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The Fortnightly Rant

Benghazi!!!

For the benefit of any readers who only recently have returned from a 20-month spelunking expedition, on September 11, 2012, U.S. diplomatic facilities in Benghazi, Libya were attacked; and four Americans were killed.

The State Department and FBI immediately began investigations; the FBI's is continuing. Two Senate and five House committees have conducted seven additional investigations.

Just in case, though, the House voted last week to conduct yet another investigation — just in case there's a Congressional election this November and a Presidential election in 2016.

The Power of Selective Outrage

Benghazi is the name of a city [pop. 630,000] in the Libyan region of Cyrenaica.

Benghazi!!!, on the other hand, is a shibboleth: if your blood pressure rises upon hearing the word you're a patriotic Republican; if it does not, you're a traitorous member of the Democrat Party.

Since 241 Marines stationed in an indefensible position in Beirut were killed by a terrorist's truck bomb in 1983, and $241 \div 4 = 60.25$, one might think that *Beirut!!!* would generate sixty times as much outrage as *Benghazi!!!*.

That formula fails, though, because it doesn't factor in the party affiliation of the person behind the desk where the buck might have otherwise stopped.

Investing in the Future

There was a time — roughly analogous to President Obama's first term — when Republicans in Congress were intensely focused on bringing government spending under strict control. That was then, this is now.

In early March, a Pentagon spokesperson wrote that the “50 congressional hearings, briefings and interviews [that the Defense] Department has led or participated in” responding to “numerous and often repetitive Congressional requests” about *Benghazi!!!* had consumed “thousands of [DOD] man-hours” at a total cost “estimated to be in the millions of dollars.”

Clearly, when viewed as a line item in the Pentagon's budget, the new *Benghazi!!!* investigation puts \$600 hammers in the shade.

But viewed as an investment in the future enthusiasm of the GOP's base voters? It's priceless.

It's a Big \$@& Deal

According to a recent survey by Public Policy Polling [PPP], 74 percent of Republicans believe *Benghazi!!!* is worse than either Watergate or Teapot Dome. Seventy percent said it's worse than Iran/Contra.

Republicans are obviously convinced that *Benghazi!!!* is a particularly abhorrent scandal. However, only 41 percent of Republicans said that *Benghazi!!!* is the biggest political scandal in American history.

At first we found this perplexing — if *Benghazi!!!* is so awful compared to those other awful scandals, why did it rank so low on an absolute scale? Then the other shoe dropped: *Benghazi!!!* was far worse than any Republican scandal you could name — but it doesn't hold a candle to other Democratic scandals: Mary Jo Kopechne, Whitewater, Hillary Clinton murdering Vince Foster, &c., &c.

Lost in the O-Zone Again

These poll results are all the



more impressive — or depressive — because forty percent of Republicans don't know where *Benghazi!!!* is.

When asked, 13 percent of Republicans said Egypt, eight percent said Syria, and three percent said Iran. Cuba, North Korea, Iraq, and Liberia each got two percent. Eight percent of Republicans said it was somewhere else, or they were not sure.

Lest anyone start feeling smug, 60 percent of Republicans gave the right answer compared to just 49 percent of Democrats.

Gowdy's Rowdy Crowd

One of the first things South Carolina Republican Rep. Trey Gowdy did upon being named Chairman of the House Select Committee on *Benghazi!!!* was ask his fellow Republicans not to raise money “on the backs of four murdered Americans.” The National Republican Congressional Committee's *Benghazi!!!* Watchdog site is still peddling its tchotchkes, though.

Answers We Won't Get

Judging from their near-constant babble on the topic, Republicans seem strangely fixated on the process the Administration used to edit National Security Advisor Susan Rice's talking points. There are several other questions whose answers might be far more illuminating — which more or less guarantees that they won't be asked.

For instance, did our Libyan mission have any purpose beyond that of trying to undo a CIA screwup that put 20,000 shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles into the hands of religious extremists?

And what about those prisoners that Paula Broadwell alleged were being held in a covert CIA annex, years after President Obama prohibited that practice?

The CIA called those allegations baseless and uninformed — after all these years, are we supposed to just take their word on that?

Finally, who cuts Trey Gowdy's

hair, and why does he go back?

Republican Jihad

This much is clear without any investigation: Republicans feel about “the Democrat Party” the way Ahab did the whale.

