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The Fortnightly Rant

Farcical Origins, Tragic Result

Three weeks ago, as the end of the fiscal year approached, it was still possible to hope that Congress might pass a “clean CR” — a continuing resolution — which would fund the government going into the new fiscal year. Most Americans seemed to agree that *not* doing so would be reckless, stupid, and self-destructive.

Most Democrats in the House would certainly have voted for a clean CR to avoid a government shutdown. Since they are in the minority, though, some Republican votes would have been required.

These days there are Republicans, and then there are *Republicans*. According to our current crop of people who get paid to talk about this stuff on television, only a small minority of Republicans — less than one in five — follow the full-blown Tea Party ideology. An equal number are said to lean in their general direction. Taken together they represent only one-third of House Republicans. The barn-burners, then, were outnumbered, two to one, by Republicans who one might think would be amenable to a less dramatic course of action.

The conventional wisdom among our aforementioned cloud of televised experts, as October 1st loomed, was that there were more than enough Republican votes in the House to put a clean CR over the top, too, except for one little thing: any moderate voting for it would be inviting a primary challenge from their Right flank next year.

This was a situation that cried out for leadership. Instead we got Boehnerism. Anyone who has served a tour in any branch of the U.S. armed forces is familiar with

the phrase, “lead, follow, or get out of the way.” Speaker of the House John Boehner [R-OH] enlisted in the Navy right out of high school, but washed out after just eight weeks — and it shows.

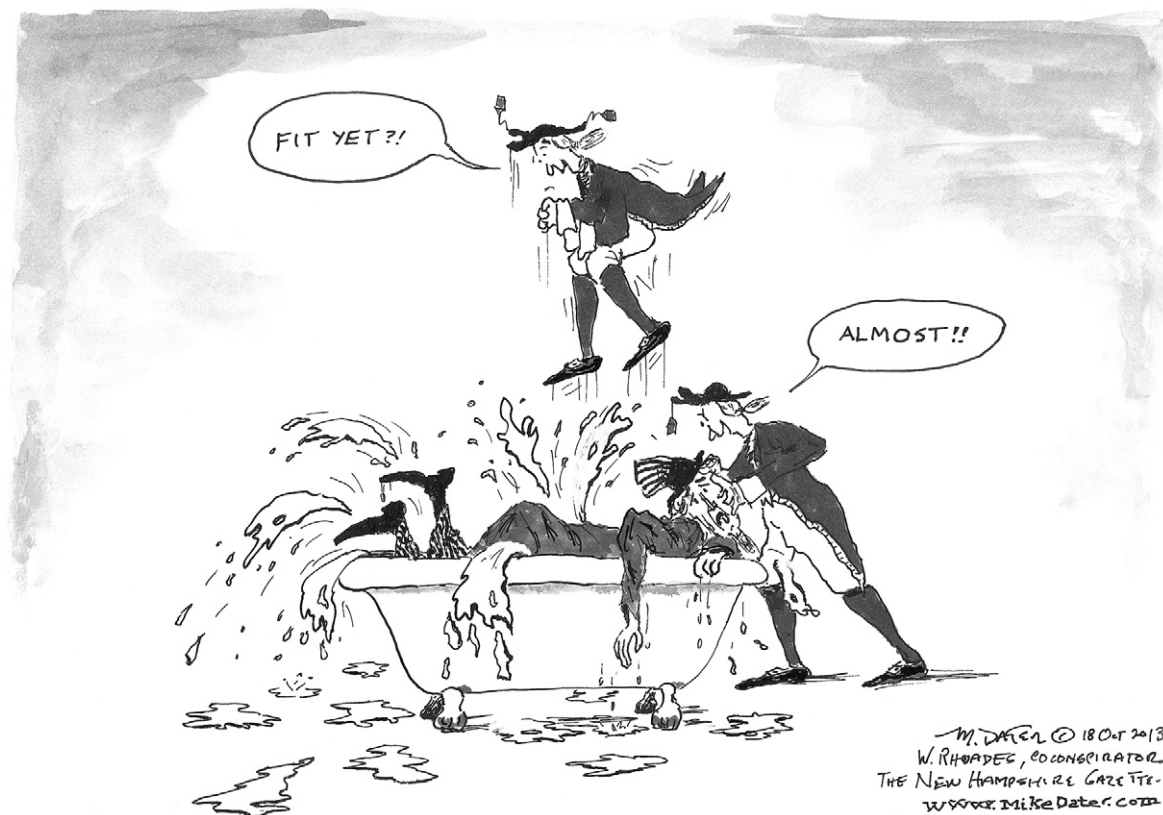
When the new fiscal year arrived Boehner did not lead, nor did he follow. And he most certainly did not get out of the way. When the time came for action, Boehner sided with the cowards and followed the idiots.

Fiscal Year of the Pig

Americans who have yearned for a coherent explanation of how our noble experiment in self-government devolved into the squalid mess we endure today got their wish on October 6th.

According to *The New York Times*, “a loose-knit coalition of conservative activists led by former Attorney General Edwin Meese III” assembled shortly after President Obama’s second inauguration. Their goal was to achieve through other means that which they failed to win in the Presidential election: an end to Obamacare. To that end they decided to make Democrats an offer the Republicans thought they could not refuse: kill the program or we’ll shut down the government.

For the benefit of readers too young to remember, Meese was President Reagan’s Attorney General from 1985 until 1988. Meese was dogged by ethics charges throughout his term, which he rebutted in indignant terms. After all, why shouldn’t a sitting Attorney General simultaneously negotiate a \$1 billion deal for an oil pipeline from Iraq to Jordan and U.S. foreign aid to Israel? Where is the trust? Meese was also deeply implicated in the cover-up of the



Iran/Contra scandal.

It was the Wedtech scandal that finally drove Meese from office. A special prosecutor concluded that Meese had probably violated the law and should be investigated further. He declined to prosecute on the evidence he had available, though; a result Meese characterized as vindication. Towards the end of Meese’s term, posters began appearing all over Washington, D.C. saying “Experts Agree: Meese Is A Pig.”

The Usual Suspects

Who in their right mind would ever hire a person with such a background? Nobody. But Charles and David Koch would, and did. Meese’s rap sheet looks like a winning résumé to them. If your plan is to take food from the mouths of hungry babies, shut off disability payments to disabled veterans, and lower taxes for billionaires, you want a man for the job who isn’t burdened by such distractions as a moral compass.

How They Got That Way

It’s been said that there’s no

such thing as a bad baby — what could have made the Koch brothers such a pair of ... [words fail us — publishable ones, anyway]?

The answer is revealed in an article by Mark Ames, published by *NSFWCorp.com*, titled “Meet Charles Koch’s Brain.”

“Back in the early-mid 1960s, Charles Koch was just another 20-something oil heir,” Ames writes. Then he met Robert LeFevre. Ames cites two sources documenting Koch’s 1964 conversion during “in an intensive two-week total immersion program in radical libertarian ideology” at LeFevre’s “Freedom School.”

LeFevre, then in his fifties, had scuffled for years as a “loyal lieutenant for [Guy Ballard,] one of the nation’s most notorious anti-Semites.” LeFevre’s résumé also includes time spent running a sex cult in Rudolph Valentino’s former Hollywood home. With the FBI on his tail, he became an informant, which apparently qualified him, in the eyes of Southern California’s Republican Party, to

run for Congress. After losing in the primary he began “working for a union-busting outfit that Red-baited Hollywood liberals.” Sued for libel he fled to Florida where he ran a local red-baiting TV show — in collaboration with the local FBI bureau. Right Wing cranks Merwin K. Hart and R.C. Hoiles backed LeFevre’s Freedom School, but his managerial ineptitude led to its demise. LeFevre’s last grotesque project was a book titled, *Lift Her Up Tenderly*, described as a “Free-market *Lolita*.”

