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The Fortnightly Rant

Deaf From Above

In June, the *Chicago Tribune's* travel writer Josh Noel wrote a very flattering piece about Portsmouth.

"Seriously, Portsmouth?" it began. "You're going to be that perfect? So ideal that I ache, I envy and I curse my childhood for not including your idyllic splendor?"

The tone was so adulatory — and we're so old school New England curmudgeonly — that we started looking for a punchline. But there was none.

"Yes," Noel wrote, "You are going to be that perfect."

He meant every word. And, really, why not? This town has abundant historic charm, picturesque surroundings, plenty of good food, bookstores, and lots of interesting people. Anyone who is tired of walking our downtown streets, running into friends on the sidewalk, and having impromptu conversations, with friends or with strangers is tired of life. In fact, about the only flaw this *flâneur's* paradise has is the intermittent racket caused by self-important knuckleheads jazzing the throttles of their unmuffled motorcycles.

But heed this word of unsolicited advice, dear reader: *carpe diem* — our relative tranquility may be about to end.

Alarming News

The Award-Winning Local Daily [AWLD] justified its existence somewhat on August 15th by carrying a story headlined, "Helicopter plan under scrutiny — Flight school and charter service proposed at Pease."

The AWLD went on to report what it had gleaned from a Pease Development Authority [PDA] Airport Committee meeting held on August 12th: a limited liability company called Seacoast Helicopters had applied to the PDA for approval of its plan to provide flight instruction, air charter services, and sightseeing at the airport. The company's proposed hours of operation would be from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m., every blessed day of the week.

Alarmingly, the story said "the PDA board of directors is slated to vote on the proposal Thursday" — and the story appeared in Thursday's paper. Had the plan been approved already?

Fortunately, no. Margaret Lamson, who represents Newington on the PDA board, reportedly told the Airport Committee that "she wants the public to have a chance to weigh in on the proposal due to the potential noise the helicopters could create." Portsmouth City Manager John Bohenko concurred on a noise hearing but was quoted saying he had "not taken a position either

way" on the proposal.

Friday, the AWLD further reported that the PDA's full Board had voted Thursday to hold a special hearing before the PDA Noise Compatibility Committee to be followed by a vote of the full Board on August 29th.

More Than Meets The Eye

The AWLD seems not to have grasped something that seems blatantly obvious in the provisional minutes of the Airport Committee meeting: a sharp divide between Lamson and Bohenko, both of whom were clearly alarmed at the potential impact the plan might have on the surrounding communities, and everyone else at the meeting — all of whom seemed to be chomping at the bit to get the plan approved as soon as humanly possible.

Seacoast Helicopters' CEO Bruce Cultrera, asked by Lamson what impact his operation would have on the community, blithely said he "felt there would be no impact."

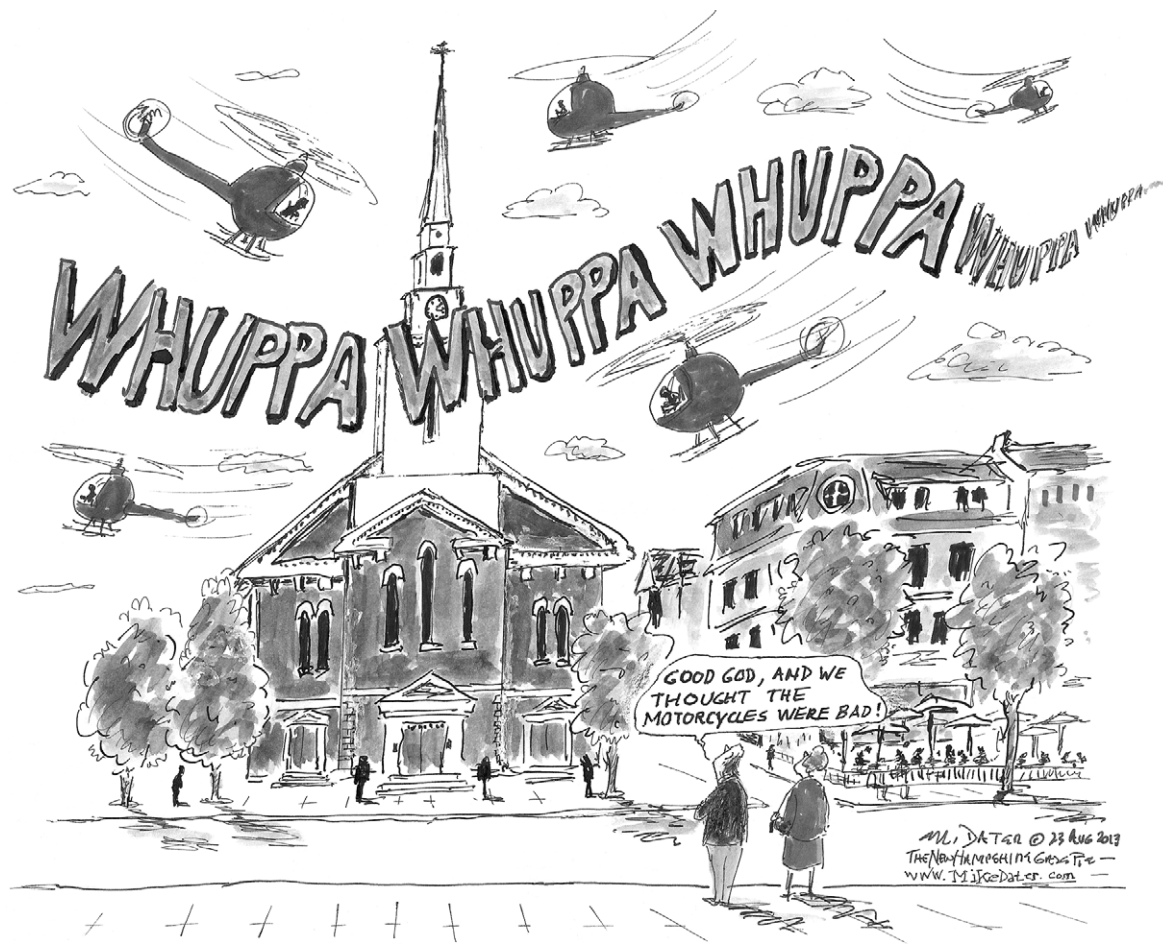
Lamson also asked for more financial details. Cultrera replied that his lease was with Port City Air, not the PDA. He was "not comfortable" making details public but would answer specific questions.