They're particularly desperate to take down its most likely Presidential candidate, who was Secretary of State when *Benghazi!!!* was transformed from some random place “out there” into a scandal worse than Watergate.

Benghazi!!! rhymes with kamikazi; if this monomaniacal obsession were to bring down the GOP's crazy wing, that would be poetic justice.

There seems to be little hope of that, though. This grandstanding bunch of Grifters On Parade has a permanent pass from the corporate media to say and do almost anything with impunity.

And if they ever do get tired of *Benghazi!!!*, they'll just move on to the Next Big \$@&ing Deal: why was Hillary soft on Boko Haram?

The Alleged News

Gentlemen, Start Your Spending

Two-thirds of likely U.S. voters believe the country is on the wrong track, according to the latest Rasmussen poll. Only 27 percent think we're heading in the right direction.

That should turn around soon, though — the Federal Election Commission [FEC] received a “Form 1” filing on April 30th from “New Hampshire PAC to Save America.”

Our national salvation will be achieved, according to the new Super PAC, through the making of “independent expenditures.”

Who says there's no such thing as progress? Back in the day, saving America required great men (and the odd wife or two) to risk their lives, their fortunes, and their

sacred honor. Now all it takes is a signature on a check.

What's more, thanks to court decisions like *Citizens United* and *SpeechNow v. FEC*, those signatures may be shielded from the prying view of the public. Which is only reasonable — if Batman and Superman can hide their identities whilst saving Gotham and Metropolis, why should America's well-heeled saviours be forced to disclose theirs?

This is a Big F@&ing Deal

Make no mistake, though — saving a nation as exceptional as the U.S. is going to be a big job. Therefore, out of necessity, the new PAC advised the FEC that it will “raise funds in unlimited amounts.”

All the more reason for anonymity. Ask any lottery winner: let your name be associated with an unlimited pile of cash and you'll have broke relatives looking for a handout lined up all down the block.

A Brave Fellow

One man, however, has bravely stepped forward to acknowledge his role in this noble effort: David Mason. Who is this man, our *deus ex machina*?

Among other things, Mason is a former member (1998 to 2008) of the Federal Elections Commission [FEC], which is perfect — with ten years of experience overseeing our Federal elections, he won't get his fancy overcoat caught in the revolving door.

Furthermore, as someone intimately familiar with FEC regulations, he is able to spare us from the modern-day scourge of information overload. In response to an inquiry from the Center for Public Integrity [CPI] — one of the nation's most eminent non-profit organizations for investigative journalism — Mason replied, “We're going to file what we're required to disclose when we're required to disclose it. No public announcements.”

A Reformed Man

Don't let that cool taciturnity towards the CPI fool you, though; Mason is quite capable of turning on the charm. In a professionally-produced YouTube video for Aristotle LLC, where he is Senior

Vice President of Compliance Services,* Mason used self-deprecating humor to equate electoral regulation with alcoholism.

“My name is Dave,” he says, “and I'm a regulator. It's OK, I'm in recovery now.”

Mason characterises the decade he spent at the FEC not in terms of safeguarding free and fair elections, but “telling other people how to run their lives, or at least their political campaigns.”

* Aristotle is a data-mining company founded in 1983 by John Aristotle Phillips. Phillips achieved notoriety in 1976 when, as a Princeton student, he used publicly-available sources to draw up working plans for the construction of an atomic bomb.

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Having seen the light, he now wants to help candidates do whatever the hell they want, because “at Aristotle, we believe that you should be able to commit politics without risk.” He calls it “doing ... penance by helping people cope.”

Never mind that what they’re coping with are Federal election regulations enacted in response to Richard Nixon’s lawless Administration.

Keeping Fast Company

Our searching has revealed only one other Super PAC associated with Mason’s name: he is also the treasurer of Champions for Change, which is entirely funded by Scott Tucker.

In a fawning 2010 profile, the *Wall Street Journal* reported, “it’s impressive enough that ... at 48 years old, Tucker fulfilled a life-long dream by racing at Le Mans ... [W]hat’s really remarkable

[is that until] four years ago, the wealthy private investor from Leawood, KS, had never stepped on a racetrack or sat behind the wheel of a racing car.”

The *Journal*, perhaps dazzled by Tucker’s unusual racing career, fails to mention where the “wealthy private investor” parks his loot: a network of companies, ostensibly but implausibly owned by Native American tribes, that make high-interest payday loans over the internet — even in states where the practice is outlawed.

