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The Fortnightly Rant

Game of Phones

Most Americans were shocked to learn last week that the National Security Agency has been secretly keeping records of every telephone call they make.

Other Americans, those whose memories are intact despite the daily barrage of disinfotainment, were probably less shocked. They may have recalled that in 2006 *USA Today* reported that the NSA was indiscriminately collecting telephonic metadata.

Cynics weren't shocked at all, of course. They've always assumed that government snoops are lurking everywhere.

Always Look On the Bright Side

It's an ill wind that blows no good — everyone's talking about the NSA spy programs, so no one's talking about Benghazi anymore.

Also, people have been pleading for bipartisanship since approximately forever, and now we finally have some. The spy programs have both opponents and supporters on either side of the aisle. It's an equal opportunity confuser.

And there's one more upside to this kerfuffle. The alleged legal basis for this Hoovering-up of phone records is buried in Section 215 of the Patriot Act. Exactly two copies of that 342-page bill were made available for scrutiny on the House floor on October 23, 2001. The bill passed the following day. Every Republican Senator and all but three Republican Representatives voted for it, though none of them could have read it. Surely now all chastened Republicans will stop with the whining about Democrats "not reading the damn bills."

Oh, right — if they were capable of being chastened, they

wouldn't be Republicans.

Actually, one Member of Congress says he did read the Patriot Act: then-Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI). He's also the only Senator who didn't vote for it.

Follow the Money (If You Dare)

The NSA's annual budget is — *surprise!* — a secret. But Gordon Adams, who was Bill Clinton's senior budget official for national security, has estimated that it could be upwards of \$20 billion a year.

PRISM, the recently-exposed program which apparently monitors the whole dang'd internet, is "one of [the NSA's] most important tools for the protection of the nation's security," according to James Clapper, the Director of National Intelligence. It seems fair to assume that PRISM eats up some not-inconsiderable chunk of that \$20 billion.

Edward Snowden, the guy who blew the big whistle on PRISM, claims he was knocking down \$200,000 a year while working with these programs, more than anyone in the government except the President — and, of course, the Postmaster General. A *New Yorker* profile of James Bamford, who knows more than anyone about the NSA, estimated it has 40,000 employees. So, no wonder the NSA burns through \$20 billion a year — if they all make what Snowden says he did, the annual payroll alone would come to \$8 billion.

One would naturally think that Snowden must have had advanced academic degrees to rake in a salary like that. Once again, one would be wrong; he's a high school dropout. So that's where we're at in this brave new world: not only can a dropout make



\$200K a year reading your emails, he can put a big ding in a multi-billion dollar cyberweapon with an \$8 thumb drive. Never before have so few burned through so many national security dollars — except for last May, when Casy J. Fury set the *U.S.S. Miami* on fire.

Let's Hear It for Privatization

Although Snowden was working for the NSA, and had worked for the CIA before that, at the time he absconded with all those secrets his employer was a corporation called Booz Allen Hamilton. Of course, such arrangements are *de rigueur* in our privatized nation. Had he worked directly for the government, he would have seemed tainted.

Booz Allen Hamilton calls itself a "strategy and technology consulting firm," probably because it sound less prejudicial than "Spies 'R' Us." That company has been owned since 2008 by the Carlyle Group, which calls itself a

"global alternative asset manager" — probably because that expression conveys nothing at all.

We say this only because Carlyle has shown itself historically to be nearly as secretive, and nearly as plugged-in, as the NSA. A roster of its associates included many familiar names from the Reagan and Bush administrations: James A. Baker III, Frank Carlucci, the elder Bush himself, and Osama bin Laden's half-brother Shafiq.

Get Off Of My Cloud

America does have a state religion, but it only has one commandment: thou shalt be pro-business. Now the NSA has broken it. As *Popular Mechanics* has pointed out, since U.S. tech giants like Microsoft, Yahoo and Google are now known to be government snitches, they're at a big disadvantage in the global marketplace.

Legal, Schmegal ...

For the first time in months we

have a scandal that's really a scandal. But once again the scandal is not that a law has been broken. The scandal is what's legal — or, "legal" — under the law. From August of 2002 to December of 2004, torture was legal, too. Sort of

That's kind of a gray area — unless you're the one in the cell.

Cointelpro II? Or Worse?

Snowden claimed he could access anyone's communications at will, including the President's, with nothing more than an email address. If that is true, the implications are staggering. An apparatus capable of peering that deeply into the lives of anybody and everybody — including every single elected official and every candidate for office — would be troubling enough if it were operated by angels. Apparently, though, it's in the hands of an army of contract workers.

Somehow we don't feel secure.

News Briefs

Senatorial Sins

Though his fame has receded somewhat over the past few decades Senator Styles Bridges (1898-1961) was a political titan for most of his life. He was elected Governor of New Hampshire in 1934 — the youngest in the country at the time — and Senator in 1936. Re-elected to the Senate four times, he became one of the most influential figures in the Republican Party.

Bridges is most often remembered these days for the recently-restored Bridges House, the home he bequeathed to the state and which now serves as the state's Governor's Mansion. He is also memorialized with the Styles Bridges Highway, as Interstate 93 from Concord to the Vermont line is officially called.

So Bridges is the very picture of state pride, honor, and dignity, right?

Maybe not. A very different side of Bridges has been appearing in our Tidal Guide every June 19th since 2008, when we first learned of this story:

"1954 — Warned by Sen. Styles Bridges (R-NH) that his son's homosexuality would be exposed if he did not resign, Sen. Lester C. Hunt (D-WY) shoots himself dead in his Senate office."

We are no longer alone in remembering Styles Bridges' unseemly side. We're joined by a recently published book called *Dying for Joe McCarthy's Sins: The Suicide of Wyoming Senator Lester Hunt*. On Wednesday, NBC's Chuck Todd interviewed its au-

thor, Rodger McDaniel.

Todd: "After reading this book, I've come to the conclusion that if you try to find some solace in [Hunt's] suicide, that his suicide expedited the end of Joe McCarthy. Is that fair to say?"

McDaniel: "Oh, I think it did. I think that while McCarthy may have been on the way down after the Army-McCarthy Hearings, the fact that one of their own had committed suicide because of McCarthy's"

Todd: "And the Club knew ... right? The Club — the U.S. Senate — they knew why he killed himself."

McDaniel: "They knew. Lyndon Johnson's files are replete with information that provide the roadmap right to Senator McCar-

thy, Senator Bridges, and Senator Welker's doors."

In the summer of 1954, political control of the Senate was up for grabs — a single seat in the fall election could tip the balance. Lester Hunt was among the Senators up for re-election. He was a Democrat in a Republican state, but so popular he was almost sure to win.

Hunt's son, Lester Jr., a semi-nary student known as "Buddy," had been caught in Lafayette Park the previous year soliciting sex from a male undercover cop. Since it was a first offense he was charged with only a misdemeanor; the case was not prosecuted.

Republicans got wind of the incident and smelled an easy Senate seat. Senator Herman Welker (R-

ID) called friends of Hunt's in Wyoming to pass along a threat and an offer: if Hunt would resign and not run again (thus allowing Wyoming's Republican Governor to appoint a replacement) he'd be given a job on the Federal Tariff Commission paying \$3,000 more than his Senate seat did. Hunt refused to be hounded out of office, though.

Styles Bridges and Senator Herman Welker (R-ID) called Roy Blick, head of the Vice Squad, to Capitol Hill.

Drew Pearson was told about the meeting by Hunt, and later wrote about it in his newspaper column, "Washington Merry-

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Go-Round.”