Bohenko "expressed concern" about people upset about noise from helicopters hovering in the area coming forward in the future. Cultrera responded that hovering over the downtown area is not permitted by the FAA, and that a minimum height restriction of 1,000 feet would apply. The distance between the flagpole at Penhallow and Daniel streets and the entrance to Vaughan Mall on Congress Street is 1,000 feet. Hovering may be prohibited over downtown, but making endless circles 1,000 feet in diameter and 1,000 feet off the ground is not hovering — and presumably not prohibited.

Bohenko then said he hoped the proposal would not be on the agenda for Thursday's meeting and that approving a new use at the airport without going before the Noise Compatibility Committee would be "disingenuous." PDA Executive Director David Mullen replied that there was no requirement to go before the noise committee — but said it would be "a good option."

Airport Committee Chairman Robert Preston suggested that Bohenko submit a motion at Thursday's meeting. Bohenko replied that he had a commitment, could not attend, and then "expressed concern that the PDA could grow to regret this."

PDA General Counsel Lynn



Hinchee essentially contradicted Bohenko saying that the proposed helicopter use and flight training were specifically allowed in the Port City Air lease. The purpose of the Airport Committee meeting, she said, was to advise the PDA Board if the proposal met its minimum standards.

Restrictions? What Restrictions?

Airport Manager Bill Hopper said the proposal met those standards — and that the airport's noise restrictions are voluntary. The PDA cannot mandate noise restrictions, he said.

Lamson expressed concern about "noise over the coastal areas and wildlife refuge when tours are being conducted."

Preston "advised that is not our consideration and that he initially supports any airport oriented business coming in."

Timing is Everything

Preston asked "for a time frame if they go to the Noise Compatibility Committee so that the process will not be prolonged" and "inquired how much of a detriment that would be to Seacoast Helicopters' operation?"

Cultrera "responded that they were planning on starting the business immediately and it would be a tremendous financial burden on them."

Bohenko "expressed concern that [the noise committee] was meeting Monday and the Board would be voting on the proposal Thursday after years of work developing a positive relationship and making a commitment to the community. He advised that an extra thirty days of discussion, allowing public input and that of the Noise Compatibility Committee, would be prudent considering that once approved this business would be in operation for many years."

If the business plan were solid, Bohenko said later in the meeting, "then thirty days is not going to hurt" Cultrera.

An Existential Question

Brushing aside Bohenko's concerns, Allard asked, if existing agreements already allow helicopter service "why is this committee voting on this proposal at all?"

The vote was about whether the proposal met the PDA's minimum standards, and recommending it to the full Board, Hinchee said.

Preston then asked "if the Committee voted against the proposal would they be voting that the proposal did not meet Minimum Standards?"

Clearly nonplussed, Hinchee replied that "it never occurred to staff that these questions would be considered by this committee."

Limited Liability, All Right

Lamson raised the question of whether the company's \$1 million general liability insurance policy was adequate. Mullen said he had asked the same question and been told it was the standard. [For the record, that's the same amount of coverage we're required to have to keep a single plastic newspaper box in Market Square.]

Look! Up In the Sky!

Bohenko then engaged Cultrera again over the issue of where the helicopters might fly — what would a typical route be on a sightseeing flight?

Cultrera responded that "most people would want to see the lighthouses and along the coastline" — implying a route right over the city.

Let's Vote On It

Allard made a motion finding that the proposal met minimum standards. It passed 2-1. Allard and Preston voted yes. Lamson voted no.

Two Meetings Next Week

The PDA is graciously allowing the public two opportunities to defend its acoustic environment.

Its Noise Compatibility Committee will hold a public hearing Monday, August 26th at 6:30 p.m.

The full Board will meet the following Friday, August 29th at 8:00 a.m.

The hearings will be held at PDA headquarters at 55 International Drive. Approaching the main entrance of Pease Tradeport from where Gosling Road passes under the Spaulding Turnpike, go straight ahead then take a left at the lights onto International Drive. Look for the first driveway on your left.

A word to the paranoid: these dates and times remain subject to change until 32 hours prior to the time indicated here.

Be there or be deafened.

Speak Now, or Forever Hold Your Ears

For years now, ordinary law-abiding New Hampshire citizens have been trying to get a law passed that can ameliorate the seasonal sonic assaults coming from certain motorcyclists. So far their efforts have been thwarted by the lobbying of motorcycle dealers. That should warn us: the time to stop noise pollution is before it's allowed to begin.

The mechanical braying caused by self-centered jackasses riding illegally-modified Harleys will never be music to any reasonable person's ears. But if a helicopter flight school is ever allowed to operate at Pease, those occasional ear-shattering blasts will finally have one small saving grace: their roaring will, at least briefly, drown out the maddening, clattering, incessant whap-whap-whap coming from the #@%& helicopters.

Shameless Self-Promotion

We have it on good authority that WSCA's Thursday morning show "Wake Up" will feature, from 8 to 10 a.m. on August 29th, an exclusive interview with the alleged Editor of this newspaper. That's 106.1 on your FM dial. He will be discussing the history of this newspaper, and the bizarre sequence of events that allowed it to fall into his hands.

Shhh! Don't Tell!

In other media news, on NPR's Diane Rehm Show, the *National Journal's* Chris Frates had an interesting theory about why Amazon mogul Jeff Bezos would want to buy the ailing *Washington Post*.

The *Post* — formerly one of journalism's brightest beacons — has dimmed considerably in recent years; particularly by providing a base for a bevy of nitwit columnists. Financially it's been flailing, only kept afloat by the profits from its sleazy cohort, the Kaplan online "University." But lately Kaplan's been losing money, too, and is enmeshed in an array of legal entanglements alleging sordid shenanigans including lying to students, fleecing students, and flim-flaming the government.

The Justice Department ought to be putting it out of business any day now.

So it's no surprise that the Graham family wants to bail out. But what would a disruptive capitalist want with a failing dinosaur?

For its delivery system, Frates suggested — which is to say, its newsboys.

Since September 4, 1833, when Cork-born Barney Flaherty sold his first copy of the *New York Sun* on the street for one cent, newspapers have faced and solved the problem of getting mass-produced physical objects into the hands of their ultimate consumers — quickly and efficiently. As Bob Mercier, the distribution specialist who in 1999 organized a local distribution system for this paper, was fond of saying, "the newspaper business was built on the backs of ten-year-old boys."

How Bezos might exploit the *Post's* distribution system is of course still a mystery — but the critical importance of distribution is obvious to any publisher. Just don't anybody tell our Downtown Distribution Volunteers — they might organize and demand a raise.



Google Updates Portsmouth

Just as this city changes over time, so does its digital representation online. And, as the city itself reflects a mix of old construction and new, so does its virtual doppelgänger. The big difference seems to be that on the ground, at any one time, all cats are either dead or alive.