Another omission: the *Journal* did not mention the year Tucker spent in Leavenworth after pleading guilty to three felonies: two counts of mail fraud and one of making a false statement to a bank.

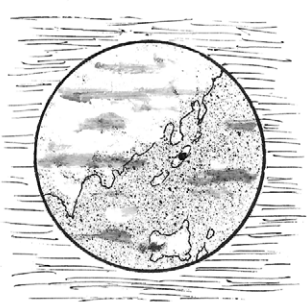
A Mere Coincidence

To be clear, there is no apparent connection whatsoever between convicted fraudster and usurer Scott Tucker and New Hampshire PAC to Save America; no

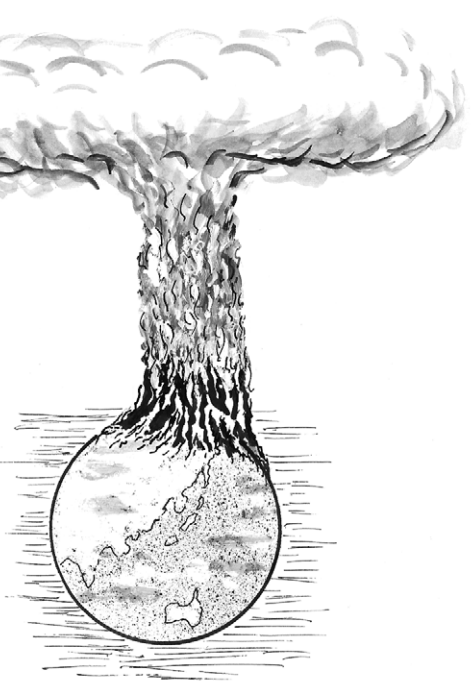
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Last Saturday saw one of the best days for busking in many a month. Here, a self-described “fraction” of the band Soggy Po’Boys entertain the passersby. Their motto: “New Orleans Jazz. Served messy.” And tasty.

connection at all — except former FEC Commissioner David Mason, who longs to help people “commit politics without risk.”

As Goes New Hampshire

It’s anybody’s guess who the bashful backers of New Hampshire PAC to Save America want to see elected. With control of the U.S. Senate up for grabs this November, though, and Jeanne Shaheen’s current term expiring, her seat is most likely the prize being sought.

It’s possible that George Soros, the Right Wing’s favorite bête noire, could be trying to get Shaheen reelected. Possible, but unlikely. The odds are that our anonymous saviours are stumping for one of the many Republicans lusting after the job.

New Hampshire PAC to Save America is barred from using its unlimited funds to make contributions to federal candidates or committees, whether direct, in-kind, or via coordinated communications; so an indirect approach is called for — just don’t expect it to be subtle.

Quite a Lineup

Scott Brown, the fumble-thumbed, “Bqhatevwr”-Tweeting darling of the Sununu dynasty is the presumed front-runner on the GOP side. Brown has people wondering if his heart is really in it, though. According to *New Hampshire Journal*’s John Di Staso, Brown briefly turned up at a May 10th Candidate Forum in Manchester after previously saying he could not attend. Di Staso quoted Manchester City Republican Chair Tammy Simmons saying, “It was really kind of peculiar. It was odd.”

Bob Smith, the large, left-over loose cannon from Florida, sounded optimistic during an interview last month on *Granite-Grok.com*’s podcast.

“We’ve got the grassroots building,” Smith said, “the conservatives seem to be coming our way ... the Tea Party folks, gun owners, right-to-life, and so many other groups that are ... anti-tax groups and 9/12 — we’ve met with all of them” This state’s GOP has its share of fringe ele-

ments, to be sure, but it’s unlikely Bob will unite them.

Jim Rubens seems to be making a play for the Free Staters, making frequent use of their favorite code word, liberty. His rant a while back about “the collapsing number of male jobs in the increasingly female-centric economy” seemed more like a pitch to the wife-beater crowd.

Then there is Karen Testerman, New Hampshire’s answer to Michele Bachmann.

On Monday, Testerman’s campaign sent out an email asking people to join her in East Rochester “as we welcome home our fellow NH Patriots [referring no doubt to Jerry DeLemus] who went to Nevada to support a fellow American [she surely means Cliven Bundy] who was protecting his property and livelihood.