Deny Everything

As the tragic-comic *dénouement* of their project approached, the Koch brothers denied any involvement or responsibility, just as Charles Koch has denied, in recent years, any connection with Robert LeFevre. So, too, will the Republicans — the Party of Personal Responsibility — deny any responsibility for the damage done to the country by following an insane scheme whose origins, ultimately, were in the twisted mind of a charlatan.

The Alleged News

Your Pentagon At Work

The USDA’s food inspectors are at home, alphabetically sorting their spice shelves. The nation’s mine safety inspectors are raking leaves and cleaning out their garages. Much of the government, we’re learning, is just so much unnecessary piffle.

Most of the Pentagon, though, just keeps rolling along. It takes a lot of manpower to keep those courts-martial going.

Commander Michael Vannak Khem Misiewicz, the former captain of the destroyer *U.S.S. Mustin*, and Captain Daniel Dusek, of the amphibious assault ship *U.S.S. Bonhomme Richard*, have both been relieved of duty in a rather eye-popping scandal.

Misiewicz is the former deputy

operations officer of the *U.S.S. Blue Ridge*, the flagship of the Pacific Fleet. He has been charged with using that position to send the aircraft carriers *U.S.S. George Washington* and *U.S.S. John C. Stennis* to certain ports selected by a marine contractor for the laxity of their oversight. The contractor, Glenn Defense Marine Asia, then allegedly overcharged the Navy for millions of dollars worth of services. For his troubles, Misiewicz is said to have been rewarded with travel, luxurious stays in hotels, tickets to a Lady Gaga concert, and hookers.

Dusek has not been charged with a crime but was relieved, Navy officials said, because of the negative affect the investigation

was having on his leadership.

Calling Slim Pickens ...

It’s reassuring to believe — especially since military recruiting ads so love to play up the awesome responsibilities that the Pentagon places upon service members — that the aircraft carriers Commander Misiewicz allegedly shuffled around the Pacific to score free hookers were not nuclear-armed.*

It was a little bit alarming, though, when the second-in-command of the U.S. Strategic Command — which oversees all three legs of our nuclear triad —

* According to contemporary press reports, the U.S. Navy stopped carrying nuclear weapons aboard surface ships during the George H.[H.] Bush administration.

was fired October 9th after President Obama “lost confidence” in his ability to carry out his duties.

No hookers involved in this story, just allegations that Vice Admiral Vince Giardina, while gambling at the Horseshoe Casino in Council Bluffs, Iowa, across the Missouri River from StratCom, had been gambling with counterfeit chips.

Show Trials, Yes, But ... ?

This next matter is not exactly a court-martial offense — at least, we don’t know what the charges would be — but on October 10th, NBC News reported that the Pentagon has been conducting sham “arrival ceremonies” at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command [JPAC] in Hawaii. The unit

locates, recovers, and identifies the remains of fewer than 80 U.S. service members missing from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam every year at a cost of \$100 million.

Approximately four times a year, since 2006, the unit has conducted public ceremonies, complete with generals, chaplains, and a bugle playing “Taps,” geared to give the impression that remains that have just flown in are being removed from a C-17 and brought into JPAC’s laboratory for identification. The C-17 the unit uses cannot fly, though, and the flag-draped transfer cases are apparently empty.

The Alleged News

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"Forget 'Nam? Never!"
Forty years ago American participation in the Vietnam War was ending. The Pentagon could not purge itself fast enough of the troublesome veterans who had fought it — and for the most part the antagonism was mutual. The worm has turned, several times in fact. The Pentagon now finds it convenient to forget how much it despised the men it had forced to fight a war that could not be won. And many of the once-scorned veterans have exchanged their resentments for some *ex post facto* recognition. As it happens, it's also fifty years since the war began to ramp up. Political correctness and the advent of the Internet dictate that, all awkwardness aside, the Pentagon must commemorate

that thorny event. Fortunately, no one's paying too much attention, except for cranks like us. We visited *VietnamWar50th.com's* interactive timeline recently, to see what was old, and found this entry for November 1, 1963: "Soliders [sic] from the Army of the Republic of Vietnam toppled the government and assassinated President Ngo Dinh Diem." Aside from that unfortunate typo, you can't say that sentence is wrong. It just leaves out everything that matters. Here are a few of the most relevant facts, taken from the Pentagon Papers, the official but secret history of the war, published more than 40 years ago. As a French-educated Catholic mandarin installed and propped up by a foreign power to be the puppet ruler of a Buddhist country, Diem was far from popular. When Buddhist priests began



There has been a great deal of much-justified gnashing of teeth in recent years over trends in downtown real estate. The chief offenders, of course, are the rectangular cuboids of Hotel Hollow, whose sole design principle seems to have been the maximization of return on investment. This stately property, on the other hand, is being re-roofed in slate and copper, and will someday delight the eyes of residents and visitors who are not yet born.

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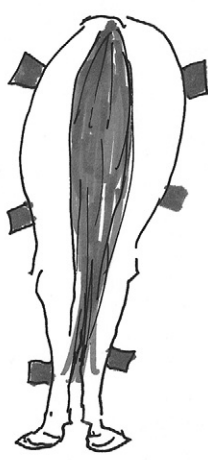
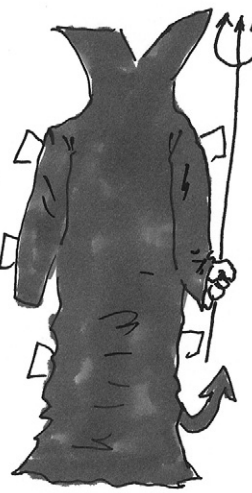


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immolating themselves in protest of their oppressive treatment under the secret police of Diem's thuggish brother, Ngo Dinh Nhu, the U.S. decided Nhu had to go. Diem, however, was utterly dependent on Nhu and would not fire him.

At about this point, Vietnamese generals began asking American CIA agents how the U.S. might respond to a coup. Speaking for Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, an egotistical mandarin from Boston, the agents said go ahead.

General Paul Harkin, Commander of MACV, upon learning of the impending coup, sent telegrams to the White House furiously opposing it.

The White House cabled Lodge, telling him, "we still have the power to call off the coup if we choose to." Lodge cabled Washington back, saying he was "powerless to stop the coup, the matter is entirely in Vietnamese hands."

The U.S. wanted Diem to leave the country alive. Instead he and his brother were shot to death in the back of an armored personnel carrier, their hands tied behind their backs.

On hearing of the coup and Diem's death, Ho Chi Minh is reported to have said, "I can scarcely believe the Americans would be so stupid."

Assad Mu\$t Go!

The day after the JPAC story broke, the Public Accountability Initiative released a report titled, "Conflicts of interest in the Syria debate: An analysis of the defense industry ties of experts and think tanks who commented on military intervention." Apparently a lot of the "experts" calling for intervention in Syria stand to make a buck when the Tomahawks start flying.

"During the public debate around the question of whether to attack Syria," the report begins, "Stephen Hadley, former national security adviser to George W. Bush, made a series of high-profile media appearances. On CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, and Bloomberg TV, Hadley argued strenuously for military intervention. He also authored a *Washington Post* op-ed headlined 'To stop Iran, Obama must enforce red lines with Assad.' "In each case, Hadley's audience was not informed that he serves as a director of Raytheon, the weapons manufacturer that makes the Tomahawk cruise missiles that were widely cited as a weapon of choice in a potential strike against Syria. Hadley earns \$128,500 in

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annual cash compensation from the company and chairs its public affairs committee. He also owns 11,477 shares of Raytheon stock, which traded at all-time highs during the Syria debate (\$77.65 on August 23, making Hadley's share's worth \$891,189). Despite this financial stake, Hadley was presented to his audience as an experienced, independent national security expert."

The full report cites "21 other media commentators, and seven think tanks that participated in the media debate around Syria. Like Hadley, these individuals and organizations have strong ties to defense contractors and other defense- and foreign policy-focused firms with a vested interest in the Syria debate, but they were presented to their audiences with a veneer of expertise and independence, as former military officials, retired diplomats, and independent think tanks."

