

Peace Through Violence

A cartoon illustration of a chessboard. The chess pieces are labeled 'SUNNI' and 'SHI'ITE'. A boy is standing on the board, looking thoughtful with a hand on his chin. A thought bubble above him contains a question mark. A sign on the board says 'HOME CHECKER CO.' The cartoon is signed 'M. DARRIN C 2008' and 'On S. Faria Production'. The text 'The New Hampshire Gazette' and 'www.MikeDarin.com' is also present.

Stelmat's high school guidance counselor characterized his intent for the *Union Leader*: "I'm going to go back to heal and do good. I'm not going to carry a gun."

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House Resolution 24, petitioning Congress to “commence impeachment procedures against President Bush and Vice President Cheney.”

The bill is sponsored by Rep. Betty Hall (Hillsboro County, District 5, Brookline). The fact that she includes Cheney in it proves Betty wasn’t fooling around when she wrote it.

The bill notes that section 603 of Jefferson’s Manual of Parliamentary Practice, which the U.S. House of Representatives adopted in 1837, “states that an impeachment may be set in motion ... by charges transmitted from the legislature of a state.”

If HR 24 passes the New Hampshire House—it does not need to pass the Senate, for reasons too arcane to go into here—then Secretary of State William Gardner will transmit it to the U.S. House of Representatives, who will be obliged to take it up.

Our latest encouragement to further this admirable project comes from Barbara Hilton, who urges everyone to call, rather than write—there’s not much time—their local Representatives and urge them to vote in favor of HR 24 on April 16.

Barbara also passes along some thoughts on promoting the bill. Apparently a Majority Report on HR 24 opposed its passage. Pamela Coughlin, the author of that report, Barbara says, “was not present for more than five

minutes of the four-hour hearing.” If your Representative wavers on supporting HR 24, Barbara recommends asking him to read Eleanor Kjellman’s Minority Report before he votes. “And if they ask if there will be a roll call vote, the answer is Yes. That tells them their vote will be recorded in history. If they are unsure what that means, ask a number of people who voted up or down for the Nixon impeachment crimes. Their vote is recorded in history.”

Play Ball!

The subject of half this well-deserved animosity, George W. Bush himself, swaggered to the pitcher’s mound at the new Nationals Park on Sunday, to throw out a ceremonial First Pitch. He received a resounding chorus of boos from the audience.

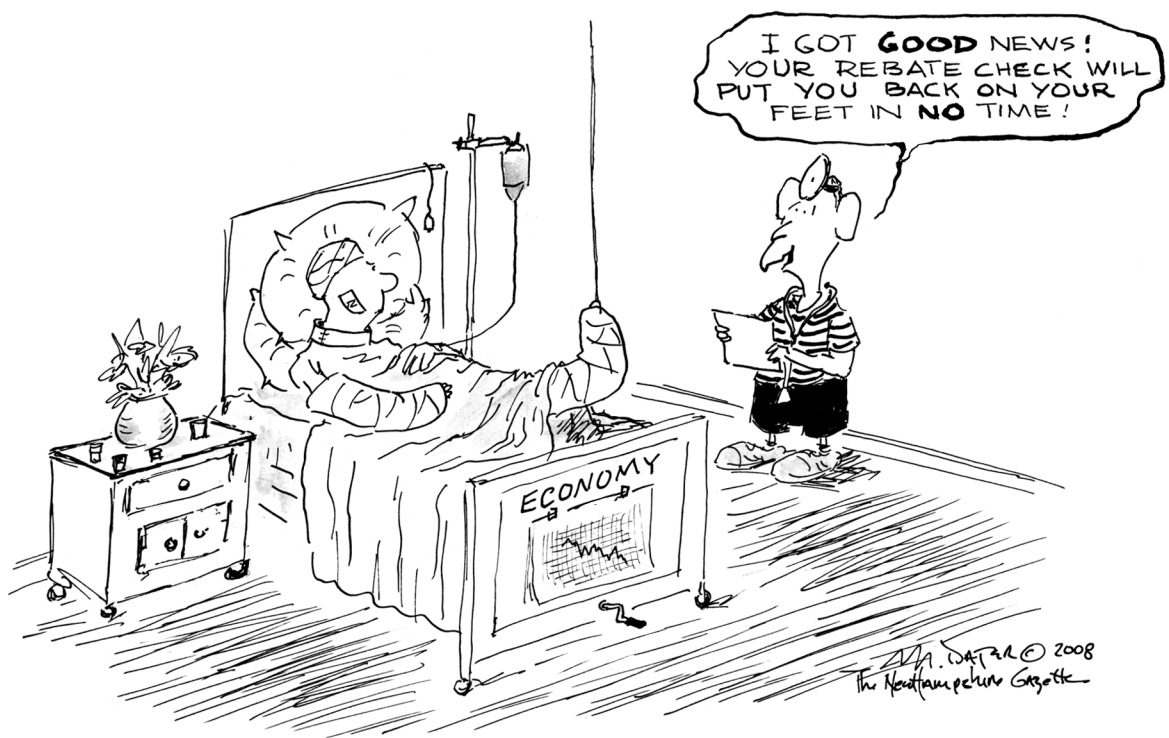
Mortgage Meltdown

It was churlish of those National fans to boo Bush—they could afford a ticket! They’re doing better than some folks. Aaron Wider’s former customers, for instance.

Wider owns HTFC Corporation, which has been in the business of originating sub-prime loans and packaging them for sale to outfits like GMAC Bank. GMAC is suing HTFC for breach of contract: refusing to repurchase “certain loans that were improperly underwritten and not investment quality.” A deposition taken during that lawsuit sheds light on the character of the people who have brought the world’s economy to the brink of collapse. In these excerpts, Q represents counsel for GMAC, and A represents Wider.

Q. Okay. You’re not employed by HTFC Corporation?

A. No, I own HTFC Corpora-



tion. Be specific.

Q. Okay. And what do the initials HTFC mean?

A. Hit That F_____’ Clown. That’s what it means. It’s an acronym.

During the deposition, Wider used various forms of the Anglo-Saxon F-bomb 73 times, compared to just 14 uses of the more common legal term “contract.” The plaintiff’s lawyer, although he maintained his civility, did on occasion challenge Wider’s beligerent attitude.

Q. Are you very pleased with yourself, sir?

A. Yes, I am.

Q. Because you’re trying to perpetrate a fraud and hide it?

A. Go _____ yourself, Bob. Now, you’re going to have to wait.

Q. Sir, if you keep walking out ...

A. Shut the _____ up.

Q. Here we go again.

A. I have a business to run.

Q. You don’t have a business to run. You have a deposition.

A. Shut the _____ up. Don’t tell me what to do. You sit there. You’re on the payroll. You can sit there and juice your client; you’re not juicing me. [Wider leaves the room.]

In addition to a certain tawdry and sophomoric thrill, this deposition gives an interesting glimpse of how some of those billions of dollars that American taxpayers and their children will eventually pay, were actually stolen.

Q. What was the purpose ...

A. None of your ...

Q. ... for buying a property for \$525,000 and on the same day, conveying it to a trust, and then conveying it back to you for \$1,150,000?