“[Bridges and Welker] handed [Blick] an envelope and told him to read the contents. Blick did so and found the envelope contained his own resignation. He asked what it meant. The Senators told him to sign it. They went on to explain that that was what happened when a police officer failed to prosecute, as in the Hunt boy’s case.”

A *Boston Globe* editorial last December, prompted by a two-sentence mention of Hunt’s suicide in a *New Yorker* article, said that New Hampshire ought to consider removing Bridges’ name from I-93.

New Hampshire will re-name a highway at the behest of a Boston newspaper the day after Pease Tradeport clears a pig for landing.

While the subject is on the

table, though, how about turning the rarely-used Bridges House into a social center for the LGBT community?

History can’t be changed with a bucket of whitewash, but debating the merits of both proposals might be edifying.

Welcome to Atlantic City

The press has made much of President Obama’s hosting the new Chinese President Xi Jinping at Sunnyland, the luxurious former estate of Walter Annenberg, but we saw no mention of the initial source of Annenberg’s considerable fortune. We were disappointed — we hate to see great stories about newspapers going to waste.

This one begins in 1927 in Atlantic City, the site, as John William Tuohy wrote at *AmericanMafia.com*, of “the first major Mob conclave in American history.” Among those attending were Meyer Lansky, Lucky Luciano, Al Capone, Nucky Johnson,



Market Square Day came once again last Saturday, in all its peculiar glory. Speaking of glory, the woman taking the photo of the parrot has not one, but two American flags adorning her topknot. Our Wandering Photographer tried to flag down the Flag Police, but they vanished somewhere on Pleasant Street, near the ribbon-cut, deep-fried sweet potato stand.

Owney Madden, Frank Costello, Louis “Lepke” Buchalter, Dutch Schultz, Albert Anastasia, and Frank Nitti.

“Capone also brought along a heavy set, very tall and distinguished-looking man named Moses Annenberg.”

“Annenberg wasn’t a thug, not exactly. He began his career as a lowly circulation booster for the *Chicago Tribune* and eventually became the paper’s circulation manager. In 1904, he left the *Tribune* for William Randolph Hearst’s operation, *The Examiner*, where he headed a small army of goons that included Dion O’Bannon, Bugs Moran, Frankie McLane, Hymie Weiss

“Their job was to beat up anyone who sold the opposing side’s newspapers and the group committed several murders during the bloody circulation wars of 1910-1911. [Fourteen news dealers were murdered in that period. In 1939, Secretary of State Harold Ickes charged that Capone and the other

Chicago thugs learned their tactics from Annenberg. — The Ed.]

“In 1922, Annenberg borrowed money from mob boss Johnny Torrio to buy the *Daily Racing Form*, and with profits from that he purchased other publications including his own newspaper, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. But, Annenberg’s main income was from the Nationwide News Service, which provided the results of racetracks across the country, the perfect mechanism for organized crime to control the results of every racetrack in America.”

Business was very profitable. Annenberg, though, hated the idea of paying any of those profits to the jack-booted thugs of the IRS. In 1939, Annenberg was charged in the biggest tax evasion case to date — along with his son Walter.

The next year Moses Annenberg made a deal. He pled guilty to one count of evading \$1.2 million in taxes and accepted a fine of \$9 million and a three-year prison sentence. In exchange, the

Feds dropped all charges against Walter.

In the end, the desperately ill Moses only served a year. The Feds released him, and he died a month later.

His son Walter, an extremely shrewd businessman, turned his father’s millions into billions. *TV Guide* alone — just one of his many holdings — would have made him fabulously wealthy.

He was also a devoted son, zealously employing philanthropy to paper over his father’s sordid history. And judging from the absence of historical perspective in the recent news coverage, it worked just fine.

’Twas Ever Thus, Part I

Senator Ron Wyden to Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, Jr., last year: “Does the NSA collect any type of data at all on millions or hundreds of millions of Americans?”

Clapper: “No, sir ... not wittingly.”

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'Twas Ever Thus, Part II

"Now, governments lie. But they don't like to lie literally, because a literal, flat, obvious lie tends to be caught. So what they do is, they become masters of the disingenuous statement, of phrasing something in such a way that the honest, normal, unwary reader gets one impression, what he's supposed to get. Then three months later he discovers it's not true and goes back to complain. And they say, well, that's not what we said — look at it carefully. And you look at it carefully and sure enough, it was really doubletalk and didn't say exactly what they said." — I.F. Stone, quoted by Jon Schwarz at *TinyRevolution.com*.

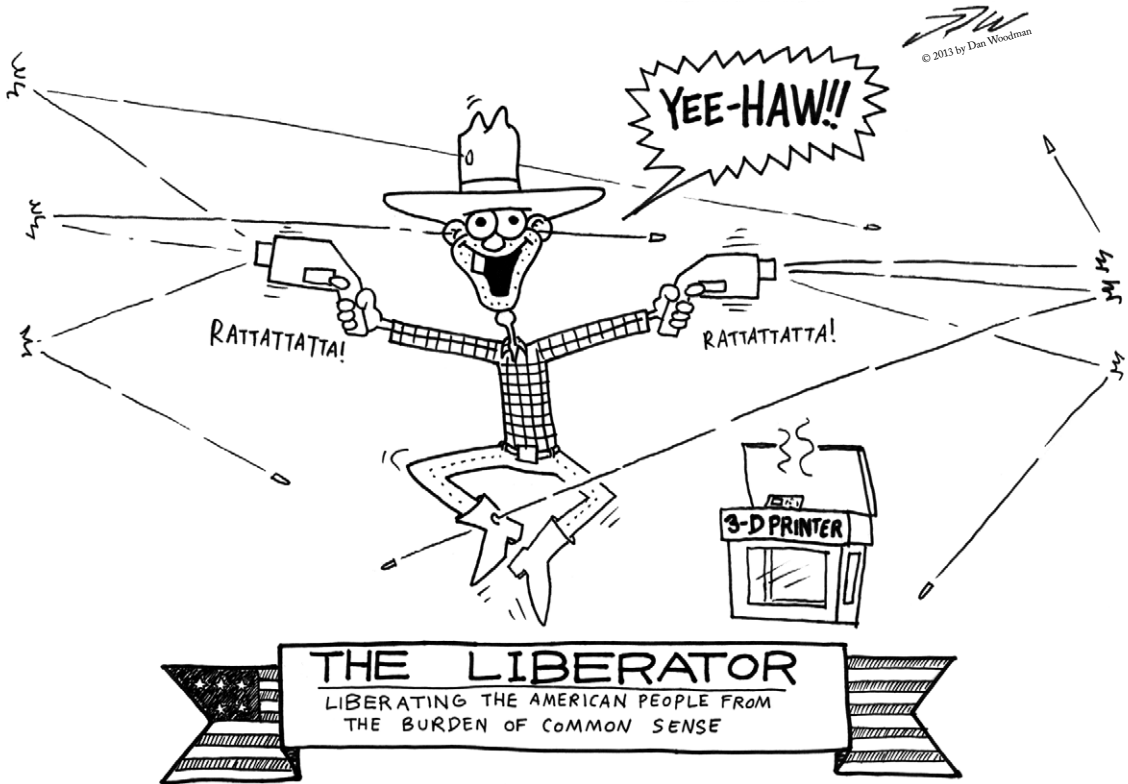
Freeing Primus

Valerie Cunningham, who has devoted her life to researching, writing, and sharing the history of Black people in New Hampshire, was invited to speak June 7th at the Discover Portsmouth Center, as Governor Maggie Hassan signed a bill — 234 years after it was introduced and then tabled — symbolically emancipating this state's slaves.