“These men and women did not use violence, broke no laws, caused no damage to property, spoke no insults or vulgarity to any local, state or federal authorities, yet they have been branded as ‘DOMESTIC TERRORISTS,’ by

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the U.S. Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid.

"This outrageous labeling cannot be allowed to go unanswered. Harry Reid must be required to publically apologize to each of these men and women or he should defend his statement. Mr. Reid, along with his fellow Democrat Senators supported the destruction of property, physical violence and vulgarity.

"This is unacceptable. I call upon our sitting Senators to publically denounce Harry Reid, call on him to apologize and extend a welcome to our fellow Granite Stators [sic]."

Jack's Back!

Testerman's candidacy was endorsed on Wednesday by Jack Kimball, who was Chair of the state GOP for all of seven months in 2011. Kimball last graced our pages in April of 2013, when he called for the impeachment of 189 Representatives who voted to repeal Stand Your Ground.

Kimball now has grander plans: he wants to participate in Opera-

tion American Spring [OAS] and overthrow the government.

The brainchild of Col. Harry Riley, U.S. Army (Ret.), OAS has plans to assemble 10 million Americans in D.C. starting today, and shut the place down using civil disobedience. And that's just the beginning.

According to Riley's plan, one million of these patriots will then stick around and occupy the Capital "as long as it takes to see Obama, Biden, Reid, McConnell, Boehner, Pelosi, and Attorney General Holder removed from office."

Apparently a tribunal made up of "those with the principles" of Ted Cruz, Rand Paul, and Trey Gowdy will then "assume positions of authority to convene investigations, recommend appropriate charges against politicians and government employees to the new U.S. Attorney General appointed by the new President."

All of this will be "[c]onsistent with the U.S. Constitution, as required," because "the U.S.



Congress will take appropriate action, execute appropriate legislation, deal with vacancies, or U.S. States will appoint replacements for positions vacated consistent with established constitutional requirements."

Mapping the Piscataqua

Exactly four hundred years ago, the Piscataqua region got its first PR man — John Smith. Accordingly, the Portsmouth Historical Society has announced that its 2014 exhibition for the John Paul Jones House will be *Mapping the Piscataqua Region: John Smith to Google Maps*.

While there are earlier European and Native American representations of the Piscataqua region, the map drawn by Smith in 1614 named the whole area New England. The *Description of New England* that accompanied the map's publication encouraged settlement and fishing ventures.

The rarely modest Smith

named what we now know as the Isles of Shoals, Smith's Isles. This exhibition begins with Smith's map and examines mapping in the Portsmouth area through the present day. From Native American descriptive names to the pinpoint accuracy of a Google map, it examines both the "whys" and "hows" of mapping.

Maps from four centuries and the tools used to make them will be on display — from simple wooden compasses to a small drone.

The exhibition will run through November 3, 2014. The John Paul Jones House, at 43 Middle St., Portsmouth, is open every day from May 1st through November 3rd from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

It's Time Travel Time!

Dr. Neill De Paoli's time machine, aka the Old Fields Archaeological Field School, is scheduled to run again from July 7th through July 25th.

For the last four seasons, Dr. De Paoli has led archaeologists as they have uncovered the ruins of the Spencer-Goodwin home and tavern in the picturesque Old Fields neighborhood of South Berwick, ME. Field school participants will explore not only the lives of these two families but also those of the five African-American and Indian slaves who were owned by and worked for Captain Goodwin. The program will provide a hands-on opportunity for students, teachers, or history buffs. They will excavate, record, and identify early Anglo-American material culture.

Dr. De Paoli has over thirty-five years of experience as a historical archaeologist, having directed archaeological projects and field schools in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts.

For more information contact: Dr. De Paoli at (207) 703-2955 or ndppquid@yahoo.com.



Members of Seacoast Peace Response held a retro Mother's Day Sunday. No flowers, no commercial greeting cards — just a living embodiment of Julia Ward Howe's original Proclamation for Peace, which introduced the holiday in 1870: "Arise then ... women of this day! Arise, all women who have hearts! [...] Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have taught them of charity, mercy and patience. [...] From the bosom of the devastated earth, a voice goes up with our own. It says, 'Disarm, Disarm!'"

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Getting a Leg Up on the Competition

A Great Moment in Gender Equality

There are large glasses and there are small glasses but when the local Moose Lodge held an outing, even the largest glass could not keep local contender Mildred Cuddeback from entering the famed beer drinking contest, where (much to the surprise of onlookers) she took home the blue ribbon.