Online, the city's apparently on Schrödinger time. Buildings can be there and not there, both at the same time. We noticed this while checking out 51 Islington Street, the slow-motion development where Kline's Furniture used to be.

Google Earth's straight-down satellite imagery shows the second phase of that building completed. Switch over to Street View on Google Maps and it has not been built yet.

The stationary spans of the New Memorial Bridge are in place on Google Earth — along with some weird, ghostly images that look like a sunken dock with a dozen

tied-up boats, just downstream of the near span.

But in Google Maps' Street View, the Old Memorial Bridge — though closed — is still in place, lift span and all.

Mark This Date!

On Wednesday, August 28th, the Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail will honor the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington and Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. The gathering will begin at 2:45 p.m. at the Discover Portsmouth. After a nation-wide ringing of bells at 3 there will be a procession to the African Burying Ground on Chestnut Street. After a brief ceremony and reading of King's speech, participants will return to the Discover Center for refreshments.

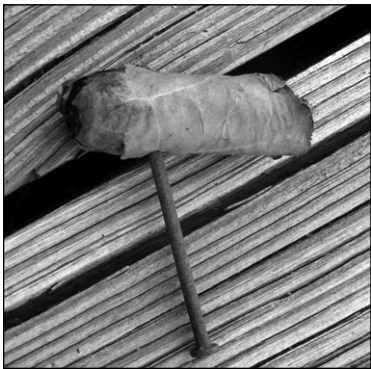
Old Stogies I Have Found ...

"The past is never dead," according to William Faulkner's most famous line, "it's not even past." And what place is better suited to prove that adage that

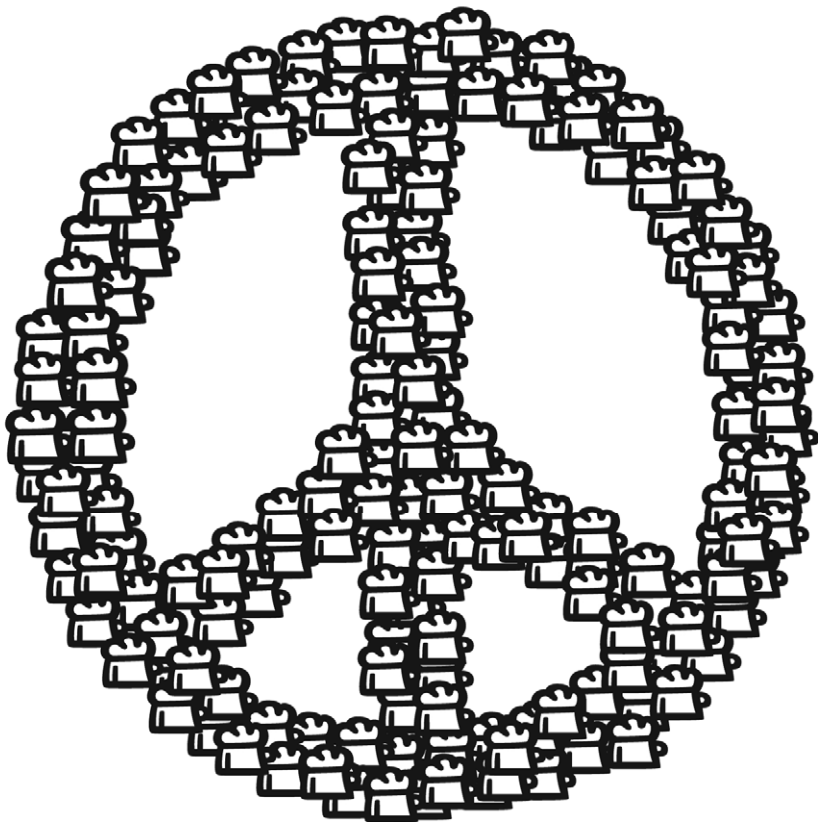
this ancient burg?

Fifty years ago the more *passé* Sunday funnies — such as *Bringing Up Father* or *Our Boarding House* — would occasionally depict hobos or other impecunious characters smoking the butt ends of found cigars, impaled on some sort of improvised spike the better to enjoy their final puffs.

Our Wandering Photographer was woolgathering down by the river on August 12th when he discovered at his feet this bit of evidence suggesting that even in these days of plenty, that thrifty old practice is still with us.



The Lowell Spinners and the Portsmouth Rockinghams played a doubleheader at Leary Field on Saturday, August 17th — under 1864 rules, wearing 19th century uniforms. The teams belong to the Essex Base Ball Club Association, and the games were sponsored by the Portsmouth Athenæum.



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Put The Snowden Lynching Party On Hold

To the Editor:

For the folks who have been chomping at the bit to string-up Edward Snowden for his supposed evil acts against the NSA and our Feral (all definitions apply) government, you're all going to have to put the ropes away and dismantle the gallows. The report is out today, August 16th, from the *Washington Post*, that the NSA violated Privacy Laws and Rules; 2,776 times last year.

Folks who consider themselves such staunch Patriots of our Country that they never give any consideration to the evils and corruption in our government agencies might ask themselves: had we never known from Edward Snowden that this evil was out there, where might that lead?

This past week the billionaire computer genius Larry Ellison expressed his fears that someday this evil NSA surveillance network could someday be used by the Democrats in power against their Republican adversaries or the Republicans in power against their Democrat adversaries. I think that someday is already here but it will take another real Patriot like an Edward Snowden to tell us all about it. A Patriot is not someone who gets up to the microphone and cameras to pound his chest as a Patriot; the Real Patriots, "Are the doers that count," as Teddy Roosevelt was known for saying, like Edward Snowden and others

who have taken huge risks to tell us what evils lurk in the halls of our Feral Government. The Edward Snowdens and others who have been persecuted by our Feral Government should instead be given accolades to honor their True Service to Our Country; with parades down Pennsylvania Avenue.

Jerry Gutekunst
Hudson, NH

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Obama Encourages Terrorists

To the Editor:

For years, President Obama has been telling us that al Qaeda is "on the run." Now we learn that they are "on the run" to bomb U.S. Embassies and kill Americans. President Obama responds with closures of about 20 Embassies and Consulates and a global travel warning. Unfortunately that means al Qaeda is a threat right here in the U.S. because terrorists can get here from Canada or Mexico through our inadequately protected borders.