"I have mixed emotions today. I am happy and honored to be standing here today in celebration of this moment, as we experience a feeling of shared humanity in this symbolic act. "We know that at least six of the petitioners were free by the time of the first federal census in 1790 and, today, I am pleased to witness New Hampshire symbolically emancipating the remaining 14 petitioners. "I am also mindful that the petitioners in 1779 Portsmouth were privileged by their intimate association with the political leaders of the day, that those enslaved men used their access to power to request, not back wages for their years of labor or reparations for their stolen youth and separation from loved ones. They did not ask simply for their own personal freedom. In their petition, these twenty men also asked that 'the name of slave be known no more in this state.' "Symbolism is important. But it is my hope that we do not forget about the other men, the women, and the children who



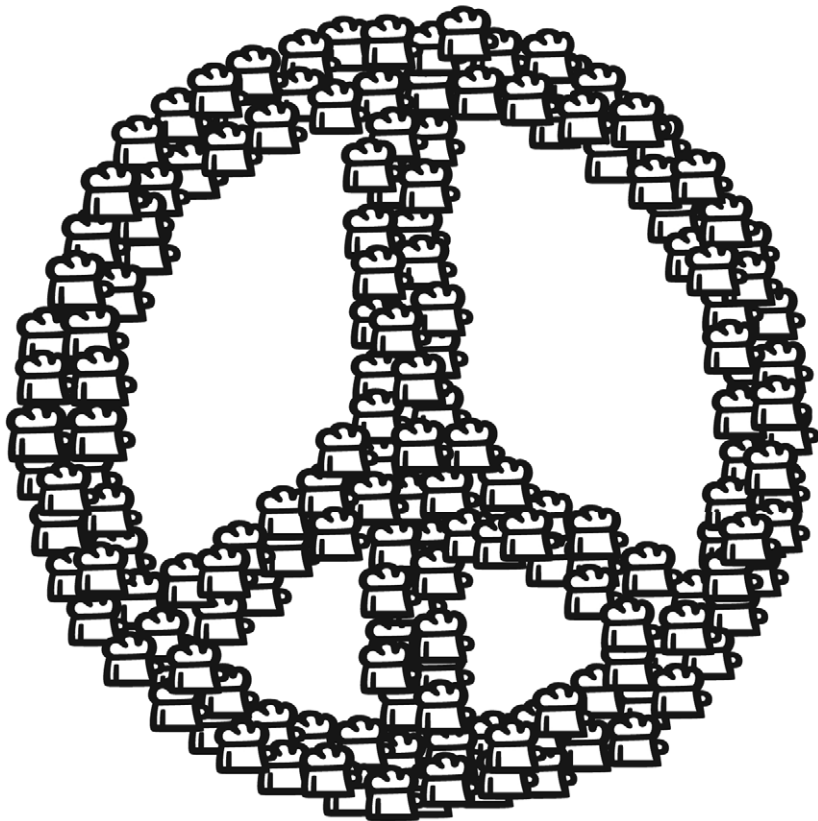
So, what is it costing us to keep all those scary prisoners someplace where they can't frighten Senator Lindsey Graham? Well, the Pentagon is in the process of installing a secure undersea fiber-optic cable between South Florida and Guantánamo so they can be tried by remote control. Apparently satellite communication isn't secure enough. The U.S.N.S. Zeus, a special cable-handling ship, is now moored about 2.5 miles upstream of the Memorial Bridge, probably taking the cable onboard. The list price for the project is said to be about \$40 million.



were enslaved in the State of New Hampshire at the time of this petition and for sixty years after the petition was tabled. "The Black Heritage Trail can provide more information about the history of African Americans in New Hampshire and the Sankofa Walking Tours that will begin on June 19th. "So, let's celebrate today with the expectation that this symbolic act will remind us all to continue working for social justice here in the Granite State." Among those whom the petitioners hoped to free was Primus. His labor at the press was surely essential to the survival of this newspaper for its first thirty years. It is a debt that cannot be repaid. It will not be forgotten. **Glory All Around** William Marvel's columns have been improving the overall quality of this paper for about a decade. When he's not thus engaged he prowls historical archives conducting original research on the Civil War. His many books on the subject have won prizes, changed views, and kept him out of the

poor farm. Marvel will visit River-Run Books Tuesday evening, July 2nd, on the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, to talk about New Hampshire's role in the Civil War. A veteran himself, of the Southeast Asian War Games of the late 1960s, we asked him Wednesday how well he thinks we understand the soldiers of those days. "Their motives, I think, we misunderstand a great deal," he said. "The generation of historians that have been born since about the mid-to-late 70s seem to be hell-bent on insisting that every Union soldier was virtually an abolitionist. That was hardly the case." One prevalent motive for enlistment, he said, was money. "The men who enlisted early, at least in the Northeast, were mainly men who were unemployed, who were in some sort of aimless condition, like farmhands with no property, no family. They responded probably partly to an innocent sense of adventure, with possibly a fraction of indignation over an insult to the flag, but mainly they were were looking out for their

own interests." Come July 2nd, and hear how that worked out for them. **Just For The Record** On Saturday night, May 25th, after a couple of mild days, the temperature dropped to 39° F. It was wet and windy, too, with gusts over 25 miles per hour. Five days later a heat wave began: three days in a row with temperatures over 90°. The worst of it, we believe, was the night of June 1st. We can't find any official confirmation but our outside thermometer read 80° at midnight. That hardly even happens in August. On June 7th we finally got some dreary relief from these violent extremes of temperature: it flatlined between 52° and 55° all day long. Tuesday's weather was unbelievably hairy: according to *PortsmouthWebCam.com*, at about 8:35 a.m. the wind was blowing out of the east-northeast at 327 miles per hour. We know that there will be skeptics, so we have posted the proof online at *Imgur.com/ZPuH4eI.jpg*.



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"Open Minded, You Are Not"

To the Editor:
I recently picked up a free copy of your publication. (I'm sure that no one would actually pay for it.) I am telling myself that you may be amenable to open-mindedness and constructive criticism. But, I doubt it. Your views are to the left of left!

It is truly amazing to me that you can find no wrongdoing in the Executive Branch of our U.S. Government in Washington D.C. Your blinders must be the best ever made. It is also interesting to me that the largest portion of your publication is the "Hate Mail" section ... hey, whatever works in capitalism, eh? Although I don't hate anyone, I'm sure that this communication will end up in that section, if you choose to print it.

I am a retired businessman who is a registered Independent voter. I am conservative person, by nature. However, I really do look at both sides of every issue and try to make an informed decision. It is incredible, to me, that your publication takes the Leftist position on every issue. A modicum of publishing impartiality would be nice. Flexibility is the key word in the English language. If you can't bend, you'll break! Open your mind, be flexible; don't break!

It is also interesting that businesses place ads in your publication. You are obviously opposed to free enterprise, except yours. It's laughable that you take money

for ads and then spew socialism! Leftist hypocrisy ... a wonderful thing, isn't it?

I'll be watching, in my free issue, to see if you actually print my observations.

Ron Pascucci
Salisbury Beach, MA

Ron:

Congratulations on getting your name into print.

You seem to find it incredible that our paper takes what you consider to be "the Leftist position on every issue." Here's a free clue: thanks to our government "of the people, by the powerful, for the rich," as Ron Delums used to call it, and thanks to the corporate dominance of our media, the nation's politics have been artificially shoved towards the right end of the spectrum. What you consider to be far Left is actually the middle.

We'll also pass on your advice about impartiality. That quality, too, is in the eye of the beholder. What you would probably call impartiality, we would call knuckling under to an errant status quo. No, thank you.