Looks like the purpose was to buy property, inflate its value through bogus transactions, package the mortgage as a security, get it stamped “Federally Approved” by a conveniently blind watchdog, and sell it. When the bottom falls out, John Q. Public will pick up the tab.

As we understand it, the suit is still going forward; this business only came to light now because the judge fined Wider’s lawyer \$29,000 for failure to restrain his client.

Spitzer Story Swallowed By Scandal

On February 14, the Washington Post ran an op-ed piece about predatory lenders. Written by a

widely-respected former U.S. attorney, it noted that “[p]redatory lending was widely understood to present a looming national crisis” years ago, but “the Bush administration looked the other way and did nothing to protect American homeowners.”

In fact, the former prosecutor wrote, when the states stepped in and wrote new laws, and tried to use laws already on the books to rein in predatory lenders, the Bush administration “embarked on an aggressive and unprecedented campaign to prevent states from protecting their residents from the very problems to which the federal government was turning a blind eye.”

The “obscure federal agency” doing the administration’s bidding was the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), which has, for “140 years ... examined the books of national banks to make sure they were balanced, an important but uncontroversial function.” In 2003, “for the first time in its history, the OCC was used as a tool against consumers.” It “invoked a clause from the 1863 National Bank Act,” and blocked the states’ ef-



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The Flag Police were on a mission Wednesday. They had had a confirmed report, just one day earlier, that a State Street financial institution was still flying the same proud-but-decrepit banner for which it had been cited on December 28 and March 21. With the wind howling at 9 on the Beaufort Scale, the Flag Police set out determined to obtain the most definitive and damning evidence they could. But when they arrived at the crime scene, they found the flagpole as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard. Either the institution had lowered the flag intentionally, or the winds had removed it from the local squad's jurisdiction. In lieu of that bust, the Flag Police are pleased to acknowledge a citizen's arrest by Mr. James Kilcoyne, of this city, who submitted the above image, "reproduced & published (without a blush) by Comcast, 676 Island Pond Rd., Manchester, NH 03109."

forts to protect consumers—thus giving a crooked industry more time to loot the nation.

Unfortunately, the author of this op-ed piece, New York Governor Eliot Spitzer, had spent the night before—and \$4,300 in cash—at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC with a woman to whom he was not married.

Thanks to that arcane branch of calculus known as American politics, the sordid fact that the governor spent the night before Valentine's Day with a whore instead of his wife has apparently exonerated the Bush administration for its role in the pending collapse of the global economy.

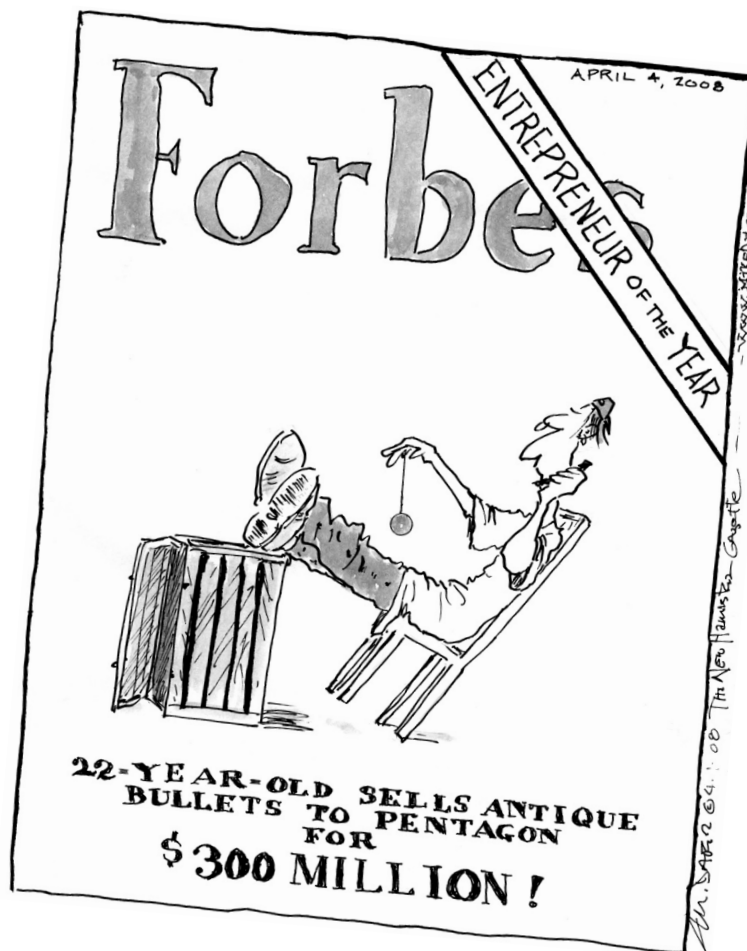
The official story of Spitzer's

downfall is that he was "hoist on his own petard," caught by banking bureaucrats who noticed odd transactions, which then triggered further scrutiny. That story was well-entrenched in the public's memory banks before a second, more interesting one surfaced.

Did He Fall? Or Was He Pushed?

On March 16, Robert Novak wrote in his syndicated column that "Republican political operative Roger Stone, Eliot Spitzer's longtime antagonist, predicted his political demise more than three months in advance."

Novak's benign description is a model of understatement; if



The American Dream: have a great idea, work hard, and make millions. The Republican theory: the government should get out of the way and let entrepreneurs do what they do best. The proof that it all works: Efraim E. Diveroli, 22, CEO of AEY Inc., of Miami Beach, FL, top supplier, through a Pentagon contract, of ammunition to the police and military forces of Afghanistan. Sadly, Democrats in Congress are crabbing about the \$300,000,000 contract. They're not happy because the ammunition supplied by AEY came in "decomposing packaging," "from the aging stockpiles of the old Communist bloc," is "unreliable and obsolete," and had to be destroyed at a further cost of "millions of dollars."

Stone is a "Republican political operative," then the Devil operates a tropical resort. By his own account, Stone played his first political dirty trick in first grade. As one of his first professional efforts, working under Jeb Magruder for Richard Nixon, he made a contribution to a Nixon rival in the name of the Young Socialist Alliance, and leaked the receipt to the *Manchester Union Leader*.

In his column, though, Novak denied that Stone had set up Spitzer. "Stone had nothing to do with the investigation," Novak

wrote, "and said he had not heard about it when he made" the prediction on Michael Smerconish's talk show December 6.

The *Miami Herald* threw a match at Novak's claim of Stone's innocence on March 21, with a piece by Amy Driscoll. It said that Stone's lawyer had sent a letter to the FBI alleging that Spitzer had "used the services of high-priced call girls" in Florida. Stone had this information from "a social contact in an adult-themed club."

The letter was sent on November 19. By January 26, the

FBI had staked out Spitzer in a Washington hotel.

Get Radio-Active!

Portsmouth Community Radio (WSCA-LP FM; 106.1 on your dial) is holding its Spring Membership Drive April 5th through April 12th. *Gazette* readers are required by law to become new members or renew their existing memberships during the week. Call in your membership at (603) 430-9722, or donate online at www.portsmouthcommunityradio.org.

Jazzmouth

On Thursday, April 10, there will be a comedy and spoken word show at the Press Room, to benefit Jazzmouth. The show will run from 7:00 p.m. to 9, cover is \$7. Jazzmouth, the main event, kicks off Sunday, April 20. Check out Jazzmouth.org for the complete, incredible lineup.