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Make 'Em Prove It

To the Editors:

Creationism. Intelligent design. "Teaching the controversy." Holy crap (literally). I know so many people have weighed in on this recently that I really don't have to, but I feel that I must. I was asked when I was five years old what I wanted to be when I grew up and I responded "a scientist." I kept to the plan of becoming one until math really started kicking my ass while a physics major in college. Then I regretfully gave up. And though I may not be a scientist, I still know the scientific method! And so should you or anyone who even remotely paid attention in school.

Here's the dealio. Arguing creationism vs. evolution is a non-starter. Sorry, Bill Nye "The Science Guy." And the idea of putting "intelligent design" in schools as an alternative to evolution is even worse than putting flat earth theory in competition with round earth theory (yes, round earth is "only" a theory). You can prove the earth is round with various types of evidence. Therefore the flat earth theory is subject to contradictory evidence. Intelligent design or creationism isn't subject to contradictory evidence because it's based on faith. Faith! Get it? It belongs in churches not schools (unless it's in a study of religions class). If something isn't subject to contradictory evidence then why argue about it? You can never "win."

Conservatives are going absolutely apoplectic over Neil deGrasse Tyson's new *Cosmos* TV series because it dares to show the glory and beauty of what we, as human beings, have discovered about this amazing universe without ascribing its creation to some copper-aged invented deity.

If you think you can change the mind of someone who is just so resolute in his/her belief without regard to the scientific method or proof, then you are the fool. Just let them go. But, if they are willing to subject what they believe to contradictory evidence then argue away. Have them prove it to you. It's really that simple.

Robert "Wheel Gun Bob" Ford
Portsmouth, NH
"Wheel Gun":

The key phrase being, "if they are willing." In our experience, those conversations are strictly one-way.

The Editor

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Yo, Senators!

To the Editor:

An Open Letter to New Hampshire State Senators —

We all know that our current minimum wage isn't much, but it's all that many hard working families have. The bill to raise it would add a mere \$70 to the paychecks of full-time workers. That is hardly enough money for a day in Cancun, but about enough for a much-needed bag of groceries, groceries purchased with earned money, not food stamps. Families would be earning more and spending more, producing a worker-driven stimulus package. Taxpayers would then not need to subsidize corporation's poverty wages with public assistance. There are many sound economic and societal reasons for raising the minimum wage, such as: a vibrant economy, job creation, higher productivity, stable families, time for civic engagement, but the overriding reason is moral. It is evil for the richest country in

the history of the universe to have any families living in poverty, any children hungry and homeless. This is a stain on our humanity.

We all know that \$7.25 an hour will purchase next to nothing and won't support a family. But these workers, who have no political power, no bank account, but a family to feed, can't jeopardize their meager paychecks. They can't "take-it-or-leave-it," they must "take-it-or-else."

We all know that unions and government are relentlessly hounded by well-financed corporate forces, limiting their ability to rescue these workers from poverty. Life supporting economic and nutritional aid is even being eliminated by some governments. The last chance we have to reset our moral compass is to raise the minimum wage. After all, wages have shrunk for generations, while productivity has skyrocketed. It's past time for our workers to share in those gains.

Senators, I implore you to do what is not only economically intelligent but morally right. Pass this bill.

Lew Henry
Gilmanton Iron Works, NH

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Raising Up America

To the Editor:

We Americans are, at our core, a very decent, kind, compassionate and generous people. Therefore, I'm certain the majority of us can agree, from a moral standpoint, that no American should work hard at a full-time job, play by the rules and still have to live in poverty.

So why would Senate Republicans, led by Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, block attempts to raise the federal minimum wage? Prior to the usual GOP obstructionism, the corporate lobby-backed McConnell, Speaker of the House John Boehner, and the Right Wing Punditry repeatedly cited the

Mash Notes, HATE MAIL,

plausible-sounding argument, from a layman's standpoint, that increasing the federal minimum wage would kill jobs and hurt the economy and the people it's supposed to help.

Well, since the same Republicans and "Teapublicans" (thank you, "Wheel Gun Bob") have made mention of helping, I will gladly offer them the way to do so. I have diligently followed the debate over the minimum wage by ignoring the extreme punditry and by reading and listening to interviews with numerous reputable economists of all stripes.