It's amazing what you can get away with hiding behind the First Amendment.

Assad Must Go — Part Deux!

MapLight.org, which researches the influence of money on politics in the U.S. Congress, recently

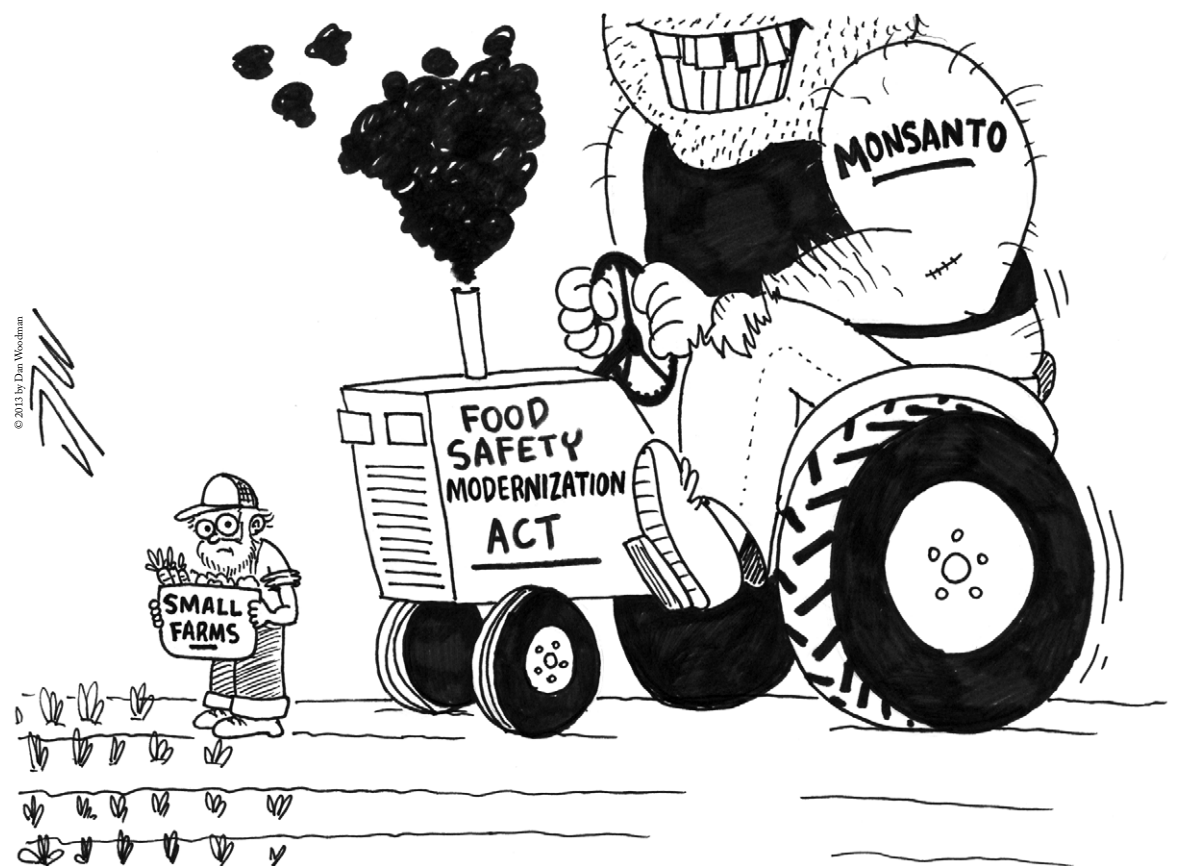
analyzed defense industry contributions to the members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The organization found that "Senators voting to authorize the use of military force in Syria have received, on average, 83 percent more money from defense contractors and other defense interests than senators voting against the use of military force."

The seven Senators who voted "No" received an average of \$39,770. The ten Senators who voted "Yes" received an average of \$72,850. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen [D-NH] voted "Yes," but received only a paltry \$41,872.

More Fun With Postage

Recent anecdotal research — which is to say, schmoozing with readers with whom we've had random encounters — shows that most Americans think that junk mail subsidizes First Class U.S. mail. That's what we have always assumed, ourselves, but it turns out not to be the case.

The Post Office actually loses money delivering magazines, catalogs, and flats; First Class mail subsidizes junk mail. Why? A price cap imposed by Congress in 2006 prevents the Post Office



from raising its rates to cover the cost. The annual loss is on the order of \$1.5 billion — a substantial part of the PO's annual deficit.

So, while we're being told that a three-cent emergency First Class rate increase is imperative, the truth is that by paying the additional cost we'll only assure that we receive more "free" filler for our recycling bins.

For the average corporation using the Post Office this is welfare. For the average citizen this is a problem.

If this situation is perceived as a problem, the only thing preventing Congress from fixing the problem is Congress itself.

What are the odds of that, you ask. Have you noticed what Congress has been up to lately?

For more about this, and about the Post Office in general, we heartily recommend Peter Byrne's *Going Postal: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein's husband sells post offices to his friends, cheap*. The book is apparently only available for the Kindle (and computer), but it's

dirt cheap [\$3.99] at *PeterByrne.info*. Byrne is no crank, by the way — Rep. Gerald E. Connolly [D-VA] said essentially the same thing about First Class and junk mail to a Congressional subcommittee in 2010.

A Man Astride Two Worlds

A most unusual character of the early settlement period of Maine will be introduced by the Old Berwick Historical Society at an upcoming lecture by Dr. Neill De Paoli entitled, "A Man Astride Two Worlds: The Odd Adventures of John Gyles, Interpreter and Culture Broker, 1698-1749."

A former Indian captive, John Gyles rapidly established himself as one of the Province's leading interpreters and a critical player in peace and trade negotiations between the English and the Wabanaki of Maine and New Hampshire in the first part of the 18th century. De Paoli, who has 35 years of experience as a historical archaeologist, has been studying Gyles for the last 15 years. His talk will be held Thursday, Octo-

ber 24th, at 7:30 p.m. at Berwick Academy's Jeppesen Science Center on Academy Street. The public is invited, and refreshments will be served by volunteers.

Sponsored by the Old Berwick Historical Society, the program coincides with the 300th anniversary of Berwick's formation when it separated from Kittery in 1713.

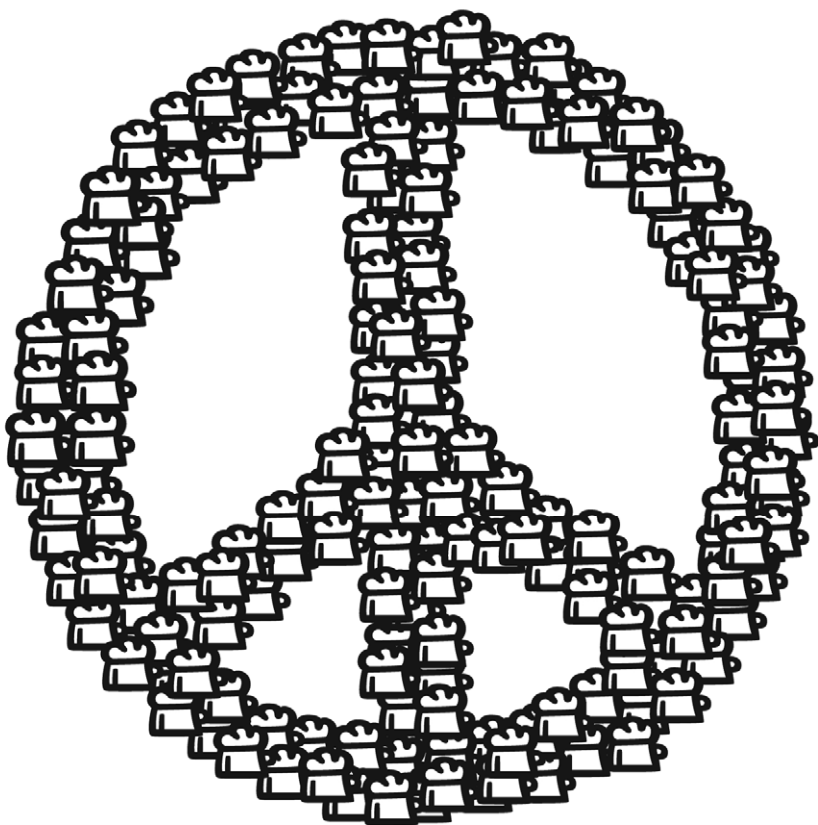
Loong-Time Reader

We were happy to receive the photo below, along with a nice little note from Jaimie Wolf:

"This fellow stopped by and was delighted to find a copy of your paper at our house."