You had advice for us, now here's some for you: If we're so far off-base, ask yourself why so many businesses advertise in our paper.

The Editor

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Marvel Not Entitled

To the Editor:

In his article, "Public Safety Sham," (May 31st) William Marvel correctly points out the dangers of texting while driving.

He then goes on to bash "liberal legislators" who he claims are ignoring this problem while spending time and effort on the issue of improper use of firearms.

To bolster his point he says, "distracted drivers killed 3,092 Americans in 2010," and backs this up with the statement that "cell phones are far worse killers" than guns.

The 2010 figures for gun-related deaths are the following: 19,392 suicides and 11,078 homicides. I'm not all that good at math, but

I believe that is about ten times the number he gives us for cell-phone related highway deaths.

While he is entitled to his own opinion he is not entitled to make up his own set of facts.

Anthony McManus
Dover, NH

Mr. Marvel replies:

I cited the sources for the figures I presented, while Mr. McManus fails to do so, and that leads me to wonder who is making up his own facts. I would also suggest that the average reader might rely on personal experience for the validity of my argument: in the past decade no one has so much as pointed a gun at me, while hardly a month passes without a near-miss from some idiot trying to operate a motor vehicle with a cell phone plastered to his (or her) head. That ratio of relative dangers is probably fairly common.

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Immigration Aggravation

To the Editor:

The advertisements promoting the "gang of eight's" "Comprehensive Immigration Reform" are about as phony as their sponsor, "Americans for a Conservative Direction," and the bill itself. There is *nothing conservative* about rewarding criminals for their illegal acts, but that is what "Comprehensive Immigration Reform" does.

Advocates promise that the bill will close the border. But, they don't need new laws to close the border; they just need, but don't have, the will to close the border. They broke many (all) previous promises to close the border.

They promise that illegals won't be able to get (Federal) welfare. But, that doesn't require a new law; they just need to enforce current laws. But once illegals are "legalized," they are eligible for many state and local welfare benefits funded by American taxpayers.

They promise that illegals will pay back taxes, but there is no mechanism for taxing unreported

income. And, most illegals probably qualify for a subsidy (via the earned income tax credit) rather than owe taxes.

They say illegals will pay a fine. First the fine was \$2,000, then \$1,000. Now only the first installment of \$100 "must" (if it isn't waived) be paid before getting amnesty. Whatever the fine, it is small compared to the approximately \$16,000 of annual benefits received by each average illegal household.

While American citizens get promises, higher taxes, labor competition, and more crime, illegal aliens get amnesty / legalization / rewarded for breaking our laws, welfare, and the ability to take jobs from Americans and depress their wages.

"Comprehensive Immigration Reform" is another 1,000 plus page bill full of goodies for everyone but the vast majority of American citizens. It is being sold to us with promises that are not intended to be fulfilled by people (politicians, businessmen, and special interest groups) who expect to benefit from the bill.

Even the name of the sponsor of many advertisements supporting this bill is intended to deceive the American people. "Americans for a Conservative Direction" is funded and controlled by three very liberal billionaires who wish to take advantage of another feature of the bill, greatly expanded visas for skilled workers. This will allow these billionaires to replace skilled, but costly, American workers with cheap immigrants.

No legislation is needed to fulfill the promised desirable features of this "Comprehensive Immigration Reform" bill. The desirable sounding promises are just intended to divert our attention from the real intent of the bill, to benefit politicians and payoff

their political supporters, including rich businessmen and other special interests.

Tell Senators Ayotte and Shaheen and Congresswomen Shearman and Kuster to reject this bill and demand enforcement of existing laws.

Don Ewing
Meredith, NH

Don:

We have to admit, there's something heroic about standing your ground and sticking to your paleolithic principles while you watch other members of your Party sell out to avoid demographic extinction.

The Editor

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Denton for Form-based Zoning

To the Editor:

The development of vacant lots and non-historic post-war buildings can be a boon for all of Portsmouth. For example, the proposed renovations to the 3S Artspace building in the Northern Tier will benefit the Port City. Any such developments should be relatively the same size as surrounding buildings to ensure Portsmouth keeps its character, remains affordable for residents and small businesses, and the parking problem is not compounded. Current building restrictions do not adequately address these impacts created by the numerous large-scale developments that have recently been built, are currently going up, or are in the works.

I announced my campaign for City Council in our veterans' park, across from the soon to be developed Olde Port Traders building on Islington Street, advocating that form-based zoning is the fairest and most prudent way to ensure Portsmouth maintains its character with new developments. Thankfully, the Olde Port Traders' property owners are proposing four separate buildings

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instead of one large development, but the buildings are larger in scale than the ones that surround it. Form-based zoning would address this issue and protect the City's heritage by providing appropriate development standards for future development projects. Unlike conventional restrictions, form-based zoning emphasizes building placement, scale, and architectural design.

If residents approve of the proposed form-based zoning that emerges from the charette, it should be implemented throughout the studied portion of downtown, and then expanded to encompass the remainder of the Historic District, the Northern Tier, and the Islington Corridor. Form-based zoning is the fairest and most prudent way to ensure that new developments' placement, scale, and architectural design stay true to Portsmouth's character.

Josh Denton
Portsmouth, NH

Remembering Benghazi

To the Editor:

Former VP Dick Cheney, a dedicated disciple of Niccolo Machiavelli, is the latest Neoconservative to offer a critique on the Benghazi "U.S. Consulate" attack. Cheney's critique highlighted the importance, if we are to properly understand Benghazi, of educating ourselves on the history of U.S. relations with Libya under the despotic rule of Muammar Gaddafi.

The Gaddafi Regime, during the 1970s-80s, sponsored terrorist groups that perpetrated acts such as: the massacre at the 1972 Olympic Games; the bombing of a Berlin discotheque, attack on the Achille Lauro cruise ship; and the blowing up of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland,

which killed 243 people including 189 U.S. citizens.

President Reagan had imposed harsh economic sanctions against Libya and even ordered a major bombing raid against targets in Tripoli and Benghazi in retaliation for Gaddafi's behavior. Gaddafi escaped harm but his adopted infant daughter was killed in the raid, which was likely his reason for a retaliatory downing of Pan Am 103 by Libyan Intelligence operatives.

The G.W. Bush Administration, attempting to justify its Iraq debacle, unjustifiably chose to disregard Gaddafi's propensity for murdering U.S. and Israeli citizens by lifting sanctions and restoring diplomatic ties with Libya. In exchange for re-legitimization, Gaddafi lent "legitimacy" to Bush/Cheney's Iraq misadventure by dismantling Libya's "WMD" program. He also agreed to track down Islamic militants in Libya and reportedly furnished venues for extraordinary rendition and torture of prisoners, which President Obama later outlawed.

Gaddafi's true colors were revealed again when he threatened to go door-door and exterminate the "cockroaches" in response to the "Arab Spring" civil unrest in Libya. His track-record and campaign to crush his own people provided sufficient justification for Obama to order air support (with NATO) to Libyan rebels who overthrew and exterminated Gaddafi.

Apparently, some Bush-era black sites lived on, including the one in Benghazi which CIA liaison Paula Broadwell reported as imprisoning Libyan militia members.

By all means, proudly wear your "Remember Benghazi" buttons. However; do not forget that Benghazi did not occur in

a vacuum but was the sad unintended consequence of dangerous Neoconservative Foreign Policy of American Exceptionalism.