The harshest critique I heard, from economists that staunchly support Trickle-Down Economics, was that raising the minimum wage would cause minimal damage to the economy. What I gathered from listening to the rest was that no serious economist believes that modest minimum wage increases, adjusted for inflation, would harm the economy and conversely would lift many poor people into the middle class while raising productivity. Additionally, while opponents of the measure appear to have little or no evidence to support their cause, any economist worth his salt has heard of and would be extremely hard pressed to dispute the findings of David Card and Alan Krueger's landmark 1994 paper on the minimum wage in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and Arindrajit Dube, Michael Reich, and William Lester's 2010 paper on minimum wage differences across many state borders.

Both of the said studies, by highly respected U.S. economists, were based on natural experiments and completely blow the naysayers' claim out of the water while lending overwhelming support to the huge majority of Americans in favor of giving America's poor

a needed raise.

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, NH

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He Kept Us Out of War

To the Editor:

President Woodrow Wilson won the 1916 presidential election running on the slogan, "He kept us out of war." President Barack Obama may well deserve the same accolade.

Obama is ending the War in Afghanistan, the longest war in U.S. history, after 12 years and 6 months of American involvement. Obama brought the senseless Iraq War to a close after 8 years and 9 months. Obama resisted Republican pressure to become more involved in Libya. Obama fended off GOP calls for America to take part in the Syrian Civil War, where a dictator is on one side and elements of Al Qaeda on the other. Obama declined to intervene strongly in the Egyptian revolution.

In resisting further military involvement in the Middle East, Obama did what was best for the United States. Not only did he prevent the loss of American lives and treasure, he saw that such intervention ultimately did little to establish democracy in these nations. Writing in the *Boston Globe* (April 27, 2014), Thanassis Cabanis points out that in 14 recent Arab uprisings against authoritarian regimes, 13 eventually resulted in either the same or new authoritarian governments.

President Obama displayed wisdom, not weakness, in these situations. Now the President is faced with a new threat, this time in Europe, not the Middle East. Russian President Vladimir Putin is attempting to annex the eastern portion of the Ukraine. Once again, Republican voices are being raised, urging him to take bolder

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And Other Correspondence

action. Obama is responding with quiet diplomacy. In doing so, he represents the current views of the American people.

According to a Pew Research Center poll (April 28, 2014), “by roughly two-to-one (62 percent to 30 percent), Americans oppose sending arms and military supplies to the Ukrainian government Four-in-ten (40 percent) say he (Obama) is handling things about right, while 35 percent say he is not being tough enough”

Yet, by a 53 percent to 36 percent margin, Americans do favor increased U.S. diplomatic and economic sanctions. However, that option is part of Obama’s current policy. He has already imposed two levels of sanctions of increasing severity on Russia followed by statements that more will come if Russia does not back down. That is no idle threat. Strong economic sanctions would in time prove disastrous to Russia’s already shaky economy.

So, without bloodshed, Obama is dealing with this threat in a measured, but effective, way. He continues to be “the President who has kept us out of war.”

Lenore Patton
Hampton, NH

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Vanishing Vocabulary

To the Editor:

The GOP has practiced the same old political strategy for years: decide what they want the truth to be, and just keep repeating their version no matter how factually inaccurate. But this approach is not working so well anymore, too much fact checking is going on, and social media make it harder to keep fooling the public.

Their revised action plan is to obliterate a set of words they don’t like because they smack of academia, intelligence, higher educa-

tion, and professional competence. You know, concepts that require some rational thought void of emotionalism, innate prejudice and rigid ideological rules.

These dangerous words are: facts, data, evidence, scientific method, documentation, trends and consensus. It is not the words themselves but what they represent that upset the Republicans. These outputs from concepts, methods and procedures make it hard to be deceitful because they produce truth.

How do they plan to make this sort of vocabulary vanish? Will they be burning books, petitioning school boards to remove them from curricula or boycotting companies that use them? That would please the base but probably not independents.

To get rid of these troublesome words the GOP plans to just not use them and when others do simply deny their validity.

They have already begun! They claim that fifty straight months of jobs creation is a conspiracy by the Congressional Budget Office. If ten million people are getting insurance coverage through the Affordable Care Act it must be because the White House “is cooking the books.” The annual deficit is down for the fifth straight year, and is at its lowest, 2.8 percent of GDP, but that is never mentioned. The vast majority of Americans want action on immigration, equal pay for women and the minimum wage but Republicans in Congress act as if these facts don’t exist.