Fifty local business owners have teamed up as Citizens for Clean and Fair Power in an effort to "responsibly retire" the Schiller Station in Newington. Some of them rallied at Prescott Park on October 9th.



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THE WORLD WILL FINALLY KNOW PEACE." -- JIMI HENDRIX





Give Back, Yes — But What?

To the Editor:

Sometimes a juxtaposition makes it exceedingly difficult to refrain from comment, as did your remarks, in your edition of September 20th, on *Forbes'* Harry Binswanger's column "Give Back? Yes, It's Time for the 99 Percent to Give Back to the One Percent," and my encounter with the following passage from the Book of Amos (6:1a 4-7).

*Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the lyre
and, like David, they invent musical instruments;
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and lard themselves with the finest oils,
but for the ruin of Joseph they care nothing.*

*That is why they will now go into captivity,
heading the column of captives.*

The sprawlers' revelry is over.

I and other congregants who listened to those words subsequently heard Fr. Gary Beliveau, pastor of the local Catholic Church, observe that we have come to "value stuff and use people" whereas we should, of course, "value people and use stuff." I don't recall whether he attributed those words, but whether his or not is immaterial for purposes of this missive, which turns rather on the unmitigated truth of them. "Having" is not inherently "bad,"

nor does "possession" necessarily come at the expense of "dispossession," however frequently the latter actually is the case. But to ignore those on whose backs excessive wealth is accumulated contravenes Christianity, if one is spiritual, and humanity, if one is merely human. Mr. Binswanger's treatise evidences not an iota of either. It would have been to *Forbes'* greater credit to have published Amos' pronouncements.

John Simon
Portsmouth, NH

John:

You are asking too much of the editors of Forbes. After a day spent paying obeisance to Mammon, with perhaps a quick nod tossed in the general direction of the Judeo-Christian God, they're all tuckered out. You can't expect them to actually ponder His alleged word, much less act on it.

The Editor

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Shutdown? What Shutdown?

To the Editor:

The partial government shutdown is President Obama's political theater intended to intimidate Republicans into ending their opposition to Obamacare, continued reckless spending, Obama's job killing policies, and Obama's appointment of radical left-wingers to key government positions.

Without media hype most Americans wouldn't notice the "shutdown." To increase the pain and get attention President Obama spent more money to shut down things never closed before, such as open air monuments like the WW II and Vietnam Memorials, where he erected barriers and sent more guards to prevent access than normally there.

Republicans passed a bill to fund every part of government except for two minor Obamacare changes to which Democrats object.

Republicans say big business shouldn't get a one year delay from

Obamacare requirements unless individuals get a delay too. And, Republicans don't want highly paid (on average double the private sector) Senators, Congressmen, and their staffs to get 3/4s of their health care premiums paid by taxpayers over and above any normal Obamacare subsidies.

President Obama stated that these Republican changes wouldn't stop Obamacare, so these aren't the reason for the shutdown.

There is a partial government shutdown because President Obama believes he can win a political victory and bludgeon Republicans into dropping opposition to anything he wants.

Don Ewing
Meredith, NH

Don:

If the shutdown is no big deal, why are your pals grunting and sweating to shift the blame for it over to the White House?

The Editor

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The "I" Formation

To the Editor:

The Republican Tea Party's game plan is seriously flawed due to their committed use of the "I" formation. When the four corners of your offensive strategy are insensitivity, insularity, ignorance and intransigency you may win a few games in your own backyard but your national outlook is grim. This is especially true when your coach, Ted Cruz, thinks only of "I, I, I."

Actions speak louder than words and the behavior of members of the Tea Party Congressional caucus demonstrate these traits every day.

Insensitivity, for labeling the working poor as "takers, moochers, slackers." Insensitivity for denying the rights and dignity of women and the LGBT community. Insensitivity for believing that people choose to be poor, unemployed and homeless.

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Insularity, for constantly telling each other that everyone else agrees with them. Insularity for only watching Fox News and only listening to conservative talk radio so they don't have to deal with "inconvenient" facts. Insularity for constructing their Congressional districts to minimize opposing opinions and competition.

Ignorance, for not believing in science or rigorous intellectual debate. Ignorance for not believing in the basic processes of legislating and governing. Ignorance for continuing to believe that trickle-down economics works and that income inequality has a direct correlation to one's work ethic.

Intransigency, for an unwillingness to compromise or moderate their extreme and minority positions. Inflexible positioning was not what our founding fathers had in mind because they knew that gridlock was not another name for governing.

Maybe that was why they set a minimum age requirement for office holders, to keep the "juveniles" out of Congress. Unfortunately, the founding fathers never imagined the immaturity and irresponsibility of today's Tea Party members.

Republicans need a new coach, (like Belichick?) who has a history of developing game plans that everyone can buy into.

Dave Potter
North Hampton, NH

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It's Treason

To the Editor:

Like petulant children, Congressional Republicans shut down the government because they don't like Obamacare. More to the point, they don't like Obama. Obamacare is primarily a Republican program, modeled after the Massachusetts program signed into law by Mitt Romney.

It provides health insurance to all through private insurance companies. When bringing the ACA into law, Obama compromised wholeheartedly with Republicans; he even abandoned the key element, a single-payer public option. The Republicans who want to destroy Obamacare by shutting down our Federal government are saying "Obama needs to compromise." Our democracy can not yield to terrorists within the halls of Congress who want to destroy our system of government.

If Republicans wanted to fix Obamacare, they could pass a specific bill to fix it. They tried 42 times to kill Obamacare and failed. Now they are attacking our governmental budget and national economy. It's treason.

Bruce Joffe
Piedmont, CA

Bruce:

It really is odd, considering how quick they are to throw the term around themselves, how rarely anyone applies the term treason to today's crop of hyper-Republicans.

Merriam-Webster's online dictionary defines treason as "the crime of trying to overthrow your country's government or of helping your country's enemies during war."

Frank Luntz, the Republicans' preeminent technician of propaganda, has been conspicuously absent from the ring lately. Perhaps he's struggling to come up with language that can plausibly refute a fairly obvious conclusion: the GOP's actions since 2012 would be called treasonous by Republicans if they had been carried out by Democrats.

Also, we have been at war, with varying degrees of formality, since 1941. Republicans are always preaching that we're in a bi-polar, zero-sum world; if we lose something, our enemies gain something. So, an argument could be made that throwing monkey wrenches into the

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spokes of our own economy would qualify as an act of treason.

Indict 'em on two counts, we say.
The Editor

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ACA? Or Obamacare?
To the Editor:
Jimmy Kimmel, late night showman, asked people in the street which they preferred, the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare. Affordable Care won big. This demonstrated two things: 1) Many pitifully didn't know that they are the same, and 2) The lengths the Far Right has gone to demonize Obamacare.

Why then are many Republicans so invested in scaring people from buying health insurance after October 1st? It's because once they start receiving benefits "they will be loath to give it up," according to the *New York Times*. Ted Cruz and Michele Bachmann, arch Right Wingers, confirmed this by warning that people will become addicted to Obamacare. It's like "crack cocaine," says Bachmann.

Yes, the analogy is far out, but so is the Far Right.

The movement to shut down the nation is not so unnerving for radical Republicans who don't believe in government. A lot of them are "birthers" who renounce America as Obama's place of birth. The last thing they want is for Obama to succeed.

The Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, is not "socialized medicine," as critics have inaccurately alleged. The exchanges will serve as a clearinghouse for private insurers to compete. The Act did not include a public option, as many Democrats, including Obama, had originally wanted.

When Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid were introduced, they were viciously attacked as a Communist plot, as Obamacare is

now. The overwhelming majority believe that health insurance is a necessity and not a luxury as the old health system has irreparably become.

Michael Kulla
Pleasant Valley, NY
Michael
Today's Republican Party functions by manipulating the fears of its rank and file, the better to pick their pockets on behalf of its owners. Since they are amoral psychopaths, we can't really blame them for what they do.

The media, on the other hand, are supposed to be telling it like it is, but they don't. So we blame them for all this.

The Editor

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Unclear Nuclear Threat
To the Editor:

Recognizing that chemical, biological, atomic and nuclear weapons of mass destruction are not only the most indiscriminately inhumane and morally offensive ever invented, and also the only ones capable of destroying life on our endangered planet as we know it, achieving universal nuclear disarmament should rank as our most urgent #1 top priority. Given that scattered around the globe there are at least 1,600 tons of highly enriched uranium and 500 tons of plutonium, enough to produce 126,000 nuclear weapons, available to the highest anonymous rogue bidder, the next generation of future scientists, geologists, engineers and educators expects and demands a strengthened safeguards agreement linked to unnatural disaster safety before it's too late. Negotiations should emphasize the importance of ensuring national security rather than mandating disarmament, with little pragmatic chance of success.

A sustainable, safe and secure

supply of energy is one of our dysfunctional global family's most imperative demands, as nations around the world strive to develop reliable energy sources to meet their energy, eco-environmental and national security needs, while also addressing greener and cleaner virtual reality visions related to unpredictable climate change. The future of nuclear proliferation is inextricably related to the worldwide perception of *Us vs. Them* hegemonistic arrogance and unilateralism. Crucial decisions that will shape a reliable, affordable, clean and low-carbon energy-insightful outlook cannot be made or imposed by the U.S. alone, but must be fostered by a common cause worldview community of critical nonproliferation experts working together, with shared responsibility and accountability, to critically evaluate global policy alternatives in a well-coordinated spirit of cooperation rather than competitive disunity.

Pax vobiscum.
Dr. Charles Frederickson
Bangkok, Thailand

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Support Andrew's Bill
To the Editor:

For everyone who either loves animals or loves someone who loves animals, the following is imperative.

There is currently a bill in the legislature, called "Andrew's bill," that we all should be supporting. It would end the type of trapping that killed Andrew the dog on December 5, 2012. Andrew was killed by a conibear trap that was set too close to a public trail in Auburn, New Hampshire. When Andrew investigated the baited trap it slammed shut on his throat and he suffocated. His owner was helpless to do much more than to watch as her dog died a horrible death in front of her.

Not one more dog should die as Andrew did. This bill will make

our beautiful outdoors safer for all to enjoy and use.

I urge your readers to please call and write their legislators to ask for their support for this bill that restricts dangerous traps for use only by licensed professional wildlife control operators. This is what is needed in order to protect the public. Every single call or email to them counts!

All are invited to Andrew's vigil on December 5th at the State House in Concord from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. as well. In the words of Mahatma Gandhi, please be the change that you wish to see in the world.

Julia Sinclair
Kristina Snyder
Newmarket, NH

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Denton a Good Choice
To the Editor:

Every community needs to have individuals involved with local government who care about the present as well as the future of their community. It is also important that people of different backgrounds, ages and experiences be part of any community discussion. That is why we are particularly glad to endorse our friend Josh Denton for Portsmouth City Council. Josh has many good qualities that will serve Portsmouth well. He may be younger than most candidates but his experience and talents are both impressive and diverse. Josh served in Iraq as an army officer and when he returned from the war helped to organize the only "Welcome Home" End of the Iraq War Parade held in New England, right here in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Soon after returning, he earned a law degree using the new GI Bill. To help finance his education, he waited tables at Flatbread Pizza in Portsmouth. Since passing the Bar Exam he has been employed as a veteran's affairs liaison. He has always had his ears



to the ground about issues of importance to Portsmouth residents. We are particularly encouraged to see him highlight the parking issue, the need for a new Senior Center and the issues of zoning and development as his major focus. Josh is thoughtful and open-minded and will give every issue concerning Portsmouth careful consideration. That is why we are proud to endorse Josh Denton for Portsmouth City Council.

Peter & Kathy Somssich
Portsmouth, NH

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Transfer Gov't Power to Citizens
To the Editor:

We could be witnessing the largest transfer of Government power to the Citizens in over 200 years!

Great News! The House Ways and Means Committee is scheduled to finally vote on HR25. A positive vote should send this most crucial Bill to the House Floor. Over the last seven years, hundreds if not thousands of Citizens have told me you support HR25. However, you also said "I love the Bill and the idea, but they will never allow it to come to a vote." Well, you now have a chance to regain control of our current oppressive Federal Government and its IRS. Together we can end the Citizens' fear of the IRS and its unconstitutional negligence in the seizing of private

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Goodbye To All That

by William Marvel

On Labor Day I heard a rumor that Phil Kelly had died. I ascribed it to a mistake, since there must be hundreds of Phil Kellys in the world, and ours was far too healthy and tough for anything to kill in this decade, or the next. Doubt lingered even after a couple of tentatively corroborative phone calls, but then came the dreaded front-page newspaper tribute, without which no one so universally regarded could leave us. Even then it took a while to sink in, and at the funeral I half expected him to pop out of the casket and laugh, exactly as his son once jumped out of the trunk of a car. No such luck.

I was nearly five years younger than Phil, and we grew up at opposite ends of SAU 9, so I missed him in grammar school, at Conway Junior High, and at Kennett. His brother Paul was still around when I started high school, and — as the first-grade teacher in

Jackson learned — the Kelly boys were alike in many ways. In other respects, Phil turned out to be different from nearly everyone.

He may have served me a beer or two just after I got out of the Army, but the first encounter I remember came well over 30 years ago, on my disastrous return from an autumn tour of Europe. Capitol Airlines had gone on strike, stranding me in Brussels, and it took most of the rest of my money to find a plane back home. I missed the last Trailways bus to Conway, took one to Meredith, and walked the rest of the way during the night, coming over Glines Hill late the next morning, exhausted and starving. Spending my last change on a cup of coffee at the Eaton Village Store, I aired my frustration to the voluble proprietor, and to my surprise he asked if I wanted some breakfast; I could pay him later.

It was only a couple of years ago that he served me my last sumptuous “Phil” breakfast under that

same roof. He cooked a couple of thousand of them for me — daily, for several years, and then weekly for many more.

“Phil turned out to be different from nearly everyone ...”

Although he dropped out of high school, he never lacked confidence or capacity in business. Had he cared as much about money as he did about people, he could have become a millionaire, profiting from the phenomenal energy he threw into everything he did, but his generosity would probably have blocked his path to worldly wealth. He always showed a soft spot for kids, or the unfortunate of any age, and I often cringed as he fed notorious moochers on the cuff, hating to watch opportunists take advantage of his kindness.

For someone who believed in

keeping out of everyone else’s private affairs, Phil could be fatherly, big-brotherly, or best-friendly at precisely the right moment. Unless my stepson reads this column he will never know how close I came, during his most uncooperative year, to demanding that he go back to the manufacturer. I revealed that determination to Phil, and for the only time in his life he pressed some personal advice on me, arguing the case from the mother’s perspective. Evidently he saw my weakness as readily as I had spotted his.

Everyone who knew Phil Kelly will miss the cheerful irony you could almost always expect wherever he held sway, but for me the greatest loss is the collective past he took with him. We both grew up in an agricultural landscape that was reverting to forest, where rural values still prevailed and families survived on skills now seldom seen outside the county fair. Folk heroes still consisted of renowned loggers and hunters,

and he was familiar with most of the old-timers I knew or knew of, and many more besides.

