John F. Kennedy.

1944—A group of 35 U.S. B-24s, isolated over Germany by a navigational error, are jumped by 100 enemy fighters; four survive.

1944—The U.S. government begins large-scale production of plutonium on land taken from the Yakama Indian Nation.

1864—William T. “Bloody Bill” Anderson and his 80 guerrillas, including Jesse James, massacre 150 Union soldiers in Centralia, Mo.

1854—*S.S. Arctic*, holed in a collision off Newfoundland, sinks. Her lifeboats are commandeered by the crew, who leave 300 passengers to drown.

1868—Knights of the White Camelia massacre between 25 and a few hundred blacks in Opelousas, Miss.

2005—Tom DeLay (R-Texas) becomes the first House Majority Leader indicted for violating campaign finance laws. Five days later he resigns.

2005—The Pentagon says it will investigate charges that soldiers posted photos of dead Iraqis online in exchange for free access to porn.

2002—George W.[MD] Bush claims Iraq has WMDs, al Qaeda terrorists, and a nuke coming soon.

2001—To avoid further scorn in these pages, Fleet Bank removes its 18-foot tall green, illuminated sign from the middle of Pleasant Street’s sidewalk.

1994—A Robinson R22 spontaneously disassembles over Knightdale, N.C. The pilot dies in the ensuing crash and fire.

1964—UC Berkeley students protest free speech restrictions.

1960—Ted Williams takes the plate at Fenway for his last at bat and hits his 521st home run.

1938—At Munich, British and French diplomats give Hitler the Sudetenland and the GOP a future talking point.

1917—In Chicago, 166 Wobblies are busted for messing with the war effort.

1904—In New York a woman is arrested for smoking a cigarette.

1891—In New York a 72 year-old writer named Herman Melville dies in obscurity.

2006—Anti child-porn crusader Rep. Mark Foley (R-Fla.) resigns after his lurid e-mails to young males leak.

2003—The White House denies that Karl Rove had revealed the name of CIA agent Valerie Plame.

1988—The Veterans Peace Convoy to Nicaragua wins a lawsuit preventing the Executive branch from regulating or prohibiting foreign aid that is intended to relieve human suffering.

1980—*The Washington Post* publishes Janet Cook’s Pulitzer-winning story about a fictional 8 year-old junkie.

1972—On Vineyard Sound, a short, bearded man in sneakers fails in his spontaneous attempt to throw former Defense Secretary Robert Strange McNamara off the ferry *M.V. Islander*.

1969—The U.S. Army drops murder charges against Special Forces Col. Robert Rheault—the CIA won’t let its agents testify.

1959—Maynard G. Krebs is introduced on CBS, insidiously destroying a whole generation.

1957—A Soviet nuke fuel plant blows up, kills hundreds, and spews more radiation than anything until Chernobyl. The CIA suppresses the news to protect the U.S. nuke industry.

1940—On a training flight over Brocklesby, N.S.W., two RAAF Avro Ansons collide, one “piggybacking” the other. Three of four crewmembers bail out safely; the pilot of the lower plane lands them successfully, saying, “she was heavy on the controls.”

2005—*NY Times* reporter Judith Miller tells a Grand Jury that Dick “Dick” Cheney leaked Valerie Plame’s name to her.

2003—George W.[MD] Bush vows to find out who leaked CIA agent Valerie Plame’s name.

1998—The GAO reports that Ken Starr had spent \$40 million in a failed effort to nail Bill Clinton.

1992—A Robinson R22 helicopter over Martinez, Calif. emits a loud bang and disassembles. Two people die in the crash.

1982—A Robinson R22 helicopter over Paige, Texas emits a loud bang and disassembles. Two people die in the crash.

1962—César Chávez founds what becomes the United Farm Workers.

1954—*U.S.S. Nautilus*, the first atomic-powered ship, is launched.

1950—Pres. Harry S Truman signs NSC-68, a blueprint to contain Communism—and reap presumed Keynesian economic benefits.

1919—A white man dies in a shootout in Elaine, Ark. Over the next three days, 240 blacks and five whites die in the U.S.’s worst single racial conflict.

1864—Black Union soldiers capture Confederate entrenchments at battle of New Market Heights.

1630—John Billington becomes the first Pilgrim hanged for murder.

1542—Johannes Gutenberg publishes *The Bible*. No royalties for the presumed author.

2013—In the interests of fiscal discipline, Republicans force a government shutdown, costing the economy \$24 billion.

2003—The Free State Project selects New Hampshire as its libertarian paradise, with the blessing of Gov. Craig Benson.

2002—The U.S. Northern Command is established to “Defend America’s Homeland”—*posse comitatus* be damned.

2002—George W.[MD] Bush claims he hasn’t “made up his mind we’re going to war with Iraq.”

1993—Caving under pressure, the IRS grants tax-free status to the “Church” of Scientology.

1973—Despite many failures to meet service requirements, George W.[MD] Bush is discharged honorably from the Texas Air National Guard.

1964—Campus cops at U.C. Berkeley arrest Jack Weinberg; big mistake. The Free Speech Movement ensues.

1952—The first issue of *Mad* is unleashed on an unsuspecting world.

1917—Arabs led by T.E. Lawrence capture Damascus.

1903—Fred Van Wormer’s autopsy is halted because he’s breathing. Taken back to Sing Sing’s electric chair, he is found to have died. He is electrocuted again anyway, just for good measure.

1860—In San Francisco, Emperor Norton I issues a decree barring Congress from meeting in Washington, D.C.



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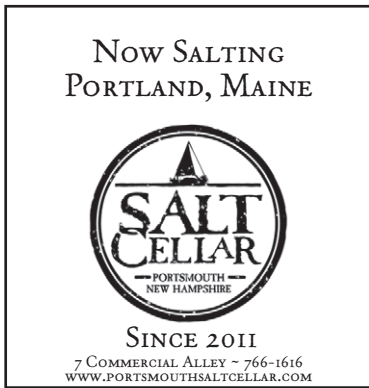
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