To seal the title, “Masters of Deception” House Republicans are quoting a survey that showed 23 percent of Obamacare enrollees have not paid their premium. But! For those who signed up after March 15 the payment is not due until the end of May. This was

known to the survey company and the House Republicans but they made and continue to make the false claim. Liars, liars pants on fire!

Denying and lying, and hoping nobody will notice, is not a smart political strategy but I imagine the Republicans will dismiss or deny this fact also.

Dave Potter
North Hampton, NH

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Senator Ayotte on Benghazi!!!

To the Editor:

During the Reagan administration, a suicide bomber drove a truckload of explosives into a U.S. Marine compound in Beirut, Lebanon, killing 241 servicemen. This attack occurred in the wake of another bombing six months earlier on the U.S. Embassy in Beirut that killed 16 people, including 7 Americans and the Beirut station chief. The Marine compound was left virtually unprotected due to its “peace-keeping” status.

At that time, Democratic Speaker of the House, Tip O’Neill, led Congress calling for just one investigation that focused on what went wrong at the compound in Beirut. Their investigation found that there were “very serious errors in judgement” all the way up through the military chain of command and their bipartisan report called for better security measures against terrorism in U.S. posts around the world. The Democratic Congress did not politicize their investigation by focusing blame on the Reagan administration in an election year. Congress was intent on honoring those who died in the attack and their families with a serious investigation into what went wrong, and to seek meaningful policy protecting U.S. posts overseas. Not one Democratic leader called for President Reagan’s impeachment. Not one Reagan cabinet member was subpoenaed. Not one Reagan official’s testimony was so grossly

misrepresented as to imply that he or she did not care about the loss of American life in the wake of the attack.

Three months after the report called for enhanced security, two more terrorist attacks were waged on the U.S. in Beirut, one resulted in the kidnapping and torture death of a CIA station chief. Within an 18-month period, four terrorist attacks occurred against U.S. posts in Beirut. Over 250 American lives had been lost.

After the fourth attack, President Reagan admitted that demands for increased security had not yet been implemented, stating: “Anyone who’s ever had their kitchen done over knows that it never gets done as soon as you wish it would.” Imagine the Republican response today if President Obama made this quote. Would New Hampshire’s Senator Kelly Ayotte have declared to the world in 1984 that President Reagan’s words didn’t “pass the laugh test”?

Would Senator Ayotte have found the “talking points” between the CIA and the Reagan administration in the wake of 241 U.S. Marine deaths the most pressing issue of the day and called for a 13th probe? Or would she see it for what it is: politicizing the attack in an election year?

When Senator Ayotte appears on the Sunday talk shows, she doesn’t do so to demand retribution for acts of terrorism that killed four Americans or to voice her support in crafting policy to ensure safety at our U.S. installations. She uses her pulpit to cast blame on the Obama administration and members of his Cabinet. Senator Ayotte has publicly expressed deep concern over “unanswered questions,” alleging that requests were denied personally by Secretary of State Clinton to increase security detail before the attacks in Benghazi. Yet the Senator has not held one press



conference or devoted even one bullet point on her website addressing concern for Representative Jason Chaffetz’s admission that Congressional Republicans voted against State Department requests for additional funds necessary to increase that security detail.

Senator Ayotte, if we must have a 13th hearing, how about investigating why Congressional Republicans appear to have placed budget austerity before the safety of our Americans in dangerous regions?

After 13 Congressional hearings (and 52 repeal votes on the Affordable Care Act), Congressional Republicans and their Republican counterparts in the Senate have proven they have no interest in legislating in good faith for the safety and security of the American people.

Kimberly Meuse
Portsmouth, NH

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What’s Up With Senate GOP?

To the Editor:

What’s wrong with the Republicans in the New Hampshire Senate? Don’t they hold any of the same values as the majority of the state’s citizens?

Recent news from Senate deliberations reveals how “out-of-touch” Republican Senators are. Some cases in point:

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Brothers of the Soil

by William Marvel

As a freshman at Kennett High School I read Mackinlay Kantor’s novel *Andersonville*, about the notorious Confederate prison camp. It wasn’t assigned reading, but it fit my preference for beefy historical fiction. Not until I tried to document the atrocities of Andersonville, decades later, did I discover how badly the picture of deliberate cruelty there had been exaggerated.