We both spent much of our youth in the woods, where you could shoot almost anywhere without fear of hitting a house. As kids we both suffered minor wounds from shooting accidents, and kept them secret from parents or police. Those were not experiences easily understood or appreciated by the suburban transplants who have churned so much of New England into their version of paradise. Phil’s good nature and varied interests allowed him to get along with them as well as he did with everyone else, communing with them over golf or skiing. It was instead the Jackson teenager with whom I chatted — the kid who had washed dishes at the Old Colony, where my mother waitressed, with whom I could share stories of people dead half a century. Now that he is one of them, a great deal less survives of the world we knew.

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property without due process. We can stop the Political Parties’ tyrannical use of the IRS as a weapon against Citizen opposition to Government policy. We can end the current recession and its unprecedented unemployment. We can repeal the destruction caused by the 16th Amendment to the United States Constitution. We can eliminate the corrupting pressure on Representatives and Senators to insert tax loopholes that allow well-funded special interests to avoid paying Federal Taxes. We can make the United States the best place to do business or manufacture goods in the

word! We can restore prosperity for all citizens, not just the well connected!

Benjamin Franklin wisely made the following statement; “This will be the best security for maintaining our liberties: a nation of well-informed men who have been taught to know and prize the rights which God has given them cannot be enslaved. It is in the religion of ignorance that tyranny begins.”

It was true then, and is true today! Send your email, letters, and phone calls in support of HR25 to the House Ways and Means committee. Together, we can get

this bill to the House Floor!

Fred Walker Jr
Currie, NC

Fred:

You’ve really got to lay off the snake oil; it’s corroding your judgment.

The Editor

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Medicaid Expansion

To the Editor:

The New Hampshire legislature will vote in October on whether or not to accept \$2.4 billion from the Federal government to expand Medicaid coverage in the state as part of the Affordable Care Act. This would provide health care to low income people not currently

covered by insurance, including current Medicaid. To be eligible individuals must earn less than 133 percent of the poverty level.

So far the Republican-controlled Senate has said no to this. That would be a self-inflicted wound to the state because: (1) the Federal government would pay 100 percent of the cost of the program for three years and no less than 90 percent thereafter; (2) the New Hampshire Medical Society, Hospital Association and Nurse Practitioner Association have all endorsed the program and believe there is capacity in the treatment system to handle

any increase in utilization; and (3) the New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute states that the expansion of Medicaid will create 5,100 new jobs in the state and increase gross state product by \$2.8 billion.

So, it doesn’t cost the state money, and provides significant fiscal benefit, all while helping low income people get health care. The state can withdraw from the program if it is unsuccessful. Why not do it? Maybe because it is part of our President’s excellent health care insurance plan and some Republicans will do anything to stop that. Let’s hope the Legislature will be more interested in helping

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USA: Low Wage Nation or Good Jobs Nation?

by Jim Hightower

How's this for irony? Ronald Reagan — who is worshipped as the supreme deity by small-government, anti-spending zealots — not only has a government office building in Washington named for him, but it's the biggest and costliest one ever built.

The only face-saving factor in this sardonic incongruity is that

managers of the Reagan Building have embraced a right-wing, laissez-faire concept that the Gipper enthusiastically championed: Privatization of government jobs. However, that hasn't worked out to be a positive for his legacy, since Reagan's edifice now stands as a model of private profiteering on the backs of workers. In effect, corporate contractors are using privatization and our tax dollars to transform America into a low-

wage nation of gross inequality.

The building is public property, but its food concessions have been turned over to such multibillion-dollar fast-food chains as Subway. Not only do they pay low wages with no benefits, but they're also being charged with "serious, willful, and chronic" wage theft. In particular, workers in the food court have filed formal complaints with the Labor Department, documenting that while

workweeks of 60, 70, and even 80 hours are common, they're "never paid overtime." Not only is this a rank violation of our Fair Labor laws, but the practice also means they are being paid less than minimum wage.

Come on — even Reagan favored at least a minimal level of decency, fairness, and respect for workers. Where's the morality in CEOs grabbing tax dollars to help subsidize their lavish execu-

tive pay packages, then turning around and stiffing their own workers in our name? To help counter this despicable corporate conversion of government into a force for poverty jobs, contact Good Jobs Nation at www.GoodJobsNation.org.

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the state's citizens than in trying to spite the President.

Robert Wilkinson
Portsmouth, NH

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Say No to Northern Pass
To the Editor:

Why do some town officials want to permanently destroy the environment and natural beauty of New Hampshire? Tourism is our number one industry.

The proposed but not yet approved Northern Pass (Hydro-Quebec, Canada) would allow a foreign country to rape 187 miles of the state, from the border starting in Pittsburg through the White Mountain National Forest into Franklin then Deerfield, installing 1,500-plus twelve-story high towers of Made-in-China steel.

I went to all four Public Scoping Meetings, held in Concord, Plymouth, Whitefield, and Colebrook, and heard first-hand heartwarming stories of love for New Hampshire.

On the other hand, I also heard many stories of people being harassed. Northern Pass has been flying helicopters over and over the proposed route, like black flies, scaring livestock, wildlife, and even humans.

Landowners are being pestered to sell homes that have been in

their families for generations.

Northern Pass bought land that used to be the One Thousand Acre Campground for a proposed converter station in Franklin.

The project will not provide all the jobs we're being led to believe. Once the converter is set up and running it will be completely self-sufficient.

I hear talk of an additional route from Franklin to Sunapee into Claremont — criss-crosses all over New Hampshire. When will it stop?

New Hampshire already exports excess electricity. We do not need or want Northern Pass.

New Hampshire is being used as an "extension cord" so Northern Pass can get to New York City — all for financial gain, with most of the money going over the border to the north.

No Northern Pass!
www.LiveFreeOrFry.org

Please write to Governor Maggie Hassan, 107 North Main Street, Room 208, Concord, NH 03301 before November 5th.

The Sakemp Family
Sanbornton, NH

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Tea Party's Brew is a Bitter One
To the Editor:

Simply put the Republican Tea Party is giving tea a bad name. Tea has a 5,000 year history and

until recently a pleasant, soothing and communal reputation.

For thousands of years the notion of tea had been associated with only positive concepts; health, religion, meditation, relaxation, friendship. In December, 1773, the Boston Tea Party added politics to the concept of tea and it has been downhill ever since for its image.

The sensibilities of tea drinking purists have been grievously assaulted by the tea bag, iced tea, the pottery mug (sometimes with silly faces!), Snapple and the "Arnold Palmer" (iced tea, lemonade and vodka). More disturbing to the world of tea lovers has been the kidnapping of the genteel word "tea" for political purposes. We tea lovers everywhere must unite.

The political Tea Party stands in crass juxtaposition to the spirit of "tea," best represented by the formal tea ceremony; formal, respectful of tradition, peaceful, disciplined and purposeful. These concepts are inconsistent with the beliefs and behavior of today's tea party; crass, self-centered, inflexible, mean spirited. A bitter brew by any measure and not our cup of tea.

If the tea partiers had any sense of decency they would change their name to the Acid Party and let tea regain its historically

peaceful and soothing reputation. Political success based on such an acrid philosophy is not in the reading of the leaves.

Dave Potter
N. Hampton, NH

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Stella!
To the Editor:

Question:

If you are at a place called a "court" where: 1.) The "judge" works for "State of New Hampshire," and he/she is a member of the New Hampshire Bar Association ... [repetitious gibberish deleted], are you in a constitutional court? Don't be foolish enough to think it is!

The answer is NO!!! The criminal on the bench in the black robe is violating you and your rights by deception and fraud.

[Various political jurisdictions] are all interconnected corporations and cannot be an injured party. That is not a court. It is [a] dispute resolution center for municipalities and those engaged in corporate commerce.