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, NH

Neo-Cyber-Revolution

To the Editor:

Some 60 percent of the people in the Middle East are under 30 years of age, and many of the restless young are understandably angry, wired only with cell phones and feisty determination, with nowhere to go but to the streets, nothing to do but rebel. Today's mobilized Generation XS have uncensored access to Facebook, Twitter, satellite cable TV, internet networks, blogs and iPads, which empower individuals to wrestle control, often at the expense of disempowering the state, which has virtually lost chokehold control. There's no rewind, only fast-forward, with Rebels, Rage and Revolution challenging the autocratic rule of corrupt regimes that once seemed firmly entrenched.

In the Middle East, Israel has by far the most internet users, followed by United Arab Emirates, Lebanon, Iran and Saudi Arabia. Noting the world in transition, 55 percent of users in the UAE are female, who access the internet more than 7 hours a day. As the blogosphere has expanded, youth have more access to information, contrasting the lack of transparency in their own country with the relatively openness of liberties enjoyed elsewhere. Social media enable young men and women to share their wants, desires and frustrations in ways they couldn't have in the past. No longer feeling isolated or alone, they feel connected to likeminded allies, empowering self-confident growth. Like young people everywhere, young spirited entrepreneurs have lofty ambitions, too often thwarted by lack of political connections



(wasta) or state patronage cronyism.

Opinion polls show that the increasingly distrusted U.S. has fallen out of favor. Most Middle Eastern youth are more pragmatically concerned about personal well-being than abstract issues such as democracy, feeling better off now and more positively optimistic than previously. Priorities include creating jobs, fair pay, stabilizing the cost of living, improving educational opportunities, offering better health care, ensuring social justice and expanding individual freedoms - of speech, expression, assembly. A wide divisive gap separates youth from older generation mindsets which remain out of touch with the need to implement change. The unresponsive elites have done little or nothing to prepare disillusioned, disenfranchised and disaffected youth for the future or to provide them with viable career options.

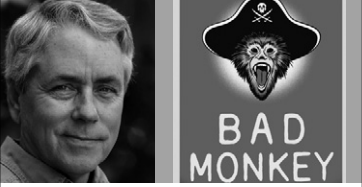
The extent to which the quietly desperate young, struggling to get involved and take ownership of their own futures, will become healthy and productive members of the global community, effectively depends on how well foreign governments, international monetary institutions, humanitarian agencies and progressive civil societies invest in economic initiatives and political advances. For now, there's just waiting and

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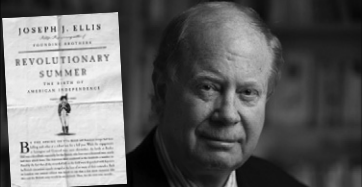
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First Light

by William Marvel

The women in my family will tell you with a visible degree of annoyance that I am pathologically punctual. I consider it rude to keep people waiting, so I always allow extra time to get to a scheduled appointment, because so many things can go wrong — especially when you drive cars as old as mine.

That often leaves me arriving way too early, and on longer trips I usually carry a book to read during the hours I have to kill. If we're expected at a friend's house closer by, my anxiety about being late usually dissipates once we're within walking distance, after which I will shift down into first gear and crawl along at idling speed for the last couple of miles. That does no harm, because most of our friends live on dirt roads with no traffic. I don't understand why my wife complains so much

about it, because I'm merely trying to accommodate her aversion to being the first to arrive at a social event. We are still generally the first, but — as I explain each time this happens — someone has to be, or the party would never begin.

There is a demonstrably false story about the future Confederate general, Stonewall Jackson, doing something similar when he was a cadet at West Point. According to this tale, whenever he was asked to appear before some staff or faculty member he would show up outside the office well ahead of time and pace back and forth with his watch in his hand until the hour struck, and knock on the door at that second. The story depends upon the existence of standard time, which was not established until the 1880s, when it became crucial for the safe scheduling of train operations on single-track railroads. Before that

there was only local time, determined by sundials or the shadows of sticks driven into north-south lines in the dirt, and even that varied wildly.

People who referred to a specific hour in the 19th century recognized that it was only approximate, and they commonly used astronomical allusions based on the movements of the sun. Many reports of military activity, for instance, record incidents happening at first light, dawn, sunrise, daylight, forenoon, midday, sunset, twilight, or candlelight — which, for a frugal person, meant the point of full darkness. At the battle of Wilson's Creek, in 1861, in an effort to coordinate the assaults of two widely separated Union columns, each commander was given the order to attack "with the morning star," without reference to their watches. Union sappers blew up tons of gunpowder beneath a Confederate fort

at Petersburg, Virginia, in 1864, and by the watch of the general in charge the explosion occurred at 4:44 a.m., but other diarists with-in earshot recorded specific times varying by over an hour.

Now we have standard time, at least theoretically. I set my watch and car clock to National Public Radio. A fellow library trustee sometimes sticks her ubiquitous smartphone in my face, at least when she is on time to meetings, to show me that her superior computer clock disagrees. Never do two people in the same room seem to have exactly the same time, and they often differ by five minutes or more, so most of us still compromise on Group Median Time rather than Greenwich Mean Time.

For much of my life I was an early riser, and that habit seems to be returning. Often I find myself lying awake two or three hours after midnight now — worry-

ing about the library budget, our own personal finances, or how to fix some mechanical failure in the house or our cars. Frequently there is nothing to do but get out of bed and work on my current writing project, so I enjoy a lot of time without time. Early last week I glimpsed a gorgeous scarlet, azure, and cerulean sunrise worthy of Maxfield Parrish. On Friday morning I listened to a late-night shower and then rose at first light, which came before 4:00 a.m. despite a heavy overcast.

I sat at my desk for a long time without turning on the lamp, staring out the window and listening to the occasional bump of one of my restlessly somnolent chickens, whose internal clocks know only dawn, daytime, and dusk. No human sounds interfered, and no artificial lights intruded. Until well after the haze-dulled dawn, it was as quiet here as it would have been on a morning before clocks.

More Mash Notes, HATE MAIL, And Other Correspondence, from Page Five

waiting and waiting with low expectations — for decent jobs, better education, marriage, family, liberty, the right to vote freely and to have a voice.

Dr. Charles Frederickson
Bangkok, Thailand

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Commies and Taxes

To the Editor:

When Marx and Engels wrote the *Communist Manifesto* in 1848, they presented ten steps necessary to destroy any free enterprise system and replace it with Communism. Step number two is to establish a heavy progressive or graduated income tax. At that time, this country did not have an income tax. It took 65 years for

the progressives to sell it to the American people. Back then, it was hard to realize the dangers it brought to this nation. Today, we can see why Marxism considers it a necessary tool to bring down any productive nation and turn it into a Socialist State.

The House Ways and Means Committee (HW&M) oversees the IRS and is considering proposals to fix our tax system. Recent abuses demand the replacement of the IRS and it's 70,000+ pages of regulations. Kevin Brady (a ranking member of HW&M recently wrote, "Americans shouldn't fear the IRS." I disagree. Every citizen should fear the IRS and should have feared it 100 years ago. The

Marxist knew then it would grow into the monster it is today. I agree with the remainder of Mr. Brady's article promoting the Fair Tax.

Roy Newsom
Granbury, TX

Roy:

Americans ought to fear the faction that complains about the complexity of the tax code out of one side of its mouth while lobbying for exemptions out of the other. Your Fair Tax proposal is a wrongheaded fix of the wrong problem.

The Editor

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Privacy No Longer An Option

To the Editor:

Recent news about cell phone giant Verizon is a bit disconcert-

ing. Every phone record of every Verizon customer is now an open book to our government. Can we not call mom without it being the government's business? Is there no such thing as "personal" anymore? Alarming the answer is no. No one wants a terrorist living next door. We do not want people roaming our country looking for lives and buildings to destroy.