Opening Day at

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Tuesday, April 8th, starting at 11:30 a.m., in the Jimmy Lapanza Lounge, it's the Portsmouth Brewery's 2nd Annual Opening Day party. What more could one ask of life?

Celebrate the Sox's return to Fenway and raise money for the Jimmy Fund. To attend the party, you must first join the Brewery's Jimmy Fund Team team and make a \$5 (minimum) online contribution:

(1) Go to www.rallyagainstcancer.org, (2) Click on the Join a Team button, (3) Find "Team Sox" from the dropdown menu and click "continue" to join.

Teams from all around New England are competing to make the largest donation in order to win a visit from Dustin Pedroia later this season. There will be a silent auction of a pair of Sox tickets, and a raffle with prizes.

Sustainability Fair

A Sustainability Fair will be held Sat., April 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Portsmouth Middle School.



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Moving Pictures

Baseball Movies

by Rodman Philbrick

Scientists would have us believe that Spring begins on March 20th or thereabouts—something to do with the tilt of the planet. Apparently the earth tilts so the snow can slide off and make room for all the mud. But the true daughters and sons of New England know that spring doesn't really get sprung until Opening Day, which is closely aligned to the tilting of beer bottles in a refreshing celebration of baseball. This year the blessed event occurs on the eighth day of April, when they unlock Fenway Park, and the scalping of box seats truly begins: a family outing under the Green Monster shouldn't set you back more than a few thousand dollars, not including popcorn or parking.

Our national pastime has been around a lot longer than movies—they were batting balls

around makeshift diamonds between battles in the Civil War—but as soon as “action!” became a verb, baseball was up there on the big screen. Here's a totally arbitrary selection of a few of the better baseball flicks, presented in alphabetical order. You've already seen 'em, but if you can't afford tickets for real thing (see above), settle back behind your own home plate and wait for the wind-up.

The Babe is a pretty good biopic of George Herman Ruth, Jr., AKA “Babe,” “The Bambino,” “The Home Run King,” “The Sultan of Swat.” Abandoned by his saloon-owing parents at age seven, he was raised in a Catholic orphanage. John Goodman does a fine job embodying The Babe, with James Cromwell as the legendary Brother Mathias, who taught the kid the fundamentals of a little game called baseball. Don't feel sorry for The

Babe, though—he gets to grow up and marry Kelly McGillis, plus whack sixty out of the park in one year, juiced on nothing stronger than hot dogs, candy bars, and rye whiskey.

Before *The Bad News Bears* became a franchise it was an excellent original story with the great Walter Matthau as Morris Buttermaker, a former pro baseball coach who drinks his way into managing a failed Little League team. Tatum O'Neil's best juvenile role by far—she's great as the scrappy little pitcher who won't give up. Well crafted all around. If you haven't seen it recently, you're in for a treat.

Bang The Drum Slowly, based on a fine novel by the late Mark Harris, stars Robert DeNiro as the none-too-bright utility catcher who learns he has a terminal disease, but wants to play one more season for New York Mammoths. DeNiro nails it, no

surprise, and Michael Moriarty is solid as “Author” Wiggen, the bright, creative star pitcher who is DeNiro's truest friend.

The Bingo Long Traveling All-Stars & Motor Kings takes us behind the scenes in the old National Negro League. Billy Dee Williams leads off as the all-star pitcher who takes his team of on a wild, sometimes hilarious barnstorming season in the 1930's. With James Earl Jones behind the plate and Richard Pryor in right field you can't go wrong. Based on the William Brasher novel.

Bull Durham needs no introduction. Costner is convincing, Tim Robbins is all loosey-goosey as the original Jonathan Papelbon, and Susan Sarandon is sweet and sexy as the Baseball Annie who knows that breaking in rookies is a strange and delicate business.

Damn Yankees. The official name of that particular team for

those who live north of Hartford. A musical, with Ray Walston as the Devil himself—this was long before George Steinbrenner filled that role.

Eight Men Out makes the occasional error—the dialogue has a few splinters—but as a period piece it can't be beat. John Sayles adapts the Eliot Asinof book about the 1919 White Sox, some of whom helped throw the World Series in a betting scandal that nearly destroyed the game. The mostly terrific cast includes John Cusak, Bill Irwin, David Strathairn, and D.B.Sweeney as Shoeless Joe Jackson of “say it ain't so” fame.

Uh, oh—it's the bottom of the ninth. No more time (or column inches) for baseball patter. Here come the closing fastballs: *It Happens Every Spring*, *A League of Their Own*, *Major League*, *The Natural*, *The Rookie*.

You're out!

A Full Service Veteran's Hospital? Or a Full Service Medical Center?

By Kris E. Roberts

[Note: Rep. Roberts' proposal is at odds with the current push to reinstate Manchester as a full-service facility. We don't know if his position is correct, but the current situation is intolerable.—The Ed.]

It has been repeatedly stated that New Hampshire is the only state that doesn't have a full service Veteran's Administration Hospital to provide quality medical care to the state's approximately 131,000 veterans. However, few have asked if a full-service hospital located in Manchester is really in the best interest of New Hampshire's veterans.

The VA health care system was established to provide rehabilita-

tion and continuing care of veterans injured during wartime service. By the 1970's, the VA had changed its primary mission, from providing treatment of service-connected disabilities, to treating low-income veterans with medical conditions unrelated to military service. By 1994, 2.7 million, or 10.3% of all U.S. veterans—or approximately 23% of veterans with service-connected disabilities—were using VA hospitals and/or clinics for medical services.

During the early 90's the VA suffered from a tarnished reputation of bureaucracy, inefficiency and mediocre care. Until the passage of the Veterans Health Care Eligibility Reform Act (VHCERA) in 1996, the

VA was largely a hospital-based service, offering general medical and surgical care, and specialized care in mental health, spinal cord injuries, amputations, blindness, and long-term care.

In 1996, VHCERA restructured the VA, from a hospital system to a health care system, reducing hospital and longterm beds from 92,000 to 53,000. By the year 2000, primary care visits had increased 35%, while inpatient admissions dropped by 36%. Total bed days were reduced by 68%.

By 2003, the number of veterans receiving medical care through the VA increased by 75%, from 2.8 to 4.9 million. The VA had transformed from a wartime service-connected treat-

ment and rehabilitation system to an important safety net for many poor, uninsured and at-risk veterans.

Because the VA's mission has changed, I believe that a full service hospital in its current location (Manchester) will not provide better services for New Hampshire's veterans. A veteran living in northern New Hampshire will still have to get up early and drive three or four hours to Manchester. A veteran in Keene won't be able to make it over Temple Mountain in the winter.

It is only a matter of time before the nation goes to universal health care. One candidate for president calls for mandatory health insurance, providing anyone dissatisfied with their cur-

rent medical situation with the ability to find a better provider with government financial aid if necessary. Why would a veteran living in Keene want to drive to Manchester or White River Jct. when he or she could use a health-care provider that could provide them primary care services often the same day or within a few days?