They cannot prove subject matter jurisdiction for the record, because they don't have any. The crook in the black robe knows this. That's why the New Hampshire Bar Association chose him/her to sit on the bench! Only the most corrupt of attorneys are

chosen for this position. They are there to conduct the business of the Bar Association, not the business of the people!

David Johnson
Undisclosed Location, NH

David:

We've been wondering what you've been up to since your No. 1 advisee Stella Tremblay resigned from the General Court in disgrace after calling the Boston Marathon bombings an inside job.

The Editor

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Credit Where It's Due
To the Editor:

I have been a subscriber since visiting Portsmouth several years ago. I noticed in the Editorial Credits you have some very interesting job titles, but you have failed to identify the paper folder crucial to me receiving my paper.

Nadine Henneman
New Orleans, LA

Nadine:

Honey, is that you?

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

whom you choose to believe.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Harris becomes the first man to successfully parachute from a disabled plane. 1895—Birth of Gaston Leval, Spanish anarchist. 1854—Birth of Arthur Rimbaud.	1975—In the 12th inning, New Hampshire's own Carlton Fisk waves the ball fair, and the Red Sox win Game 6 of the World Series. 1967—Yippies, Diggers, Hippies, &c., attempt unsuccessfully to levitate the Pentagon. 1965—President Lyndon Johnson flashes his gall bladder scar for the photographers. 1957—Special Forces Captain Harry Cramer becomes the first American soldier killed by hostile action in Vietnam, but his death is falsely listed as accidental. 1954—The Indiana Boxing Commission rules that boxers and wrestlers must swear under oath they are not Commies before they can fight in the Hoosier State. 1874—Birth of Charles Ives. 1861—Sen. Edward D. Baker (R-OR), in his capacity as a Colonel leading a brigade at the Battle of Ball's Bluff, becomes the first and last U.S. Senator killed in battle. 1837—Under a flag of truce, 75 Seminoles are captured and imprisoned by U.S. troops at Ft. Payton, FL. 1835—For saying "all men are created equal," Wm. Lloyd Garrison is paraded through Boston with a rope around his neck. 1797—The <i>U.S.S. Constitution</i> is finally launched in Boston on the third try, christened by Captain James Sever of Portsmouth.	1985—The last surviving Kickapoo Indians are given the right to live on their ancestral lands after being kicked off 140 years earlier. 1964—The Atomic Energy Commission explodes a 5-kiloton atomic bomb 2,700 feet underground and ten miles west of Purvis, MS. 1963—His last request, for an injection of LSD, fulfilled, Aldous Huxley dies. 1962—SAC goes to DEFCON 2 as JFK blockades Cuba. 1929—"I know of nothing fundamentally wrong with the stock market," says President of New York's National City Bank. 1909—Female garment workers strike in New York. A judge tells arrested pickets, "You are on strike against God." 1907—The Knickerbocker Trust Company goes belly-up, igniting the Panic of 1907. 1885—Bored with poetry, Arthur Rimbaud decides to run guns for King Menelik of Shoa. 1861—The first transcontinental telegraph begins operation. 1844—The third time fails to be a charm as William Miller's prophecy of the end of the world proves to have been inaccurate. 1834—A fire to get rid of a huge mass of ancient wooden tally sticks once used for bookkeeping gets out of hand and burns Britain's Houses of Parliament to the ground.	2001—The day Congressman James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) introduces the senseless PATRIOT Act, Justice official James Yoo writes a memo saying the President need not obey existing laws. 1999—Asked why he hasn't campaigned more in New Hampshire, George W. Bush says "The important question is, how many hands have I shaken?" 1983—Suicide bombers kill 241 U.S. Marines and sailors in Lebanon, on Ronald Reagan's watch. 1975—Workers at the Nevada test site drop a nuclear weapon core 40 feet. It doesn't explode, so only 11 workers are injured. 1973—Eight articles of impeachment are introduced in the House against President Nixon. 1962—With SAC at DEFCON 2, JFK and aides debate whether to bomb Cuban SAM sites if any U.S. planes are shot down. 1954—Pres. Eisenhower authorizes direct U.S. aid to South Vietnam, bypassing the French. 1775—The Continental Congress prohibits the enlistment of blacks in the Army. 1739—Britain declares war on Spain over Robert Jenkins' ear. 425—Flavius Placidius Valentinianus, age 6, becomes Emperor. 4004 BC—God begins creating Earth, according Archbishop James Ussher.	2001—The U.S. House passes the PATRIOT Act without reading it. 1983—U.S. military aircraft, using outdated maps, accidentally bomb the Richmond Hill Insane Asylum in Grenada, killing 16. 1960—A single switch in the wrong position at the Baikonur Cosmodrome prematurely ignites the second stage of a Soviet R-16 ICBM. It explodes killing more than 100 scientists and technicians. 1962—Soviet ships reach the U.S.-imposed quarantine line off Cuba. They don't cross it, so we don't nuke the USSR. A Soviet satellite explodes the same day. NORAD suspects an ICBM attack; but, again, nobody pushes The Button. 1947—A DC-6 catches fire near Bryce Canyon after a design flaw lets fuel get sucked into a heater vent. Passengers and crew jettison baggage to maintain altitude, but the plane crashes killing all 52 aboard. 1947—Walt Disney rats out some employees to Congress as commies. 1929—The irrational exuberance of the 1920's stock market undergoes a correction on "Black Thursday." 1901—Annie Edson Taylor, 63, becomes the first person to survive a trip over Niagara Falls in a barrel. 1901—U.S. Marines in the Philippines are exhorted by "Hell-Roaring Jake" Smith: "I wish you to burn and kill; the more you burn and kill, the better it will please me."	2001—A single Senator — Russ Feingold (D-WI) — votes against the PATRIOT Act. 1983—U.S. troops preserve our Republic by invading Grenada. 1973—As Nixon sleeps, Henry Kissinger, Alexander Haig, and five other unelected officials raise America's military readiness level to DEF CON 3. 1962—Nuclear-armed F-106 interceptors scramble from a Duluth Air Force base because a guard, thinking it was an infiltrator, has shot a bear climbing a fence. 1960—Martin Luther King, Jr. gets four months at hard labor in Decatur, GA on old traffic charges. 1944—Adm. Sprague's task force "Taffy 3," surprised by a far-larger group of Japanese ships at Samar Island, attacks ferociously, tipping the strategic balance at Leyte Gulf. 1944—<i>U.S.S. Tang</i>, captained by Dover's Richard H. O'Kane, is sunk by its own malfunctioning torpedo; 74 men perish. Nine men survive the sinking and subsequent internment in Japanese prison camps. 1881—Birth of Pablo Diego Jose Francisco Picasso. 1854—Lord James Cardigan leads a brigade of sword-brandishing light cavalrymen across open ground in a doomed attack against Russian artillery. Astonishingly, half survive. 1760—Britain's King George II dies on the loo.	2003—Iraqi resistance fighters nearly get Deputy Defence Secretary Paul Wolfowitz with a rocket in Baghdad. 2001—George W. Bush eagerly signs the PATRIOT Act. 1979—South Korean President Park Chung-hee is shot by the head of the South Korean C.I.A. 1972—Henry the K., lying as usual, says "Peace is at hand." 1970—"Doonesbury" debuts. 1962—As planning for massive air strikes continues, President John F. Kennedy gets a telegram from Nikita Khrushchev offering to swap Soviet missiles in Cuba for U.S. missiles in Turkey. 1955—Ngo Dinh Diem proclaims South Vietnam a republic and himself president. 1917—At the Second Battle of Passchendaele, the Allies gain a few hundred yards of mud at a cost of 12,000 casualties. 1881—The alleged law and the Clinton brothers shoot it out at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, AZ. 1806—Lord Timothy Dexter, seminal American crackpot who made money selling bed warmers in the West Indies and author of <i>A Penny for the Knowing Ones</i>, dies in Newburyport, MA. 1369—"The Wise" Charles V, King of France, dedicates a monument to his personal chef for creating a recipe for pickled fish.
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2004—The Red Sox take the World Series in four from the Cardinals — first time since 1918.