On their way to attack our embassies and people, terrorists have stopped off in Libya and Syria to collect the arms and aid that the Obama administration has been providing them. This administration also aided the enemy by revealing how we discovered the terror threats. In Afghanistan, the Obama administration is paying contractors that are "providing material support to the insurgency," which may also support global Jihad. The Inspector General states, "I am deeply troubled that the U.S. military can pursue, attack, and even kill terrorists and their supporters, but that some in the U.S. government believe we cannot prevent these same people from receiving a government contract."

President Obama's foreign policy in the Middle East has been so contrary to American interests that, as his pastor, Reverend Wright, says, "America's chickens

are coming home to roost." The Muslim terrorists that President Obama has encouraged, armed, and funded are now a threat to American Embassies and Americans anywhere in the world, including here at home.

Don Ewing
Meredith, NH

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Sen. Bragdon and the LGC

To the Editor:

Many political leaders of both parties are incredulous at Senate President Peter Bragdon's announcement that he has accepted a \$180,000-a-year job as executive director of the LGC (Local Government Center) and intends, at the same time, to keep his Senate position.

The New Hampshire Democratic Party released the following statement on Bragdon's decision:

"Bragdon's irresponsible decision to accept this position raises serious long-term questions about his ethical judgement. It is a blatant conflict of interest. How does Senator Bragdon plan to continue as Senate President while taking a job that raises so many serious concerns? Almost every single issue and or piece of legislation that comes before the State Senate impacts the LGC or its sister organization the Municipal Association."

In an editorial today, the *Concord Monitor* expresses the same concern:

"There is no way that Bragdon, an amiable and effective lawmaker, can credibly separate his role as Senate president from his role as the head of a large, publicly funded organization whose business often involves lobbying for and against legislation. We don't question Bragdon's abilities, honesty or integrity. It's simply that the two roles can't be separated to a degree that's reasonable or credible."

Even former Republican Senate President and current Mayor

Mash Notes, HATE MAIL,

of Manchester Ted Gatsas said it was "impossible" for Peter Bragdon to remain as both Senate President and Executive Director of the LGC.

If Senator Bragdon wants to be seen as a man of honor, he must choose between the two positions available to him.

Lenore Patton
Hampton, NH

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Stuck In Mud-East Quagmire

To the Editor:

Stuck in the Mud-east quagmire, a quicksand trap that is sinking deeper and deeper into an inescapable bottomless hole, the United States' reputed credibility and regional influence have declined significantly and the ground rules for improving a constantly deteriorating situation remain indeed mucky. The Unholy Land Cradle of Civilization is experiencing more fragmentation with fewer overlapping common interests. The Sunni-Shi'ite schism is broadening, with rogue states, separatist movements and jihadists spreading unrest. Tribes, dynasties, clans, military, judiciary and bureaucracy factions are desperately involved in a cutthroat power struggle, a push and pull tug of war and peace in multiple directions.

The United States is playing a far from neutral role in this ever-changing tottery seesaw balancing act, having sent the first armored division, around 200 troops, deployed to Jordan under the guise of assisting the Jordanians in handling the surge of Syrian refugees. The U.S. has also signed arms treaty deals with Israel and Saudi Arabia. It's time to reevaluate and rethink America's decades-old Middle Eastern policy which was fashioned in the miscalculated aftermath of the Cold War. Stale obsolete Bogeyman thinking must

yield to a more contemporary and pragmatically realistic fresh original approach. Growing domestic U.S. dependence on foreign oil resources and greedy vested interests convinced Washington that American military involvement and diplomatic crisis management intervention was needed in the region, which is no longer the case.

Growing divergence of interests between traditional allies Israel and the United States in the post-cold war era allowed for a shameful humanitarian neglect debacle in the disgraceful unfair mistreatment of Palestinians. The pro-Israeli and pro-oil lobbies forcefully manipulated policy decision-makers to make interventionist commitments in the region. Bottom line: Wouldn't we all be better off if Washington were to gradually disengage diplomatically and militarily from imposed Mideast intervention and concentrate instead on ensuring wronged civil rights, creating jobs, balancing the budget, helping the poor help themselves and getting the derailed U.S. domestic agenda back on the fast track?

Charles Frederickson
Bangkok, Thailand

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Expand Medicaid

To the Editor:

Under the 2012 Affordable Care Act the federal government will provide states with money to expand Medicaid eligibility. Expanding Medicaid in New Hampshire to include anyone under age 65 who earns up to 138 percent of federal poverty guidelines is estimated to add 59,000 people to the program. The federal government has promised to pay 100 percent of the cost in the first three years and 90 percent until 2020, which would mean \$2.5 billion in the next seven years for New Hamp-

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And Other Correspondence

shire. Governor Maggie Hassan has convened a nine member Medicaid Expansion Commission to report their recommendations by October 15, 2013.

Rejecting Medicaid expansion will not only result in lost dollars but it will also cause unnecessary hardships for some of our most vulnerable citizens.

I was an emergency medicine physician for 20 years. Poor uninsured people use hospital emergency departments for medical care because they usually aren't welcome elsewhere. If we can keep any uninsured people out of the emergency department we will be saving hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. Not only is this delivery of care costly and inefficient, the rest of us pay for these costs in the form of uncompensated care, impacting hospital and private health insurance premiums. The planned Medicaid expansion to 59,000 Granite Staters will help end their reliance on emergency departments, improve their health, and will boost our state's economy. Participating in the Medicaid expansion will provide savings to the state budget by reducing free or charity care estimated to be in the amount of \$85-175 million.

There is no clear link between health insurance and better health but we do know that people on Medicaid end up with significantly better mental health. They get something crucial to long-term health that the uninsured don't have — peace of mind. Just ask anybody who has had to face medical bills without insurance. This is good fiscal policy, given the enormous costs that mental health problems pose on society by reducing productivity, increasing the incidence of violence and self-destructive behavior.

Medicaid virtually wipes

out crippling medical expenses among the poor. Medicaid improves mental health and provides economic security to some of the most vulnerable people in the state. Financial protection is the reason most Americans who can afford health insurance buy it. If insurance against devastating medical costs is a good thing for us middle-class types, it's a good thing for poor people too. The links between insurance, medicine and health may be impressively mysterious, but staving off medical bankruptcies among low-income Americans is no small policy achievement.

The primary purpose of health insurance is to protect one financially in event of a catastrophic medical shock. Almost any cost is catastrophic if you're poor. Lower-income people who receive Medicaid at least have economic security against medical expenses that might otherwise cause them to lose what little income they have.

We are the richest nation in the history of the world. We can surely afford to give every American the basic security that comes with access to health care. I sincerely hope that the Commission's recommendations and the vote of our legislatures will see expansion of Medicaid in New Hampshire as a win-win for everybody.