It would take seven to ten years to get funding, complete construction, and earn accreditation for a full-service hospital. During that time, about 40% of all veterans would have passed on. Even with the current wars, the U.S. is not making enough new combat veterans to replace the number of veterans we are losing. Additionally, as veterans age, the

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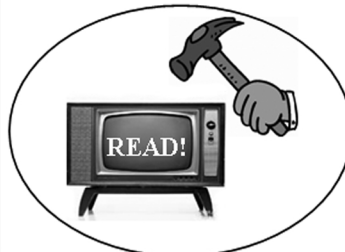
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Happy Anniversary

by William Marvel

Five years ago on March 23 I joined about a thousand other veterans on the Mall in Washington to protest the invasion of Iraq. The march had been planned for weeks, and at least five thousand vets had been expected, but George Bush preempted it by launching his invasion before we even arrived, thus convincing many that the effort would be useless. They were right, as it turned out: demonstrating the will of the people to the Bush administration, through either mass action or the ballot box, has always proven to be a futile exercise. Half a million protesters had descended on New York City the previous month without making the slightest impression on the neocons who were scheming to turn Iraq into an American colony.

Oh, it won't cost us much, promised the Republican scum who pushed hardest for war. On March 27, 2003, both Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and

his chief deputy, Paul Wolfowitz, told the House Appropriations Committee that the money for Iraq's reconstruction would come from the vast wealth in Iraq. President Bush's assigned liar, Ari Fleischer, had been parroting that line for months, prompted by the claims of Pentagon policymaker Richard Perle.

Now American taxpayers have paid out nearly three-quarters of a trillion dollars on that pointless and mutually demoralizing endeavor, and the end lies nowhere in sight. Some experts predict a three-trillion-dollar price tag, even if the war ended today, because of the unseen costs that linger long after the fighting stops. However accurate, such predictions fail to impress the public mind because words like "billion" and "trillion" seem to have lost their meaning: they define numbers too large for the average imagination to grasp.

Between my fascination with words and my obsession with history I discovered, only a few

weeks ago, that "billion" first entered the American lexicon under its current definition as a means of describing the cost of the Civil War. Near the end of 1863 newspaper critics of Lincoln's war were complaining that it had already cost "fifteen hundred millions of dollars" in badly devalued greenbacks (which were, however, worth at least two hundred times more than the George Bush dollar of 2008). Needing a larger number, Webster's new and revised American Dictionary for 1864 first noted the French definition of "billion" as "a thousand millions."

It's worth noting, too, that we had not stopped paying for the Civil War when the rockets started falling on Baghdad. The last widow of a Confederate soldier was still collecting her pension that spring of 2003. A century hence, heirs will probably still be collecting federal subsidies from the Bush fiasco.

Traveling to and from Washington on that weekend five years ago, I realized for the first time

that most Americans, or at least a vocal minority, had been convinced that the invasion was morally correct and politically justifiable. Herded by adult handlers, schoolchildren gathered at street corners to cheer U.S. troops with posters reading "Freedom isn't Free." Oversized American flags sprouted on the fantails of SUVs that best represented the genesis of the war. Clear Channel radio stations dutifully recounted the exploits of "our heroes" against the "bad guys" in a campaign of pandering and propaganda that made Joseph Goebbels seem like an amateur.

Now many of those who advocated and applauded the war understand how mistaken they were, or how deliberately their government misled them. Others have at least come to regret the consequences, like monetary collapse and the disappearance of federal aid. Stubborn diehards refuse to admit error, as the popularity of John McCain attests, but most of the public finally appears to have rejected the

selfish, chauvinistic, and undemocratic tendencies of the Bush administration and its congressional adherents.

That national epiphany is only an illusion. All the ingredients yet flourish that allowed the American people to initiate or condone a war of aggression. The political posturing that led Hillary Clinton to vote for the invasion still prompts Barack Obama to continue funding the war. The cringing fear that persuaded American citizens to exchange their liberty for domestic government spying and intrusive police power still drives the demand for fortress-like municipal buildings and schools that seem like prisons. The pervasive greed that made us World Enemy Number One in the struggle for global resources persists unabated, inviting another rebuke of our economic and cultural condescension. When that rebuke inevitably comes, the dependably dim-witted American people will resort to the same old counterproductive responses.

VA will be losing even more veterans to Medicare.

Many of the best VA full-service hospitals have working agreements with top-notch medical and nursing schools. There are none located in Manchester. Without a certain patient load, doctors wouldn't be able to maintain their skills. Finally, even on the private side, there are very few full service-hospitals that "do it all" in the U.S.—the cost of non-medical schools maintaining full-service hospitals can't be justified.

It is time for New Hampshire to set the example for the rest of the nation. New Hampshire needs seven or eight primary

care clinics, possibly co-located, but separate from with local hospitals, located around the state, to ensure that no veteran has to travel more than a hour for services, giving veterans the ability to call in for same-day appointments. No longer would veterans have to wait sixty to ninety days or more for follow-up appointments with their primary care provider. Each of these clinics would have the authority to make local, fee-based decisions, if it is in the best interest of the veteran. Such clinics would allow family members to take an active role in the veteran's health care.

Due to the fact that approximately 40% of the VA medical

services are for psychiatric care, there needs to be an increase in the number of fully-staffed Vet Centers. Such centers are extremely important to veterans, and their families.

Finally, there needs to be a full-service medical center where veterans can receive specialized care. Such a facility, if centrally located, should have an information technology system capable of scheduling all the veterans' appointments on the same day, as well as same-day prescription drug service. This should reduce the present thirty-day-plus wait for specialty care. Any veteran requiring major surgery could be provided transportation to the

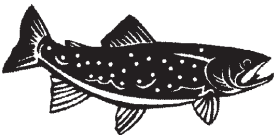
nearest and best-qualified VA hospital, for example, West Roxbury for bypass surgery or pacemakers. If it is determined to be in the best interest of the veteran, again, the surgery could be authorized on a fee-basis.

One of the major problems with the current VA system is transportation. The VA could run two shuttles a day from each clinic to the medical center, resulting in fewer missed appointments, which would improve the overall health of the veterans. I believe that this would result in fewer strokes, bypasses, amputations and other costly but preventable conditions.

Without question, such a sys-

tem would not only provide every veteran that desires VA medical services easy access, but timely treatment, while maintaining that separation many veterans need and desire. Additionally, it would do so with major cost-savings. It is a well accepted fact that certain wartime and military injuries or disabilities don't transfer very well to the civilian medical system. It is important that the VA founding mission be maintained.

Rep. Kris E. Roberts, Lt. Col., U.S.M.C. (Ret) of Keene, is Chairman of the State and Federal Affairs and Veterans Affairs Committee.



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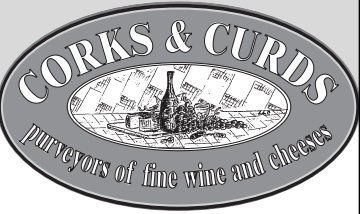
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To the Editor:

We here in New Hampshire have the opportunity, over the next two weeks, to change the direction of our country and the world. One of our State Representatives, 87-year-old Betty Hall, has introduced House Resolution 24 into the State Legislature calling on the U.S. Congress to begin the Impeachment of George W. Bush and Dick Cheney. This State Resolution is a legal action and tool given us by our forefathers to use during times of extreme circumstance such as we are experiencing today. If this resolution passes—it is expected to be voted on April 16th—the U.S. Congress must begin the investigation that will hold our leaders accountable. This does not need to be passed by the State Senate or signed by the Governor—only your State Representatives are involved.