Our FBI, CIA and military intelligence must be commended and praised for their efforts to prevent heinous acts from happening in our country.

However, our liberty is at risk when anyone from the government can show up at any time and search through our homes, invade

our personal property, invade our banking account information, go through our mail and family picture albums, or go through all of our computers to see every web page we've ever browsed. The books we read at the library, our newspaper subscriptions and what we bought at the grocery store is nobody else's business. I hear the argument "If you aren't hiding anything then what do you care?" I care because, as a United States citizen, it is an invasion of our liberty. One invasion leads to another. The loss of freedom is slowly eroding in our country.

The government is supposedly protecting you. Then one day we wake up in fear of making a move

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She'll Be Gone, But Her Spirit Will Linger

by Jim Hightower

Let the church bells peal somberly, for we progressives have suffered an unexpected and tragic loss that leaves an awful void in our movement. I speak, of course, about the recent passing from America's political scene of a lady who truly was a shooting star: Michele Bachmann.

So perkily quirky, so ridiculously right-wing, so piously hypocritical,

so incoherently pontifical — the Minnesota Congresswoman, tea party sparklie, and flash-in-the-pan presidential pretender was a gusher of good news for the progressive cause every time she opened her mouth. Alas, though, faced with likely defeat in her own district next year and an ethical mess involving her campaign finances, Bachmann has announced she'll not run again, prompting a nationwide pity party among progressives.

Even in her passing, however, she left us with some typical Bachmann bon mots, including this promise: "I will continue to work vehemently and robustly to fight back against what most [Democrats] want to do, to transform our country into becoming." Yes, "Stop America from Becoming!" is her battle cry, which I think means she's robustly against the future and will vehemently

fight to stop it.

The good news for progressives is that as Michele fades into the past, several new tea party popinjays in Congress have emerged as top contenders for Bachmann's Silver Tongued Babbler crown. One has spurred to an early lead: Rep. Steve Stockman of Texas. He warns that sex education classes are teaching bestiality to school kids and insists that, "The best thing about Earth is if you

poke holes in it, oil and gas come out." Oh, Steve also asserts that, "If babies had guns they wouldn't be aborted."

Now that is deeply Bachmanesque! So, take heart, progressives — Michele may be dearly departed, but her spirit will still be with us.

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without government permission. Any invasion of our personal lives or privacy should go through proper channels and the legal process of being granted an investigative search warrant. In this scenario papers would have to be filled out explaining why such a search is necessary. Authorities who do such random searches must be held accountable for any damage done to the citizen's home, family pictures, files, computers, clothes or any item that has been touched or mishandled in anyway. Authorities who search without just cause should be responsible for dry cleaning bills, carpet cleaning, painting and the purchase of new electronics if any of the electronics are damaged. If the suspicions end up true and the raided house ends us revealing someone who is plotting to hurt others then that changes the scenario.

Those who search should never be allowed to destroy someone's home and leave it in a state of disaster.

When someone is suspected as being a threat to hurting anyone or suspected of being a terroristic threat to a community or our nation then of course everything must be done to determine what is going on and every precaution taken to save lives.

The truth of the matter is that if the FBI invades a person's home and does a search and they find 50 guns it doesn't mean anything. Many people collect guns. If the person has told people about his plans to shoot people at the movie theatre or if he has written threatening stuff on Face book then the authorities have every right to take his guns, investigate and arrest him if they find documented facts.

The Patriot Act was established after the 911 attacks. We will never forget the heinous crimes committed against our country. The question is this, "Has the patriot act made us safer as a nation?"

The Patriot Act has given the government more freedom to invade any person's privacy in Any Place, USA, but has it made you safer? Do you feel safer because of the Patriot Act? Since the Patriot Act there have been countless episodes of violence that the new law has not prevented throughout the states. Military base shootings, office shootings, campus shootings, movie theatre shootings and more. For every terroristic act that has been stopped we celebrate as a country and thank those involved in preventing it.

The Patriot Act needs to be edited. Our citizens should only

have to fear criminals and terrorists, not government officials with a license to violate our civil liberties. There should be a compromise and a system of checks and balances that protect the freedom of Americans as well as keeping us safe.

Glenn Mollette
Newburgh, IN

Apologize When the Market Goes Up

To the Editor:
Why don't Democrats (and most Republicans) apologize to the American people when the stock market goes up?

When the stock market drops, count on politicians to exclaim, "Thank goodness we didn't privatize Social Security! Just look how much people would have lost in the stock market!" "So, after an almost uninterrupted bull market since March 2009 and six consecutive months of stock market gains, why haven't politicians who are against any kind of privatization of Social Security apologized to the American people?" asks William Redpath, Libertarian National Committee member and a former National Chairman, who is a licensed CPA in Virginia and a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). Recent

reports released by the Congressional Research Service state that the Social Security "Trust Fund" will become insolvent within the next 20 years. With no accumulated assets, it relies on payroll taxes to make payments to today's retirees. "More than two thirds of workers pay more in payroll taxes than the individual income tax. That is money that is forcibly taken from them by the government that they could invest to build real wealth over the course of their working lives, or money that could be spent to make their lives better today. Instead, workers are forced into a system in which their payroll taxes are immediately given to current retirees or spent by the government in other ways. "People should be free to keep their payroll taxes and use those funds as they see fit. If they choose to save and invest, it doesn't have to be in the stock market. It could be in more conservative investments. However, the stock market has been the best investment over the long run, and attempts by politicians to demonize it harm the American people," Redpath said. During any 20-year period going back to at least 1926, the stock market has never had a negative return. According to Morningstar, \$1 invested in a

basket of small company stocks at the end of 1925 would have been worth \$18,365 at the end of 2012. "Social Security returns are paltry at best and negative for some people. But the big enchilada that no defender of the status quo will address is this: Americans have no personal property rights in their future Social Security benefits. All Americans are beholden to future Congresses for their benefits. And, benefits can't be passed onto their children and grandchildren, as private accounts could be," said Redpath. Whereas Social Security is broke, federal, state, and local government retirement accounts combined hold approximately \$3 trillion in assets according to a USA Today report. Some of those funds are ...

[Letter arbitrarily terminated here due to lack of space and the presumption that the point has been made. — The Ed.]

Molly Schwoppe, Libertarian National Committee
Washington, DC

Molly:
We're always looking for new ways to explain the inherent ridiculousness of the Libertarian Party. We thank you for providing this one. What's next? Lottery as retirement plan?
The Editor

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whom you choose to believe. The Piscataqua’s ferocious current is caused by the tide, which, in turn, is caused by the moon. The other player is a vast sunken valley — Great Bay — about ten miles upriver. Twice a day, the moon

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

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

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

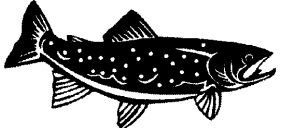
end of Badger’s Island, bobbing around in the current. It weighs several tons, and it bobs and bounces in the current like a cork. The river also has its placid moments, around high and low tides. When the river rests, its tugboats