Sylvia R. Kennedy, M.D.
Exeter, NH

No Amendment Trumps The Rest

To the Editor:
Our founding fathers did a great job in writing the Constitution. Their work has only been amended 27 times to improve alignment with the current views of the people. Two examples; first we didn't like the sale of alcohol now we do and originally women

could not vote now they can. Our Democracy is not a rigid form of government it adapts to the times.

Ratifying amendments is not an easy process, it is serious business. As a result, most of us think of both the citizen's rights described in the original Constitution and the amendments, especially the first 10, as separate but equal. No amendment trumps another.

Lately, it seems there is a segment of our society that believes in some kind of hierarchy of rights and amendments. In their view some are more important or powerful than others.

They think the right to own an assault rifle, without a background check, is more important than society's right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The need to fight terrorism by stamping on individuals rights is more important than the right to privacy or due process. What happened to the concepts of compromise and flexibility in our founding father's design--remember checks and balances?

I find it ironic that "the Right" thinks it is ok for the rights of thousands to be infringed upon, to prevent a potential terror attack, but the rights of a single gun owner, when asked to undergo a background check, are inviolable. Deaths by guns in the USA, since the Sandy Hook massacre, are already triple the 9/11 fatalities. Where should we place the most diligence?

Why does "the Right" "cry wolf" over background checks or mandated health insurance but invoke the "silence of the lambs" when voting rights, gay rights, bargaining rights or a woman's right to choose are assailed by Republican legislators?

The Bill of Rights is not a list of suggestions open to individual choice. One cannot stand for a strict interpretation of the Constitution and all of its amendments



and then choose to interpret the importance of individual pieces according to a personal preference or particular paranoia.

I strongly encourage "the Right" to fully embrace the Bill of Rights and spread their enthusiasm for the second amendment equally across all the others. The founders' ideals for our democracy deserve unbiased and universal support.

Dave Potter
North Hampton, NH

The Pierce Principle

[Note: For future reference, as we continue doing what we do the same way we have done it all along, we will henceforth have a ready answer to anyone who questions our methods: The Pierce Principle, as laid down by Charlie Pierce at his Politics Blog: Esquire.com/blogs/politics. — The Ed.]

"It will be the policy of this blog not to treat ignorance with respect simply because that ignorance profits important and powerful people. It will be the policy to operate on the principle that, while there may be two sides to every question, rarely are they both right. If this blog sees a man walking down the street with a duck on his head, it will report that it saw a man walking down the street with a duck on his head. It will not need two sources for that. It will not seek out someone to tell it that what it really saw was a duck walking down the street with a guy on its ass."

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Heat and Me

by William Marvel

Hot weather and I have never gotten along. As a Navy brat I spent the ages of two to five living on Key West, where most of the kids my age were Cuban, either by descent or by birth. They were all accustomed to the blazing sun there, but it could make me pass out if I exercised too much, and my playmates seemed to conspire to make that happen. Every now and then one of them would run away with a favorite toy of mine, and I — knowing no better — would inevitably chase him around the block until I keeled over. I think they took bets on how many circuits I made before I dropped.

Then, a few months before my father retired, he sent my mother and me home to South Conway, where we endured an arctic winter. That was when I learned that

I didn't care for cold, either, but I found that it was always possible to throw another log on the fire, if you thought ahead far enough to cut the wood. When spring finally came I began dreading the onset of summer heat, and one day in July or August the temperature did rise to about 90 degrees, filling me with fear that it was only the beginning of those broiling, enervating days.

Our house sits on the eastern slope of Davis Hill, where it is always a few degrees cooler than Conway or North Conway in both summer and winter. I can only remember once or twice in my childhood when it was too hot and humid to move. Our summers mostly passed with mild temperatures and cool breezes, in days that our local weatherman would give his highest rating.

That began to change in the 1980s, when I started working as

a carpenter. By the time we had framed and sheathed a house the weather always seemed to turn sultry, inevitably soaring into the 90s as soon as we started the roofing — and particularly if the roof consisted of asphalt shingles, which all but turned to liquid at those temperatures. I followed that trade for seven years, with my co-workers probably grumbling every summer over the lethargy that torrid weather produced in me. One sweltering afternoon when I was working alone I sweat so profusely that it penetrated my watch, slowing it to a crawl: two hours after what should have been quitting time I was still dragging along with symptoms of heat exhaustion — head pounding, faintly nauseous, weak as a kitten, and wondering why time was passing so slowly.

In those days the color-coded weather maps always seemed to locate the worst heat in the cen-

tral plains. Kansas lay at the center of it, as my wife well remembers: the summer she graduated from the eighth grade was their hottest on record until a couple of years ago, and for two weeks or more the temperature never dropped below 100 degrees, day or night. Her family had no air conditioning then, either. They have it now, and when I arrived on my last visit there a couple of years ago the mercury stood at 106, so I flopped on the couch, turned up the AC, and asked them to tell me when it was time to head back to New Hampshire. Eventually the Jesusmongers swarmed in, however, and I staggered across half a mile of scorched earth to the air-conditioned library, returning for more involuntary Bible study only that evening, after the librarian threw everyone out. That summer set their newest heat record.

Here on the dark side of Davis

Hill, air conditioning has never yet made sense. I bought a room-sized model in 1998, or 1999: there were only two or three days that year when I might otherwise have wanted it, but it blocked the cross-draft between my bedroom and my office, so I kept it running much of the summer. The next year I never installed it and never missed it, so finally I gave it away.

Even as we congratulate ourselves on the looming resumption of economic growth, the atmospheric consequences of earlier growth brings us a more tropical climate, as this alternately steamy and rainy summer illustrates. More heat means more air conditioning, which means more electricity and therefore more carbon emissions, producing still more heat. Now, in the autumn of life, I fear the hot days with an even greater foreboding than I did in the early spring.



Re-enactor Ken Hamilton explains native life in this area during the late 1600s at a recent "living history" presentation at Counting House Museum. This year's living history event will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 24th and 25th. All are welcome to look and learn as historical re-enactors bring to life the history of the early citizens of the Berwicks and their struggle with the Native American inhabitants. Admission is free.

Families Welcomed to Living History Encampment of the 1600s

An outdoor "living history" presentation of a colonial encampment at the time of King William's War in the late 1600s will be held on Saturday, August 24, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Sunday, August 25, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, at South Berwick's riverfront museum and park.

"This is a family event for all concerned," said Paula Bennett, program chair of the Old Berwick Historical Society, adding that the re-enactors will travel here from around New England and eastern Canada.