If you believe as I do that our Country and our Constitution are in deep trouble, that our system of checks and balances is not working, then it is imperative that you call your State Representatives and tell them how you feel.

This is not a partisan issue. Well-known Republican Patrick Buchanan has written extensively about this in his book *Day of Reckoning*, as have others, including former New York Representative Elizabeth Holtzman, who sat on the U.S. House Judi-

ciary Committee during the Impeachment of Richard Nixon, in her book entitled *The Impeachment of George W. Bush*. Representative John C. Conyers, Jr., the current chairman of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, has also written a book entitled *The Constitution in Crisis: the High Crimes of the Bush Administration*. Why then, you may ask, is he not pursuing impeachment at this time? I, as well as others, believe it is because of pressure from the Democratic Party Leadership to not rock the boat in an election year.

As a deeply concerned citizen I don't think that politics should enter into this decision. We are talking about the welfare of our country. You have it in your power to do something about this. Think of what can happen if enough of us demand this of our State Representatives!

In the interests of providing information on this subject to you, I am hoping that you will take this opportunity to view a video made last July by respected, independent journalist Bill Moyers, in which he discusses impeachment with constitutional scholar Bruce Fein. The link is: www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/07132007/profile.html.

Please take this opportunity and watch the video linked above, learn as much as you can about this issue before it comes before the full New Hampshire House, and call your State Representatives.

Thank you.
Barbara G. Hilton
Portsmouth, NH

**Two Physician Surveys:
National Health Insurance**
To the Editor:

Our multi-payer health care system, with over 1,200 private, for-profit insurance companies, is broken. We spend the most in the industrialized world, per capita, for health care, but have

poorer health outcomes. There are 47 million uninsured; many more are underinsured. In New Hampshire, 137,971 are uninsured, which exceeds Manchester's population. Death nationwide due to lack of insurance is 22,000 per year, eight times the one-time loss of life in the 9/11 incident. Multi-payer bureaucratic paperwork and overhead expenses waste 31% of every healthcare dollar. On a daily basis, physicians have witnessed their patients' quality of employer-based coverage dwindle, some losing it altogether to face bankruptcies and financial ruin.

An important new study, published in April 2008 by researchers at Indiana University, reflects a shift in thinking among U.S. physicians. A solid majority of doctors—59 per cent—now support national health insurance. A plan that involves a single, federally administered social insurance fund guaranteeing health coverage for everyone.

Last fall a survey of New Hampshire physicians was sponsored by the New Hampshire Medical Society, and conducted by the University of New Hampshire. The survey found that 81% of respondents agree healthcare should be "available to all citizens as part of the social contract, a right similar to basic education, police and fire protection," with 94% of primary care physicians endorsing this view. Two thirds of New Hampshire physicians, including 81% of primary care clinicians, indicated they "would favor a simplified payer system in which public funds, collected through taxes, were used to pay directly for services to meet the basic healthcare needs of all citizens."

Both Republican and Democratic presidential candidates' health care reform proposals do differ, but all have the same centerpiece—preservation of the flawed private-for-profit insur-

ance system. Incremental changes that are proposed offer varying packaged embellishments, but do not address the core problem of financing. These two physician surveys are in concert with 65 percent of Americans who are clamoring for change. Let us call for our political leaders to replace the private for-profit insurance company system and implement a non-profit, single-payer national health insurance system, and thus to stand squarely for the health of the American people.

Marcosa J. Santiago, MD
Rumney, NH
Chair, Granite State Physicians for a National Health Program

**Another Bush Disaster
in Kosovo**

To the Editor:

Our country has been fighting in Iraq for more than five years, and is spending nearly a billion dollars a day in this war. Four thousand of our soldiers are dead, and some 30,000 have been seriously wounded. How terribly tragic! Do you recall how the media and almost all members of Congress did not question the actions by the Bush administration on the buildup to the Iraq War? Has anybody taken notice of what President George Bush is doing in Kosovo?

As a military veteran, I am shocked that the Bush administration recognized Kosovo's declaring independence from Serbia. This is an extremely dangerous policy. Not only is this action in violation of international law, but the current leaders of Kosovo were members of a terrorist group called the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA). The KLA have documented links to al-Qaeda and have also been connected to the destruction or desecration of at least 150 Christian churches and monasteries in Kosovo.

The *Washington Times* reported on May 4, 1999 that "Some

members of the Kosovo Liberation Army ... were trained in terrorist camps run by international fugitive Osama bin Laden." The newspaper cited intelligence reports that said "bin Laden's organization, known as al-Qaeda, has both trained and financially supported the KLA." Mark Kramer, a senior fellow at Harvard University, recently wrote in the *Washington Post* that the new Kosovo prime minister, Hashim Thaci, "was involved in terrorist acts as a KLA leader."

Last week President George Bush authorized military weapons to be sent to Kosovo. Bush stated the weapons being sent "will strengthen the security of the United States and promote world peace." How can supplying military weapons to known terrorists with past ties to al-Qaeda promote world peace? Why isn't our Congress calling for hearings on the egregious and reckless policies the Bush administration is making in Kosovo? Why isn't the media doing any investigative reporting on Bush's policies in Kosovo?

Please call your elected representatives in Congress to demand hearings on the Bush administration policies in Kosovo. The U.S. Senate switchboard is (202) 224-3121 and the U.S. House of Representatives switchboard is (202) 225-3121. Our people and our troops deserve to know the truth.

John Meinhold
Portsmouth, NH

Collier Weighs In Again
To the Editor:

Your March 7th issue has two anti-Israel letters that require significant correction. Brig. Gen. David is dutifully repeating Arab terrorists' campaign of lies, deceptions, misrepresentations, and the occasional half-truth. Perhaps one learns to parrot whatever lies are expedient in order to graduate from West Point? Duty,

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Honor, Country, and never question what you're told especially when it comports with your own prejudices?

When you have no legitimate claim for total domination of the world—and who possibly could?—and when your entire culture is known principally for its aggressive, conversion-or-the-sword history, it's vital to create a new, credible narrative that conveys a totally different message to the Western public so as to distract those people from the reality of your historic, on-going efforts at world conquest. That's what the Arab terrorists are doing. The Brig. Gen. has bought their false story hook, line, and booby-trap. In each region of the world the terrorist message rationalizing their bloody aggressions has been tailored (with lies, not reasons) in order to sway the minds of sympathetic humanists (and apparently retired orchestrators of war), adding those gullible souls to the already overwhelming army of Islamic terrorists determined to subordinate us all to Islamic Courts in honor of the *dicta* of Allah and Mohammed, his messenger. That which Arab terrorists have so far been unable to directly conquer since their last great push to Andalusia, they are attacking by guile and invading by indirection with the powerful assistance of a corps of badly informed, well-meaning individuals who parrot the misinformation which by itself comes to constitute a powerful second front in this vital battle for control of the world.