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

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2002—Bill Maher’s TV show “Politically Incorrect” is cancelled for living up to its name. 2000—The Energy Department finds missing top-secret computer hard drives in a location which had already been searched twice. 1992—Ronald Regan’s Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger is indicted for lying to Congress. 1991—Atlanta’s Otis Nixon steals six bases in one day. 1972—Peace activists encircle the Pentagon. 1959—George “Superman” Reeves dies of a gunshot to the head. 1944—South Carolina electrocutes George J. Stinney Jr. for a double murder. He is 14. 1943—Charlie Chaplin, 54, marries Oona O’Neill, 18. 1932—In an early demonstration of its self-destructive tendencies, the GOP nominates Herbert Hoover for a second term as President. 1918—In Canton, OH, Eugene V. Debs delivers an anti-draft speech that is so effective he’s later charged with ten counts of sedition. 1904—In Dublin, James Joyce meets Nora Barnacle; they go for a walk. 1873—Susan B. Anthony is arrested for voting. 1745—Forces led by Sir William Pepperrell of Kittery take the French fort at Louisburg.	2005—Dennis Koslowski is convicted of looting NH-based Tyco. 1982—“God’s banker” Roberto Calvi is found hanging under a London bridge. 1972—Nixon goons hit Democratic HQ at the Watergate, but a black Vietnam vet discovers them. 1971—Nixon’s War on Drugs starts. 1958—NH’s Sherman Adams, Ike’s Chief of Staff, admits he accepted a vicuña coat from Boston industrialist Bernard Goldfine. 1948—A false fire alarm prompts a DC-6 flight crew to activate a fire extinguisher, but they leave a relief valve open. CO₂ knocks out the flight crew; 43 die as the plane crashes in eastern Pennsylvania. 1939—In Paris, Eugene Weidmann becomes the last public victim of France’s guillotine. Watching from a nearby window is future horror movie star Christopher Lee. 1933—Four G-men and one hood die in the Kansas City Massacre, three of shotgun wounds; lawmen carried the only shotguns present. 1932—Thousands of disgruntled WW I vets mass in front of the U.S. Capitol as the Senate votes not to pay their bonuses. 1775—The Battle of Bunker Hill is fought on Breed’s Hill with New Hampshire men under Gen. John Stark using powder pilfered from Portsmouth’s Fort William and Mary.	2009—After a fight at the Fish & Game Social Club in Manchester, Mayor Frank Guinta steps over a broken-legged victim and leaves before the EMTs arrive. 1989—RIP I.F. Stone, who said “Every government is run by liars and nothing they say should be believed.” 1967—On stage at Monterey, CA, Jimi Hendrix sets his guitar afire. 1961—Eddie Gaedel, only dwarf to get a base on balls in major league play, dies at 36 of a heart attack after a mugging. 1959—Louisiana Gov. Earl Long, though committed to a mental hospital, continues to govern. 1954—In Alabama, Albert Fuller murders Alfred Patterson. Patterson, Democratic candidate for State Attorney, had vowed to rid Phoenix City of vice, apparently alarming Fuller, a former sheriff. 1916—In Australia, 6,000 rally against conscription. 1898—A <i>New York Times</i> critic says George Bernard Shaw’s career has no promise. 1869—<i>New York Times</i> founder Henry J. Raymond, entertaining his mistress, dies of a stroke at 49. 1798—Congress tightens restrictions on citizenship with the first Alien and Sedition Acts. 1746—Samuel Johnson agrees to produce an English dictionary for a group of London booksellers.	2002—Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL) leaks classified NSA intercepts to Fox News’s Carl Cameron and CNN’s Dana Bash. 1969—The dying town of Tobar, NV—named for a sign pointing to a saloon—is dealt a death blow by an exploding railroad car full of bombs en route to Vietnam. 1967—Muhammad Ali is convicted of refusing induction into the U.S. Army. 1954—Warned by Sen. Styles Bridges (R-NH) that his son’s homosexuality would be exposed if he did not resign, Sen. Lester C. Hunt (D-WY) shoots himself dead in his Senate office. 1953—Julius and Ethel Rosenberg become the first native-born Americans executed for espionage. 1898—The <i>U.S.S. Charleston</i> shells Guam. The island’s Spanish governor, unaware that he’s at war, apologizes for having insufficient powder to return the salute. 1879—Gen. Wm. T. Sherman, at the Michigan Military Academy, tells his audience, “There is many a boy here today who looks on war as all glory, but, boys, it is all hell.” 1864—The Portsmouth-built ship <i>Kearsarge</i> sinks the Confederate raider <i>Alabama</i> off Cherbourg. 1865—Two years after the Emancipation Proclamation, slaves in Texas are freed. The day is now observed as “Juneteenth.”	2005—Veep Dick “Dick” Cheney tells Larry King the insurgency in Iraq is “in the last throes.” 1973—An American F-14 Tomcat shoots itself down with a Sparrow air-to-air missile. 1972—“Sinister forces” erase 18.5 min. of Oval Office tape. 1965—Navy Lts. Clinton B. Johnson and Charles Hartman, flying prop-driven Douglas A-1 Skyraiders, down a MiG 17 jet fighter over Vietnam. 1963—A “Hot Line” is established between the White House and the Kremlin. 1962—For the second time in about two weeks, a Thor rocket malfunctions and drops an A-bomb into the South Pacific. 1953—A U.S. military mission arrives in Saigon. 1943—KKK and pals attack striking African-American auto workers in Detroit; 34 die, 1,300 are arrested. 1942—Four prisoners wearing Nazi uniforms drive out the main gate of Auschwitz in a stolen car belonging to the commandant. 1941—The recently refurbished sub <i>U.S.S. O-9</i> sinks east of the Isles of Shoals with 33 aboard. 1923—Pancho Villa dies, saying, “Don’t let it end like this. Tell them I said something.” 1893—Lizzie Borden beats a double-murder rap.	2006—Fox News, citing Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA), reports that “We have found weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.” 2005—Edgar Ray Killen, 80, is found guilty of manslaughter in the case of Schwerner, Goodman, and Chaney (see 1964). 2004—Mike Melvill becomes the world’s first non-governmental astronaut by piloting <i>SpaceShipOne</i> to an altitude of 100 kilometers. 1994—As Jose Martin and his wife are driving near Madrid, a three pound meteorite crashes through their windshield, bends the steering wheel, and lands in the back seat. She is unscathed, he gets a broken finger. 1989—The U.S. Supreme Court rules flag-burning is legal. 1964—Civil rights workers Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman, and James Chaney are murdered by the KKK in Mississippi. 1942—The Japanese sub <i>I-25</i> fires seventeen 140-millimeter shells at Fort Stevens, OR, damaging a phone cable. 1877—The Molly Maguires, fourteen coal miners arrested by a private detective agency and prosecuted by private attorneys for the coal companies, are hanged by Pennsylvania officials, private executioners apparently being unavailable. Pardons for two arrive minutes too late.	2009—A spokesman for Governor Mark Sanford says South Carolina’s missing Chief Executive is hiking the Appalachian Trail. 2004—Veep Dick “Dick” Cheney, questioned on the floor of the Senate by Sen. Patrick Leahy about his ties to Halliburton, answers “Go f_k yourself.” 2002—Enron execs admit they hid \$1.5 billion in illegal profits gouged from California ratepayers. 1977—John Mitchell, once the U.S.’s No. 1 lawman, begins serving 19 months in an Alabama prison. 1970—The 24th Amendment gives 18-year-olds the vote. 1969—In Ohio, the Cuyahoga River burns for 20 minutes. 1964—The U.S. Supreme Court rules the Post Office can’t ban Henry Miller’s <i>Tropic of Cancer</i>. 1959—The U.S. launches its tenth Vanguard missile. It is the eighth failure for the rocket. 1950—A paranoid fabric importer, aided by retired FBI agents, publishes <i>Red Channels</i>, a pamphlet alleging the radio and television racket is full of Commies. 1942—Congress adopts the Flag Code,® replacing the embarrassingly Nazi-like “Flag Salute” with FDR’s hand-on-heart gesture. 1898—The U.S. Army’s V Corps, commanded by gout-ridden, 300-lb. Major General William Shafter, lands chaotically in Cuba.