The society is sponsoring the event at their museum, the Counting House, to coincide with the 300th anniversary year of the establishment of Berwick, compris-

ing the towns of South Berwick, North Berwick and Berwick of today.

Bennett said the participants, led by veteran re-enactor Ken Hamilton, will demonstrate arts and crafts, regulation musket drills, cooking, camp life, and colonial children's games. Historical reproduction artifacts, including many depicting Native American folkways, will be on display throughout the site.

"This is an easy and fun way to teach history because the public will witness the sights, smells and sounds of the era," Bennett added.

The program is free to all ages and presentations will be held rain or shine. Counting House

Park on Liberty Street, along the Salmon Falls River, is a spot known for generations as Quamphegan Landing.

Inside the Counting House Museum, visitors can see a new archaeology display of household utensils and other artifacts actually used at the homestead of Humphrey and Lucy Chadbourne, who operated a mill and raised a family in South Berwick in the late 1600s. Their house was believed to have been destroyed in 1690 during a conflict known as King William's War, when French and Native war parties attacked English settlers in the area of today's South Berwick, then known as Quamphegan.

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Militarizing America's Police Forces

by Jim Hightower

Attention citizens: I have received inside information revealing that global terrorists are targeting us again. Their target is not Washington, New York City, or even Disneyland. Rather, it is: Concord.

You know, in New Hampshire. The state Capitol. Even though only about 43,000 people live there, Concord apparently has

strategic significance, for the local police, fully backed by the city council, are preparing for a horrific terroristical assault. Specifically, they're seeking \$258,000 from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) so they can gird themselves by purchasing a "Len-co BearCat G3" armored vehicle.

This bold stand to defend the homeland was revealed by the New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union, which obtained a copy of

the grant request. Actually, it is not al Qaeda terrorists that have Concord's police gearing up for war, but "the domestic type" of terrorists.

Really? In Concord? Yes, insist police, referring vaguely to "daily challenges" and warning that the "threat is real and here." Who are these domestic demons? The police finger two groups: Occupy NH, whose "violence" has mostly been in the form of doing litter

pick-up days, and the Free State Project, a libertarianish outfit trying to convince 20,000 like-minded people to move to New Hampshire.

Neither group is armed or dangerous, and both are committed to nonviolence. Yet, the police claim they need a BearCat G3 to respond to terrorism involving "chemical, biological, and radiological materials, as well as explosive gases."

The most explosive gas in this case is coming from police officials who have tagged their own peaceful citizens as "terrorists." And the real threat to our security is DHS, which keeps shoveling our tax dollars into the militarization of police forces all across the country.

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"We will interpret a military flying camp as well as the Native fur trade, fishing and hunting culture of the 'half Indianized' French and 'half Frenchified' Indians," Ken Hamilton explained.

He said today's South Berwick and Rollinsford, NH, on both sides of the Salmon Falls, were once a Wabanaki or "East/Dawn Land" center for seasonal habitation, fishing, and canoe travel. English colonization and settlement forever altered the traditional access and use of this important area.

During the late 1600s and early 1700s, the English residents of the Berwicks, then called Newichawannock, adapted to a world dominated by a struggling economy, food shortages, rumors of Wabanaki and French attacks, militia call ups, and life in garrison. Wabanaki and French forces attacked Berwick on several occasions, the most devastating taking place in 1676 and 1690.

The area's connecting rivers, lakes and bays made Quamphogan both a natural/automatic target and "pit stop" for French invasions and raiding parties, especially when the rivers froze. French raiders were accompanied by "local" Native guides.

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The Devil Is in the Taxes

My foolproof plan will rescue our society from the sleazy grasp of special-interest politics.

By Donald Kaul

While pretty much everybody agrees that the U.S. tax code is a mess, nobody does anything about it. Oh, politicians talk about doing something, but mainly what they do is make it worse.

There's a reason for this. You. You're the reason.

People, alas, tend to be greedy and selfish and their attitude toward taxation is expressed in the old rhyme: "Don't tax you. Don't tax me. Tax that fellow behind the tree."

This is as true of liberals as it is of conservatives. We all tend to like those tax provisions that benefit us and hate those that benefit someone else.

We and the organizations we work for hire lobbyists to ensure that our narrow economic interests are served and they do a terrific job. Give the devil his due — lobbyists are very good at what they do.

And what they do, specifically, is lie, cheat, steal, bribe "educate," and otherwise persuade legislators to give their clients tax breaks. They descend on the na-

tion's capital like a mighty swarm of locusts. When they're done, the tax code is a ragged collection of holes but a hundred or so pages longer. And 80 percent of Congress is assured of re-election. It's called democracy.

Just try and cut out a tax break someday, I dare you. I don't care if it's for bee keepers, skateboard manufacturers, buffalo hunters or buggy whip makers. Every industry and interest group has its own personal lobbyist working to bury a stealth tax break in an obscure bill.

Many reformers have long since despaired of breaking the stranglehold of these "special interests" on our government.

I have not. I have a foolproof tax reform plan that will rescue our society from the sleazy grasp of special-interest politics and set us on the path of justice and righteousness. Here's my plan.

Eliminate the corporate income tax. Don't cut it. Get rid of it.

In the first place it's a tax on success. Corporations that are well-run and make money have to pay it (theoretically, at least). Corporations that are losers don't. That's not the American way. Let

the good and bad corporations compete on a level playing field.

In the second place, and more importantly, it's an almost irresistible invitation to cheat or, at the very least, evade taxes through shady practices, like setting up dummy companies in far-away and low-tax places. (I'm looking at you, Apple.)

Corporations wouldn't have to cheat on their taxes under my plan because there'd be no taxes. Tax shelters? Gone. Neither would there be deductible expenses.

Travel expenses, entertainment expenses, advertising expenses, investment expenses, they'd all be simply part of the cost of doing business. No more expensive sky-boxes rented by corporations at stadiums — unless the executives thought it was actually worth the money on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

No more "business lunches" at fancy restaurants or country club memberships for executives at company expense. Whatever was spent to make money would be money taken out of profits.

I know what you're going to say: "Where are you going to get the money to run the government?"

From people — people like you, actually. We would all be taxed at a progressive rate high enough to fund the government we need. Capital gains would be taxed as ordinary income, as would everything else.

Our bloated entertainment economy would shrink. Our dishonest, subsidized corporations would learn to stand on their own two legs. And a great many lobbyists and crooked tax lawyers would be forced to find honest employment.

Don't worry about any of this happening. The chances of my plan or anything like it being enacted are less than yours of winning the Powerball lottery jackpot. You're more likely to be struck by a meteor.

People hate taxes but they love deductions.