Then comes Mr. Steiber. Just goes to show that even if people can do math, they can't figure. He protests Israel killing terrorists because she kills more terrorists than the terrorists have managed to kill Israelis in recent weeks. He doesn't protest the terrorists' deliberate targeting of Israel civilians, and fails to note that any civilian victims on the Arab side

are accidentally hit while terrorists shelter behind them, deliberately cowering behind civilians as human shields, a cynical and well-documented tactic which allows the likes of well-meaning letter writers to bemoan Israeli self-defense while crying in behalf of a vicious cult of religious murderers. Both writers are way off the mark, repeating the slanders they've been taught without any effort to see through the propaganda. I don't expect much of Generals, and am rarely surprised. But I would hope that average citizens could do more objective analysis of the realities and discover that biases such as these are totally unjustifiable.

Richard Collier
Portsmouth, NH
Richard:
You seem to have maligned Gen. David's character without successfully refuting his charges. As for your charge that Mr. Stieber lacks objectivity, we suspect he might say the same.

The Editor

Unleash Adam Smith!

To the Editor:

Yes, the U.S. Government bails out Wall Street, and this is just why we need less government. I am tired of hearing those who continually look to the government for solutions complain when the government creates a problem, then convinces people that only the government can solve that problem. Really free enterprise is the solution.

The problem is not with capitalism; we do not have a capitalist economy—we have a corporate economy where big business and big government are partners. The separation of business and government should be as sacred as the separation of church and state. First the Federal Reserve should be abolished and interest rates allowed to find their own level in a competitive market. There should be no government

targeted strategies to help people own homes. The FDIC should be abolished so that depositors will exercise the necessary skepticism before giving money to a bank. In the current atmosphere the bank can do whatever they want knowing that their depositors will be protected by the U.S. Government. In fact if you want to find fault remember many of these strategies are just the ghost of The New Deal.

John Dente
Wilmington, DE

Let Us Cultivate

To the Editor:

The news lately is full of bad loans, ailing banks, and federal bailouts. High finance is in a mess, and it happened in DC with bi-partisan support: Clinton repealed the 1933 Glass-Steagall Act and Bush gave us the Bankruptcy Reform Bill. The former let finance institutions become gambling casinos by leveraging their debt holdings and the latter eliminated the ability of ordinary people to discharge their debts—incur in many cases from the high cost of medical care. And don't forget a few years ago ex-Fed Chairman Greenspan dropped interest rates to nearly zero to "goose" the economy, which tempted folks to use their homes as ATM machines.

As a result, the dollar is falling, fuel cost is rising, and food is becoming increasingly expensive. I don't pretend to know the ultimate financial solution but have thought of a timely idea for each of us. Thankfully Spring is here so why not consider planting a garden or extending the one you've got out back? Flowers are pretty, but you can eat vegetables. For those without a suitable yard, consider starting a community garden with your friends and neighbors. Several Seacoast towns do have such gardens and more are in the planning stages.

For some, gardening might re-

kindle interest in an engaging hobby while for others, it might help stretch an already strained food budget for this summer. Better hurry though because Memorial Day is fast approaching. Certainly the world financial situation is perplexing, yet we must remember how the great Voltaire might respond, "Excellent! Observed, but let us cultivate our garden."

Bill Pagum
Kittery, ME

A Song for Fightin' John

To the Editor:

Last week Senator McCain went to Iraq to celebrate the 5th anniversary of its invasion by hordes of troops and mercenaries sent to look for mythical weapons and secure the oil. He went next to Israel, maybe to get more tips from the horse's-mouth state on how to keep down restless natives. I hope that when he comes back to campaign he'll wear the bomber jacket he's been photographed in, and even add a Mad Bomber hat to give the public a better picture of what he really is.

In 2002 when Bush's chorus in Congress, including Maine's twin senators, endorsed his obscene war, I wrote a Letter to Editors with a song, "Let George Do It." Now that they've endorsed Bush's retread John McCain, I've changed the name to make a tune the same old chorus line could dance to:

"Let's let John do it! Let's have a ball!"

Since he was given an election, we're going to give him All.

Let's let John do it! Let's take a fall!

And drop those bombs on people who haven't harmed us at all.

Let's let John do it! Let's grab it all!

So the corporate boys can have all the joys of bathing us in oil.

Let's let John do it! Let's see him standing tall!



To show us all how big he is by starting a fight with the small.

So let's let John do it! Do anything at all!

To let him know how thrilled we are that he's taking us to a brawl."

Marjorie Gallace
Camden, ME

Advice For The Clueless

Dear Abby,

My husband is a liar and a cheat. He has cheated on me from the beginning and, when I confront him, he denies everything. What's worse, everyone knows that he cheats on me. It is so humiliating. Also, since he lost his job six years ago, he hasn't even looked for a new one. All he does all day is smoke cigars, cruise around and shoot the bull with his buddies while I have to work to pay the bills. Since our daughter went away to college he doesn't even pretend to like me and even hints that I may be a lesbian. What should I do?

Clueless,

New York

Dear Clueless:

Grow up and dump him. Good grief woman! You don't need him anymore! You're a Senator from New York running for President of the United States. Act like one!

Abby

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

Portsmouth is bounded on the north and east by the Piscataqua River. Depending on which tour boat captain you believe, it's the second, the third, or the fourth fastest-flowing navigable river in the country.

The Piscataqua's remarkable current is caused by the tide which, in turn is

caused by the moon. The other major player is a vast sunken valley, about ten miles upriver. Twice a day, the moon drags roughly seventeen billion gallons of salt water from the ocean, up the river, into Great Bay. (If the moon ever stopped moving that water for us, it could be replaced with 2,125,000

tanker trucks.)

The moon's meddling creates a roving hydraulic conflict as incoming sea and outgoing river collide. The skirmish line moves from the mouth of the river, past New Castle, around the bend by the old Naval Prison, under Memorial Bridge, past the tugboats, and on towards Great Bay. This spectacle can best be seen when the chart below shows the tide rising. A good place to watch is the little deck near the sterns of the tugboats, off Ceres Street. Twice a day, too, the moon lets all that water go. All the salt water that just fought its way upstream goes back

to rejoin the ocean. This is when the Piscataqua earns its title for xth fastest current. A good place to observe this is from Bow Street, up by St. John's church. Look up the river, from one of the little parking lots between the buildings. (Don't try to drive or park there, that won't work.) You'll see a red

buoy, at the upstream end of Badger's Island, bobbing around in the current. That buoy weighs several tons, is nine feet wide, and it bobs and bounces in the current like a cork! The river also has its placid moments, around high and low tides. Often when the river rests, its tugboats and drawbridges

work their hardest. Ships coming in heavily laden with coal, oil, and salt generally do so at high tide, for maximum clearance under their keels. When they leave empty, riding high in the water, they tend to go at low tide, for maximum clearance under Memorial Bridge.