1972—Richard Nixon pocket vetoes a bill to raise the veterans health care budget by \$85 million.

1969—Hoping to convince the Soviets he's dangerously unstable, Richard Nixon secretly orders eighteen B-52s armed with H-bombs to spend the next three days flying around the North Pole.

1967—Rev. Philip Berrigan and three friends pour duck blood on draft records in Baltimore, MD.

1965—"We must never forget," says Richard Nixon, "that if the war in Vietnam is lost ... the right of free speech will be extinguished throughout the world."

1962—As one American U-2 is shot down over Cuba and another strays over the USSR, Robert Kennedy cuts a deal with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin.

1951—"There is no question," says Gen. J. Lawton Collins, "that the Communist menace in French Indo-China has been stopped."

1948—A temperature inversion causes poisonous smog to settle on Donora, PA, but U.S. Steel's Zinc Works plant keeps running.

1838—Missouri Gov. Lilburn Boggs signs an executive order calling for Mormons to be "treated as enemies," and "exterminated or driven from the state."

2007—The Red Sox take the World Series in four from the Rockies — second time in three years.

2006—George W. Bush tells a CNBC reporter that he knows how to use "The Google."

2003—"[A]s you know," explains George W. Bush, "these are open forums, you're able to come and listen to what I have to say."

1988—In Tacoma, a jury awards \$147,000 to a woman seduced by her minister.

1984—OPEC decides to produce less oil and make more money.

1970—Sen. William Fulbright charges the Nixon administration with waging illegal war in Laos.

1962—Russkie Premier Nikita Khrushchev agrees to dismantle the Soviet missile bases in Cuba and remove the weapons.

1929—A child is born in an airplane, over Miami—where else?

1922—Benito Mussolini, "sent by divine providence," according to Pope Pius XI, takes over in Rome.

1921—Argentine workers revolt under the black flag of anarchism. The army kills 1,500.

1919—Congress passes the Volstead Act, enabling prohibition.

1918—George Herriman's "Krazy Kat" gets his own comic strip.

1906—Ivy Lee issues the world's first press release, deflecting blame from the Pennsylvania Railroad for the deaths of 50 passengers.

2003—George W. Bush explains that "The war on terror involves Saddam Hussein because of the nature of Saddam Hussein, the history of Saddam Hussein, and his willingness to terrorize himself."

1994—Francisco Martin Duran fires 29 rounds from an SKS rifle at the White House before being subdued by two civilians.

1987—Ronald Reagan nominates Douglas H. Ginsburg for the Supreme Court, but his pot-smoking past puts the kibosh on that.

1979—1,000 are arrested on Wall Street for disrupting business on the 50th Anniversary of the Crash.

1969—The DARPA NET is turned on—two computers communicate for the first time ever.

1958—A radioactive cloud drifts over Los Angeles after the explosion of an A-bomb in Nevada.

1935—Driving home in his bonus—a new Rolls—after signing a three-year, \$1 million contract, cartoonist Sidney Smith (The Gumps) dies in a car wreck.

1929—"Black Tuesday"—16 million shares sell on Wall Street, at ever declining prices; \$26 billion evaporates.

1918—Sailors mutiny in Kiel, Germany and establish Sailors and Workers Councils.

1835—The "Loco-Foco" Party, a Democratic splinter group, is formed at Tammany Hall.

2005—Pastor Kyle Lake, 33, standing in water to perform a baptism before 800 people at a Waco, TX Baptist church, reaches for a microphone and is electrocuted.

1995—Quebec votes not to secede, but just barely.

1990—For the first time since the Ice Age, England and the European mainland are connected; this time by chunnel.

1990—"Amazing Joe" Burrus, an escape artist, fails to escape from an acrylic coffin after it's covered with tons of wet cement.

1967—Martin Luther King, Jr. is arrested in Birmingham, AL.

1961—The Soviet Union air-drops a 58-megaton hydrogen bomb, creating the largest explosion in human history.

1950—Puerto Ricans rebel against U.S. rule.

1948—Smog deaths in Donora, PA reach 20, and 6,000 are sick.

1945—The U.S. government ends shoe rationing.

1838—A mob led by three Missouri Militia captains attacks a colony of Mormons at Huan's Mill, killing most of them.

1831—Rebel slave leader Nat Turner is arrested in Virginia.

1501—Party guests win prizes by competitively coupling with 50 naked whores collecting chestnuts strewn on the *palazzo apostolico* of Pope Alexander VI.

1968—President Johnson stops the bombing of North Vietnam.

1967—Calif. governor Ronald Reagan denies a "homosexual ring" is operating out of his office in Sacramento.

1963—"I can safely say," says Gen. Paul Harkin, U.S. commander in South Vietnam, "that the end of the war is in sight."

1964—China explodes its first A-bomb.

1941—On convoy duty on the North Atlantic, the *U.S.S. Reuben James* is sunk by a U-Boat.

1939—FDR moves the date of Thanksgiving by a week to boost Christmas retail sales.

1938—A Utah prison doctor records John Deering's heart rate with an EKG as he's executed by a firing squad.

1926—Mussolini survives an assassination attempt by 15 year old anarchist Anteo Zamboni.

1926—After being punched in the stomach, Ehrich "Harry Houdini" Weiss dies.

1918—In a week, Spanish Flu kills 21,000 Americans.

1893—Daniel Fowle's printing press is last seen in public at the closing of the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago.

1765—The *New Hampshire Gazette* is printed "in mourning" for lost liberty, in protest of the Stamp Act, to take effect the following day.

2004—Voting machines are delivered to polling places in Franklin Co., OH. More go to higher-income areas than lower-income areas.

2002—"[T]hat's what you expect here in New Hampshire," says George W. Bush at Pease Tradeport, "somebody who tells you what's on your mind."

1972—The Piscataqua River Bridge opens to traffic.

1966—Lyndon Johnson, lying, tells U.S. troops in Korea that his great-great granddaddy died at the Alamo.

1963—In South Vietnam, a U.S.-approved coup kills President Diem and his brother Nhu.

1951—U.S. Army troops are exposed to an atomic explosion in Nevada "for training purposes."

1950—Puerto Rican nationalists try to kill Harry S Truman.

1918—An inexperienced scab mob-torman causes the Malbone Tunnel disaster in New York City; 97 die, 255 are injured.

1789—George Washington attends services at Portsmouth's St. John's Church in the a.m. and North Church in the p.m.

1777—The *Ranger*, Captain John Paul Jones commanding, leaves Portsmouth for France.

1765—In Portsmouth, a mock funeral is held for Liberty, who is rescued by "a number of her sons." The hated Stamp Act is buried in her place.

2004—Warren Co. (OH) officials count votes behind locked doors due to an alleged "terrorist threat."

2002—"We know he [Saddam Hussein] has chemical weapons," says George W. Bush.

2000—A Portland, ME TV station reports that George W. Bush got busted for drunk driving in 1976.

1983—Soviet intelligence, already convinced that the U.S. is planning a pre-emptive nuclear strike under cover of a training exercise, detect NATO's Able Archer 83—just such an exercise—and conclude that a nuclear strike is imminent.

1972—In exchange for the Justice Department dropping an indictment for making illegal campaign contributions, the Seafarer's International Union contributes \$100,000 to the Nixon campaign.

1963—With a White House OK, South Vietnamese generals overthrow President Ngo Dinh Diem and his brother, Ngo Dinh Nhu.

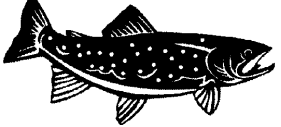
1950—The first color television broadcasts begin.

1947—Howard Hughes takes the "Spruce Goose"—the world's largest airplane—out for a test flight. It never flies again.

1929—"The Wall Street crash," says *Business Week*, "doesn't mean that there will be any general or serious business depression."

1920—Socialist Eugene V. Debs gets 913,693 votes for President.

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