Nor do our legislators want lobbyists to disappear. Without lobbyists to give them money, how would they get elected? By finding real solutions to real problems?

That'll be the day.

Donald Kaul, a columnist for half a century and Pulitzer finalist in 1987 and 1999, lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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

Portsmouth, arguably the first town in this country not founded by religious extremists, is bounded on the north and east by the Piscataqua River, the second, third, or fourth fastest-flowing navigable river in the country, depending on

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1999—Six years later the FBI admits tear gas canisters it fired into David Koresh's compound in Waco were incendiary, but denies they started the fatal fire. 1995—In Athens, GA, House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Asylum) announces new policy to win the drug war: executing "27 or 30 or 35 people at one time." 1985—The White House confirms that President Reagan was an FBI informant during the late 1940's while he was head of the Screen Actors Guild. 1967—American Nazi Party founder George Lincoln Rockwell is shot dead at an Arlington, VA shopping mall by a former aide. 1950—Harry S Truman orders the U.S. Army to take over the nation's railroads to prevent a strike. 1945—Ho Chi Minh proclaims the Republic of Vietnam. 1945—Baptist missionary and U.S. spy John Birch is shot by Chinese Communists. 1925—Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters is founded by A. Philip Randolph. 1921—Ten thousand striking coal miners square off against coal companies and their stooges in the Battle of Blair Mountain, WV. 1893—"Colored Peoples' Day" at the Columbian Exposition. 1875—Matthew Webb becomes the first man to swim the English Channel.	2005—The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard gets a stay of execution. 1980—Ex-Luftwaffe pilot John Birges, attempting to recoup his gambling losses, plants a half-ton bomb at Harvey's Resort Hotel in Stateline, NV. 1969—Canada decriminalizes sodomy. 1969—With just weeks left to go in Vietnam, the NHNG's 197th Field Artillery loses five men in a single incident. 1968—Mayor Richard Daley formally opens the 1968 Democratic National Convention as his cops beat heads outside. 1967—Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze" is released escapes. 1965—Last day getting married could improve your draft status. 1935—The United Auto Workers union is founded. 1924—<i>Wanderer</i>, the last sailing whaleship to leave New Bedford, drags her anchor and is lost while sitting out a storm off Cutthunk. 1920—Nineteenth Amendment is ratified; women can vote now. 1919—Company goons shoot United Mine Workers' Fannie Sellins in Brackenridge, PA. 1883—Krakatoa begins a three-day eruption; tens of thousands die, 13 percent less sunlight reaches the earth during the following year. 1858—The first news dispatch is sent by telegraph.	1991—A fifteen-member committee of the American Bar Association rates Clarence Thomas as a candidate for U.S. Supreme Court: none rate him "well-qualified," two rate him "not qualified." 1984—Ronald Reagan announces that he will put a teacher in space. 1980—FBI agents, attempting to defuse a half-ton bomb at Harvey's Resort Hotel in Nevada, cause it to explode. No one is injured. 1979—The IRA uses a radio-controlled bomb to assassinate Earl Mountbatten, British Admiral of the Fleet, and kill three others aboard his yacht off Ireland. 1975—Veronica and Colin Scargill complete a tandem bicycle ride around the world. 1972—U.S. planes bomb Haiphong harbor. 1968—Democrats nominate Hubert Humphrey for President as cops and protestors do battle. 1949—As an anti-Communist mob attacks the audience at a Paul Robeson concert in Peekskill, NY, three FBI agents passively look on. 1938—Becoming increasingly restive at a poetry reading by Archibald MacLeish, Robert Frost sets fire to a handful of papers. 1928—In Paris, sixty nations sign the Kellogg-Briand Pact and outlaw war forever. 1903—U.S. troops are ordered to Beirut to "protect U.S. interests."	2009—Saudi Deputy Interior Minister Prince Mohammed bin Nayef barely escapes assassination. 2003—After he's made to rob a Pennsylvania bank, pizza deliveryman Brian Wells is killed by a time bomb fastened to his neck. 1963—At the Lincoln Memorial, half a million people hear Martin Luther King call to let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire 1961—The 5th Conference of the Situationist International convenes in Göteborg, Sweden. 1955—During a visit to his family in Money, MS, fourteen year-old Chicagoan Emmett Till is murdered by whites for speaking inappropriately to a white woman. 1947—A bull in Linares, Spain helps even the score by fatally goring Manolete. 1922—WEAF in New York earns \$100 for airing the first paid radio commercial: a ten minute plug for the Queensboro Realty Company. 1919—The mayor of Seattle demands, "hang or incarcerate all anarchists for life." 1918—Big Bill Haywood and 14 other Wobblies get 20 years for draft obstruction. 1884—The first known photograph of a tornado is taken in Howard, SD. 1833—Britain abolishes slavery throughout the Empire.	2007—Sloppy accounting results in an Air Force B-52 taking off from Minot AFB in North Dakota with some extra cargo on board: six loose nukes. 2006—George W. Bush tells NBC interviewer Brian Williams, "I've got an ek-a-lec-tic reading list." 2005—Katrina slams New Orleans as FEMA dozes. 1996—The day Bill Clinton accepts the Democratic nomination for a second term, his political advisor Dick Morris resigns because it's been revealed he paid a whore \$200/hr. to let him suck her toes. 1977—Memphis nabs 3 for trying to steal Elvis's corpse. 1968—A week-long riot erupts at the Long Binh Jail in Vietnam; 115 MPs and prisoners are injured, one prisoner is killed. 1957—Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-SC) ends a record-setting 24 hour and 18 minute filibuster. The Civil Rights Act passes despite him. 1956—Jesus Christ "GG" Allin, the most depraved punk rocker in history, is born in Lancaster, NH. 1956—The GOP announces it will henceforth refer to the Democratic Party as the Democrat Party. 1949—Soviets pop an A-Bomb. 1907—An eight million pound miscalculation, dismissed by a supervising engineer 440 miles away in NYC, causes the Quebec Bridge to collapse killing 75 workers.	2004—The Republican Party holds its Presidential Convention in New York City to milk all they can out of 9/11. Patriotic attendees mock wounded veterans by wearing "Purple Heart" band-aids. 1979—Attacked by a crazed rabbit while vacationing in Georgia, Jimmy Carter is forced to defend himself with a canoe paddle. 1979—First recorded instance of a comet hitting the sun. 1968—"I want to pack my bags and get out of this city," says Walter Cronkite as Mayor Daley's finest clobber citizens. 1967—Thurgood Marshall is sworn in as America's first black Supreme Court Justice. 1964—At the Democratic Convention, an all-white delegation from Mississippi is seated while a black protest delegation isn't. 1963—A "Hot Line" is set up between the White House and the Kremlin. 1959—Parties loyal to Ngo Dinh Diem win control of Vietnamese National Assembly. 1943—R. Crumb is born. 1918—Would-be assassin Fanya Kaplan shoots V.I. Lenin. 1893—Huey "The Kingfish" Long is born in Winnfield, LA. 1813—At Ft. Mims, AL, drunken officers are playing cards when 800 Creeks attack. About 15 out of 500 whites survive.	1986—Levan Meritt, 5, falls into the cage of Jambo the Gorilla on the Isle of Jersey. Jambo guards the unconscious boy until he regains consciousness and is retrieved. 1973—The Gainesville Eight, anti-twar vets charged with conspiracy to riot at the 1972 Republican National Convention, are acquitted. 1968—In a suburb of Montreal, grade school students demanding reforms occupy their school. 1965—Lyndon Johnson signs a bill outlawing draft card burning. 1954—Hurricane Carol slams New England; 65 die. 1948—Robert Mitchum is busted for possession of pot. He'll serve sixty days. 1939—German operatives carry out 21 false flag attacks along the Polish border. 1925—After an 11 year occupation, U.S. Marines depart from Haiti, leaving a dictatorship behind. 1920—The first American radio news program is broadcast, on station 8MK in Detroit. 1919—The American Communist Party is formed in Chicago. 1895—Julius Wyland commences publication of the socialist paper, <i>An Appeal to Reason</i>. 1869—In Ireland, Mary (King) Ward is thrown from a steam-powered automobile and run over, becoming the first person known to have been killed by a car.
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2005—In a radio interview, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin tells George W. Bush and FEMA to "get off your asses and do something" about his flooded city.