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1992—According to witnesses, Donald E. Harding gasps, moans, and takes five minutes to die a “violent” death in Arizona’s gas chamber. 1976—Howard Hughes dies in testate. 1968—The Oakland police raid and shoot up Black Panther Party headquarters. 1954—“The time has come,” says Sen. John F. Kennedy, “for the American people to be told the truth about Vietnam.” 1953—The Cotton States League throws out the Hot Springs team for signing black pitchers. 1917—Former peace candidate Woodrow Wilson declares war on Germany. 1868—Brigham Young marries wife #27. 1832—Black Hawk leads a band of Sauk Indians across the Mississippi into Illinois where they capture a village. 1789—The Senate counts the votes of the Electoral College: George Washington is elected. 1776—The Continental Congress declares U.S. ports open to all shipping—except British. 1712—Twenty-three enslaved African Americans revolt in New York, killing nine whites and injuring six others. Twenty-one are later convicted and executed.	2003—U.S. troops take Baghdad. 1990—Future Bush #43 administration appointee John Poindexter is found guilty of multiple felonies in the Iran/Contra scandal. 1970—California Governor Ronald Reagan announces his position on ending student demonstrations: “If it takes a bloodbath, let’s get it over with.” 1969—Supreme Court legalizes private possession of obscene material. 1966—The U.S. retrieves a lost H-bomb off the coast of Spain. 1954—President Eisenhower compares Southeast Asia to a game of dominos. 1922—Secretary of the Interior Albert Fall, a Republican, leases the federal Teapot Dome oilfield to his pal Harry Sinclair, who, coincidentally, loans Fall \$25,000. 1891—RIP P.T. Barnum. 1862—The two-day Battle of Shiloh ends with 23,741 dead, wounded, or missing; creating more casualties than the Revolution, the War of 1812, and the Mexican War combined. 1775—Samuel Johnson declares patriotism to be the last refuge of a scoundrel. Later evidence suggests that for some scoundrels, it may be the first.	1984—Richard Nixon observes, “It’s the media’s responsibility to examine the President with a microscope ... but when they use a protoscope, it’s going too far.” 1974—Hank Aaron breaks Ruth’s record for career homers, reaping him hate mail and death threats from sports fans. 1971—In Wethersfield, CT, the Donohue home is struck by a 6 lb. meteorite. 1956—Parris Island DI marches six U.S.M.C. recruits into a swamp for disciplinary purposes. They drown. 1952—Truman orders the Army to seize steel mills. 1947—After eighteen days of excavation, New York Police find compulsive hoarder Langley Collyer dead in his junk-crammed Harlem townhouse. 1942—Bataan falls to the Japanese Army. 1899—In NY, Martha Place becomes the first woman executed in an electric chair. 1885—U.S. troops invade Panama, “to defend our national interests.” 1864—The 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution passes, outlawing slavery. 1826—In a duel, Secretary of State Henry Clay misses Sen. John Randolph, and Randolph misses Clay.	2004—Army PFC Keith Maupin is captured during an ambush near Baghdad. He is still missing. 2003—In Baghdad’s Firdos Square, American troops pull down a large statue of S. Hussein in front of an audience of Iraqis. 1997—Cambodian newspaper proposes importing mad cows to clear land mines. 1981—The U.S. sub <i>George Washington</i>, carrying as many as 160 nuclear warheads, collides with and sinks a Japanese freighter in the East China Sea. 1972—Dwayne “Archer Daniels Midland” Andreas gives \$25,000 to the Nixon reelection campaign, in return for which the Comptroller of the Currency later approves a bank charter. 1959—NASA introduces America’s first seven astronauts. 1927—In Massachusetts, death sentences issued by Judge Thayer for Nicolas Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti are upheld. During the trial, Thayer had called the two “those anarchist bastards.” 1914—Adm. H.T. Mayo demands a 21 gun salute from Mexicans at Tampico, provoking an international incident. 1865—Gen. Robert E. Lee surrenders the Army of Northern Virginia to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse.	2005—Tens of thousands of Iraqis mark the 2nd anniversary of S. Hussein’s fall by shouting “No, No to Satan!” and demanding that U.S. troops leave. 1972—American B-52s resume bombing North Vietnam after a hiatus of more than four years. 1972—Crooked financier Robert Vesco slips \$200,000 to Nixon’s reelection campaign, in exchange for which Attorney General John Mitchell cuts him slack. 1970—A deed is prepared giving presidential and vice-presidential papers of Richard Nixon to the National Archives—backdated to qualify for an otherwise illegal tax deduction. 1963—The <i>U.S.S. Thresher</i> implodes about 220 miles east of Boston, killing 16 officers, 96 enlisted men, and 17 civilians. 1945—Doctors at Oak Ridge deliberately inject plutonium into a car wreck victim. 1912—The <i>Titanic</i> sets out on its maiden (and final) voyage. 1878—Cable car service begins in San Francisco. 1847—Joseph Pulitzer, yellow journalist, founder of Columbia School of Journalism, is born in Budapest. 1841—Horace Greeley, New Hampshire native and noted loony, begins publishing the <i>New York Tribune</i>.	2003—U.S. officials in Iraq unveil deck of cards showing 55 “Most Wanted” Iraqi officials. 2002—Venezuelan generals replace Pres. Hugo Chavez with Pedro Carmona. 1968—The Civil Rights Act of 1968 is signed into law. 1951—President Harry S. Truman fires General Douglas MacArthur for insubordination. 1950—A U.S. B-29 carrying a nuclear weapon crashes near Albuquerque. The nuke’s high explosives ignite; good thing the fissile core wasn’t installed. 1941—Ford signs its first contract with the United Auto Workers. 1938—Richard Whitney, president of New York Stock Exchange, gets 5 to 10 for larceny. 1898—President McKinley generously declares Cuba’s independence from Spain. 1893—Frederick Ives patents the halftone printing plate. 1812—Luddites meet their first serious resistance during an attack at Rawfords Hill. 1783—Congress proclaims peace with Great Britain. 1751—Daniel Fowle marries Lydia Hall at King’s Chapel, in Boston. 1554—The English rebel leader Thomas Wyatt is beheaded, then quartered for good measure.	2001—Veep Dick “Dick” Cheney files his 2000 tax return, which shows that \$5.1 million of his \$36 million adjusted gross income came from Halliburton. 1937—60,000 U.S. students demonstrate against war. 1934—At Mt. Washington, the highest surface wind speed ever recorded is measured: 231 mph. 1867—Wm. Bullock, inventor of the web-fed rotary press, dies of complications after his leg is crushed by his own invention. 1864—At Fort Pillow, hundreds of Union soldiers, black and white, are massacred by thousands of Confederates led by Gen. Nathan B. Forrest, who later founds the KKK. 1862—Union men steal a Confederate locomotive, <i>The General</i>, in Georgia, and head north, but conductor Wm. A. Fuller, on foot, on a handcar, and finally in another locomotive, chases <i>The General</i> down. 1861—Confederate gunners fire on Ft. Sumter. 1788—A New York mob opposed to body-snatching attacks a hospital, occupies the dissecting room, and displays various body parts at the windows. The riot lasts two days, killing five. 1782—American militia troops massacre 100 neutral, Christian Indians of the Delaware Nation.