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2008—NASA’s James Hansen nags Congress about the threat of global warming — again. 2005—Roller coaster safety expert Richard H. Brown, 64, dies of injuries received in a fall in his own driveway. 1995—During a soundcheck, Dan Rather joins R.E.M. in “What’s the Frequency, Ken?” 1988—NASA’s James Hansen warns Congress of the seriousness of the threat of global warming. 1976—Edwin Walker, former Army General and Lee Harvey Oswald target, is arrested for fondling an undercover cop in a Dallas mens room. 1972—Nixon’s own tape recorder catches him telling H.R. Halde-man to order the CIA to block an FBI investigation of Watergate. 1950—A Douglas DC-4 and all 58 aboard disappear without a trace over Lake Michigan. 1947—The Senate overrides Truman’s veto of the anti-labor Taft-Hartley Act. 1937—Having been shot in the jaw and seen the Communists suppress anarchists, George Orwell and his wife flee Spain. 1917—After Babe Ruth is thrown out for punching an umpire, Ernie Shore takes his place and shuts out 26 batters. 1888—Frederick Douglass is nominated for President.	1994—Air Force Lt. Col Arthur Holland, hot-dogging during airshow practice maneuvers, crashes a B-52 at Fairchild AFB in Washington State. 1982—On a British Airways 747 en route from Malaysia to Australia, all four engines fail after flying through a cloud of volcanic ash. After fourteen minutes of gliding, pilots are able to re-start the engines and land successfully. 1971—Nixon’s Special Counsel Charles Colson circulates the first White House “Enemies List.” 1970—The Senate repeals the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution. 1970—Staging fails on the Kittery side of the Piscataqua River Bridge project. Four men fall 75 feet to their deaths, seven others are injured. 1968—Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, tells a Long Island audience, “The enemy has lost whatever chance he had of taking South Vietnam by military force.” 1968—The National Guard is called out to defend the nation’s capitol from the people. 1947—Private pilot Kenneth Arnold reports “flying saucers” over Washington state. 1902—Deadline looming, Joseph Conrad upsets an oil lamp and accidentally burns the second installment of <i>The End of the Tether</i>.	2003—Lester G. Maddox, high-school dropout, bigot, proprietor of the Pickrick Cafeteria, and Democratic Governor of Georgia (1967-1971) succumbs to his own inherent loathsomeness. 1996—A bomb kills 19 U.S. servicemen in Saudi Arabia. 1973—John Dean spills the Watergate beans to the Senate. 1962—Supreme Court ends prayer in schools. 1950—The Korean War begins. 1940—France surrenders to Germany. 1906—At Madison Square Garden, designed by Architect Stanford White, White is shot dead by Harry Thaw, with whose wife White had been taking liberties. 1899—Four Denver dailies run a hoax cooked up by idle reporters: Chinese authorities were taking bids from American companies to demolish the Great Wall and build a road in its place. The story is reprinted as fact by papers as far off as Europe. 1876—Lakota, Arapahoe, and Cheyenne warriors wipe out General George Armstrong Custer, his brothers Thomas and Boston, and the rest of the Seventh Cavalry at Little Big Horn. 1798—Congress passes the second of the Alien and Sedition Acts, authorizing deportation of potentially dangerous aliens.	2006—Customs officials in Palm Beach, FL confiscate Viagra from Rush Limbaugh’s luggage since the prescription was not in his name. He was returning from the Dominican Republic, a popular sex tourism destination. 2002—A federal appeals court in San Francisco declares the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional because of the words “under God.” 1995—In Golf Manor, MI, EPA workers dismantle a homemade nuclear reactor in the suburban backyard of David Hahn. 1987—Denying that President Reagan is senile, Sen. Alan Simpson says, “I even saw him do a cowboy doodle the other day. He used to do that when he was in his prime.” 1985—At Jack Russell stadium in Clearwater, FL, organist Wilbur Snapp plays “Three Blind Mice” after a dubious call by ump Keith O’Connor. O’Connor ejects Snapp. 1954—Emperor Bao Dai appoints Ngo Dinh Diem premier of South Vietnam. 1947—Mayor James Michael Curley starts running Boston from a federal prison cell after his conviction for mail fraud. 1863—Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton promises a Medal of Honor to every soldier in the 27th Maine who extends his enlistment.	2006—Gutless pinko bastards in the Senate block a Flag Protection Amendment® by one vote. 2003—On the first day they can, more than 735,000 people sign up for the “Do Not Call” list. 2000—“Until I’m the President,” says George W. Bush, “it’s going to be hard for me to verify that I think I’ll be more effective.” 1989—A Federal Appeals Court reverses Reagan crony Lyn Nofziger’s conviction for illegal lobbying. For him, apparently, ignorance of the law was an excuse. 1986—The International Court of Justice rules the U.S. was out of line in funding the Contras. 1971—Col. David Hackworth, the war’s most decorated soldier, wrecks his career by saying on TV that the U.S. can’t win in Vietnam. 1954—CIA-sponsored rebels in Guatemala overthrow the elected government. 1905—Russian sailors mutiny on the battleship <i>Potemkin</i>. 1905—The International Workers of the World forms in Chicago. 1919—Anarchist Emma Goldman turns 50 in prison. 1898—Joshua Slocum sails his boat <i>Spray</i> into Newport Harbor, having single-handedly circumnavigated the globe. 1874—The first Transatlantic Cable is completed, from Balinskelligs Bay, Ireland, to Rye, NH.	2005—Carroll County Sheriff’s deputies pull a fragrant Gary Moody, 45, from beneath a woman’s outhouse on the Kancamagus Highway in Albany, NH and charge him with criminal trespass. 2004—The U.S. grants “limited sovereignty” to the Iraqi “government,” assuring a rapid return to normalcy. U.S. death toll so far: 971. 1994—The U.S. Department of Energy admits that hundreds of U.S. citizens were unwittingly used for radiation experiments during the Cold War. 1975—Rod Serling enters another dimension. 1972—Richard Nixon cleverly announces that no new draftees will be sent to Vietnam, further eroding the anti-war movement already weakened by the lottery. 1971—The Supreme Court over- turns Muhammad Ali’s conviction for draft evasion. 1969—At about 1:20 a.m., in NYC, gays and lesbians violently begin resisting a police raid at the Stonewall Inn. 1968—Lyndon Johnson enhances his party animal credentials by signing a law converting Memorial and Veterans days into three-day weekends. 1957—New York Ciy’s last known opium den, at 295 Broome St., is busted.	2006—“It was not always certain,” says George W. Bush, “that the U.S. and America would have a close relationship.” 2002—George W. Bush invokes the 25th Amendment, making Dick “Dick” Cheney President while Bush’s colon is inspected. 1989—The <i>Washington Times</i> reports that high officials in the Reagan & Bush I administrations are under investigation for involvement in a homosexual prostitution ring. The story quickly and conveniently evaporates. 1987—“We don’t care,” declares Attorney General Ed “Meese is a Pig” Meese, “about the political or ideological allegiances of a prospective judge.” His audience bursts out laughing. 1966—U.S. starts bombing major oil facilities in Hanoi and Haiphong harbor. 1956—The U.S. Federal Highway Act OK’s construction of 42,500 miles of highway so the Pentagon can move stuff around in case the Cold War turns hot. 1940—The Smith Act, requiring aliens in the U.S. to register with the government, is enacted. 1620—Tobacco growing is banned in England, giving the Virginia Company a monopoly. 1613—The Globe Theater burns to the ground during a performance of Shakespeare’s <i>Henry VIII</i>.
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