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

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

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

1971—The Pittsburgh Pirates field a major league first: a lineup of nine black ballplayers.

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

1947—In Berlin, 3,000 demonstrators for "No More War."

1932—NYC Mayor Jimmy Walker, a Democrat, resigns rather than face corruption charges.

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

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

1983—Eight minutes after poison gas is released, Miss. prison officials clear the witness room; Jimmy Lee Gray is gasping, moaning, and banging his head on a steel pole.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1925—The airship *U.S.S. Shenandoah* leaves New Jersey bound for Michigan against the wishes of her commander, concerned about bad weather ahead.

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

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

1973—A milk producers' coop delivers a check to cover the cost of the "Plumbers" burglary of Daniel Ellsberg's shrink's office to a meeting attended by R. Nixon.

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

1967—Woody Guthrie dies in New York at 52.

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

1860—U.S. citizen and ex-dictator of Nicaragua William Walker & his private army invade Honduras.

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

1813—"Uncle Sam" makes his first appearance in the Troy, (NY) *Post*.

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

1752—By an act of Parliament, the Gregorian calendar is adopted in Britain and the colonies. Londoners, thinking they've been robbed of 11 days of their lives, riot and holler, "Give us our 11 days back!"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1918—U.S. troops land at Archangel, Russia, to "protect American interests."

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

1833—*The* [NY] *Sun* hires Barney Flaherty, America's first newsboy.

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

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

2001—Rep. Joe Scarborough (R-Fla.) resigns after being accused of cheating on his wife with teenage prostitutes.

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

1990—LA Police Chief Darryl Gates tell the Senate Judiciary Committee that "casual drug users should be taken out and shot."

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

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

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

1931—Consolidated Edison worker George Metesky is injured on the job. Denied Workmen's Compensation, "The Mad Bomber" plants 32 bombs over a 16 year period before he is caught.

1930—"Hurry it up you Hoo-sier bastard," demands serial killer Carl Panzram of his executioner at Leavenworth. "I could hang a dozen men while you're screwing around."

2008—The Federal Housing Finance Authority announces it's taking over Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

2007—FBI agents arrest Ponzi schemer, fugitive from justice, and major Democratic Party donation-bundler Norman Hsu.

2004—"Too many OB-GYNs are not able to practice their love with women all across this country," says George W. Bush.

2003—Careless Lockheed Martin workers drop a \$233 million weather satellite causing \$135 million worth of damage.

2002—Explaining why the administration had been silent all summer on its plan to make war on Iraq, White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card says, "From a marketing point of view, you don't introduce new products in August."

1978—House opens hearings on assassinations of JFK & MLK. On Dec. 30 they conclude conspiracies were likely.

1961—Bob Dylan debuts at the Gaslight, NYC.

1959—"Dying is easy," says actor Edmund Gwenn, dying. "Comedy is difficult."

1949—World War II vet and devout churchgoer Howard Unruh kills 13 of his NJ neighbors in 12 minutes.

1941—All German Jews over 6 are ordered to wear a yellow star.

2000—"When I am President, we] will not have our veterans standing in line waiting for benefits that they've been promised," says G.W. Bush. Not true.

1996—Two women walk into the Norfolk (VA) Naval Base with a banner reading "Love Your Enemies." They're arrested.

1978—In London, an umbrella-wielding KGB agent gives Bulgarian defector Georgi Markov a fatal jab in the leg.

1970—"Plant one, plant two [Secret Service agents] on [Ted Kennedy]," Richard Nixon says to aides. "We might just get lucky and catch this son-of-a-bitch—ruin him for '76. It's going to be fun."

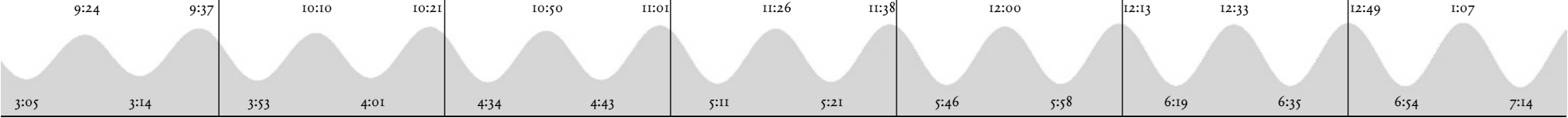
1964—Lyndon Johnson's infamous "Daisy Ad," is aired, once, during NBC's "Monday Night at the Movies."

1960—The Rev. Norman Vincent Peale opines that any Catholic president would be "under extreme pressure from the hierarchy of his church."

1914—French generals send 6,000 infantrymen from Paris to the Battle of the Marne in taxicabs. They hold the line, saving the city.

1892—John Greenleaf Whittier dies in Hampton Falls, NH.

1876—The James/Younger Gang attempts to rob banks in Northfield, MN, with a notable lack of success.



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