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2002—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez is back in office after an exciting day off. 1992—Chicago’s business district is shut down after the Chicago River breaches an underground tunnel system. 1981—Rep. Jon Hinson (R-Miss.) resigns his seat three months after being arrested for attempting to commit oral sodomy in a House restroom. 1981—For a fraudulent article about an 8-year-old junkie named Jimmy, the <i>Washington Post</i>’s Janet Cooke is awarded the Pulitzer Prize. 1970—<i>Apollo 13</i> lives up to its numeral. 1962—Rachel Carson’s <i>Silent Spring</i> is published. 1953—CIA starts MK-ULTRA program, looking for effective brain-washing drugs—and TV was already becoming popular. 1919—British troops massacre at least 379 unarmed Indian men, women and children at Amritsar. 1901—After 14 years on Devil’s Island, French anarchist Clement Duval’s 20th escape attempt succeeds. He makes it to New York City and lives to be 85. 1873—In Grant Parish, Louisiana, the White League and the Klan kill 280 African-Americans in the Colfax Massacre.	1999—Dan Quayle throws his silly hat in the ring. 1994—Over Iraq, two U.S. fighter jets shoot down two U.S. helicopters. 1988—An Iranian mine nearly sinks the guided missile frigate <i>U.S.S. Roberts</i>. 1964—RIP Rachel Carson. 1939—John Steinbeck’s <i>Grapes of Wrath</i> is published. 1935—A terrible windstorm crosses the Great Plains, bearing away topsoil. 1931—The Spanish Republic is proclaimed. 1910—President Taft becomes first president to throw out the first baseball. 1894—Edison’s Kinetoscope shows its first commercial movie ever. 1865—John Wilkes Booth shoots Abraham Lincoln. 1860—First Pony Express rider arrives in San Francisco. 1828—Noah Webster publishes his first dictionary. 1772—In South Weare, NH the County Sheriff tries to collect fines from sawmill owners for stealing the King’s trees. Instead they beat him mercilessly. 1766—News of the Stamp Act’s repeal reaches Portsmouth. 1756—In Pennsylvania, the value of an Indian scalp is pegged at 130 pieces of eight.	2003—George W. Bush installs Gen. Jay Garner to administer Iraq “until an Iraqi government can be formed.” He lasts less than a month. 1994—Dick “Dick” Cheney explains to C-SPAN viewers that G.H.[H.]W. Bush didn’t topple Saddam Hussein because it would have created a “quagmire” in Iraq. 1992—Leona Helmsley takes up residence at the federally-owned Crowbar Hilton in Lexington, Kentucky. 1984—Welsh comedian Tommy Cooper suffers a heart attack onstage while performing live on British television. He is given CPR behind the curtain—in the dark, with no success—while the show goes on in front. 1980—RIP Jean-Paul Sartre. 1970—Rep. Gerald Ford calls for the impeachment of Justice Wm. O. Douglas. 1967—The first mass burning of U.S. draft cards takes place in New York and San Francisco. 1961—The CIA’s ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion begins as three flights of falsely-marked American B-26s bomb and strafe Cuban airfields. 1960—SNCC is formed. 1912—The <i>Titanic</i> changes course and heads for the bottom instead of New York.	2005—Jozef Galica, of Poronin, Poland is quoted in <i>Gazeta Wyborcza</i> saying the death of John Paul II, the Polish Pope, has inspired him to close his brothel. First miracle? 2003—Pre-written obituaries are discovered prematurely posted on CNN.com, including one for Dick “Dick” Cheney identifying him as the “UK’s favorite grandmother.” 1992—The House Ethics Committee—no laughing—releases names of 303 check-kitters. 1973—Perhaps due to an excess of inventory, the Pentagon begins bombing Laos. 1971—Anti-war Vietnam vets throw their medals and crutches at Congress. 1967—Huge anti-war marches take place in New York and San Francisco. 1964—“There is no reason why French forces should not remain in Indo-China and win,” says Veep Richard Nixon, three weeks before the Viet Minh overrun Dien Bien Phu. 1947—In Texas City, Texas, a load of fertilizer aboard the French vessel <i>SS Grandcamp</i> explodes, killing 581 in a 3 kiloton explosion. 1943—Swiss chemist Albert Hoffman accidentally takes the first LSD trip.	2002—G.W. Bush flip-flops, vows to rebuild Afghanistan. 2001—Sharon’s Israel takes a bite out of Gaza. U.S.’s Colin Powell takes a bite out of Sharon. 1987—Comedian Dick Shawn, onstage in San Diego, suffers a fatal heart attack. It is several minutes before the audience realizes it’s not part of the act. 1981—The Supreme Court decides banning the use of peyote as a religious sacrament doesn’t violate the First Amendment. 1970—<i>Apollo 13</i> makes it home. 1967—“[T]he defeat of the Communists forces in South Vietnam is inevitable,” says ex-Veep Richard Nixon. “The only question is, how soon?” 1966—G. Gordon Liddy busts Tim Leary for pot possession. 1965—25,000 march against Vietnam War in NY. 1961—Transports chartered by the CIA deliver 1,511 Cuban exiles to the Bay of Pigs. 1959—In Times Square, 22 are arrested for refusing to take part in an air-raid drill. 1954—Eisenhower threatens to nuke Red China. 1935—Sun Myung Moon has a revelation: Jesus Christ asks him to complete his mission. 1850—In the Senate, Henry Foote (D-MI) pulls a pistol on Thomas Hart Benton (D-MO).	2006—“I’m the decider,” says George W. Bush. “What’s best is for Don Rumsfeld to remain as the secretary of defense.” 1977—The federal frame-up of Leonard Peltier succeeds. 1971—Howard Hughes, world’s richest man, dies intestate. 1968—The Army admits that releases of nerve gas from the Dugway Proving Grounds are responsible for the deaths of more than 6,400 Idaho sheep. 1942—Eighty men in 16 bombers take off from the <i>U.S.S. Hornet</i>, bomb Tokyo, and ditch their planes in China. Ninety percent of them survive the mission. 1906—An earthquake and fire destroy much of San Francisco, killing 500 to 700 people. 1844—For a second time, believers in William Miller’s Doomsday prediction are disappointed. 1842—Opponents of the established Rhode Island government, which restricts voting to landowning males, hold another election and select Thomas W. Dorr as Governor. Rhode Island now has two governments. 1775—Paul Revere gets busted as Dr. Sam Prescott warns Concord of the impending arrival of British troops. Isaiah Thomas’s printing press (which he bought from Zechariah Fowle) is spirited off to Worcester.	2004—A government spokesman reveals that NORAD had run a training exercise based on a hijacked airliner crashing into a building. 1995—RIP 168 souls in Oklahoma City. 1993—For the good of the children, who end up among the 80 dead, the FBI attacks David Koresh’s compound at Waco, Texas. 1971—Officials at Arlington National Cemetery turn away Gold Star Mothers and Vietnam veterans participating in Operation Dewey Canyon III. 1951—In a grandiose fit of mock humility, Gen. Douglas “Dugout Doug” MacArthur tells Congress, “Old soldiers never die,” leaving unspoken the obvious corollary, “that’s what the young ones are for.” 1948—Costa Rica 86s its army. 1943—The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising begins. 1939—After some study, Connecticut OKs the Bill of Rights. 1877—Birth of Ole Evnirude, inventor of the outboard motor. 1861—The first Federal fatalities of the Civil War: four Union soldiers are stoned to death by a Baltimore mob. 1775—Minutemen and British clash in Lexington. Zechariah Fowle’s former apprentice Isaiah Thomas is there.
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