Like many others, Kantor gave full credence to the memoirs of veterans who had an economic interest in amplifying the horrors of the place. Those who told the Pension Department that they suffered permanent disability because of cruel treatment by vicious rebel prison-keepers had a better chance of securing a pension. Such claims evoked more pity, and they served the purposes of the dominant Republican Party.

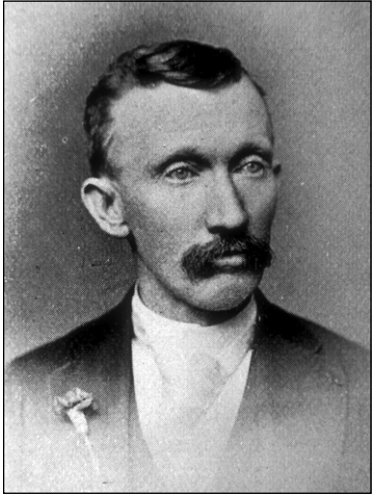
For evidence of what really happened at Andersonville, I scoured original prison records in the National Archives and the surviving diaries of prisoners. Confeder-

ate correspondence revealed the struggle to feed the prisoners and maintain camp sanitation; prison hospital records discredited fables about hundreds of prisoners shot by guards; Yankee diaries often contradicted the later allegations of merciless treatment. Photos of skeletal victims released from Confederate custody supposedly proved that prisoners were routinely starved, but those extreme cases almost certainly suffered from chronic dysentery or diarrhea, which killed thousands on both sides. Hundreds of case histories from Union hospitals describe patients as “extremely emaciated” before they died of those ailments.

While working on Andersonville, I tried in vain to find a representative citizen from my home town who had been confined in that stockade. Only last summer, in the course of writing a book specifically about Conway’s part in the war, did I finally discover one Conway youth who did wind up in Andersonville. To my surprise, he grew up in precisely the same spot I did. He awoke to the

same view I see, and tilled the same ground.

The first house that stood where mine does was already deteriorating when Diamond Kennard moved here from Brownfield in the 1850s with his wife and their



Frank Kennard

youngest son, Frank. They were a poor family, and malnutrition may explain why, when he enlisted in 1862, at the age of 19, Frank was only five feet, four inches tall. That September he and a dozen Goshen neighbors took part in the

battles of South Mountain and Antietam, but then he turned sick, and by the middle of February he came home with a discharge.

That was all I knew until I examined his pension records, last year. When he recovered, Frank took a job in Massachusetts to help support his parents, but enlistment bounties had grown so generous by December that he reenlisted in the 2nd Massachusetts Heavy Artillery. He was captured with the entire garrison of Plymouth, North Carolina, in April of 1864, and spent the next seven months at Andersonville. He came down with chronic diarrhea, withering from 140 pounds to 90 before the Confederates released him with hundreds of other critically ill prisoners.

On June 8, 1865, Frank Kennard received his final discharge and came home. His mother had died six weeks before, and was buried right across the road. His father was too old to work, so they sold the farm for \$800 and Diamond went to Portland to live with an older daughter while Frank headed west with his share.

He dabbled in various retail enterprises across the central plains before settling in Boston in the 1870s, where a boyhood friend from South Conway gave him a job. Poor health eventually forced him to seek a pension for his war service, but he declined to embellish his ordeal at Andersonville with tales of willful abuse and neglect, as so many of his comrades did, instead admitting that he had been laid low by a digestive ailment that never fully subsided. They gave him a few dollars a month in 1889, refusing his requests for increases until he died, poor, a few years later.

Exactly 100 years after he entered Andersonville, I was reading about that place from my room in the latest house on the old Kennard farm, overlooking the same front yard where Frank’s parents first saw him off to war. Thirty years later, finding the subject intensely compelling, I would write my own book about Andersonville without realizing that one of its inmates and I had called the same acreage home.

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act establishing a committee to review Citizens United amendments to the United States Constitution) came before the Senate for another vote. You may recall the 2010 U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Citizens United v the Federal Election Commission* that opened the floodgates, allowing massive amounts of political campaign spending by corporations, labor unions, and wealthy individuals. Most New Hampshire citizens realize our political process has been captured by wealthy

corporate and other interests, to the detriment of our Democracy. But, not 12 of New Hampshire’s 13 Republican Senators. To his credit, only Republican Russell Prescott voted with the 11 Democrats to study if the legislature would consider supporting a Constitutional Amendment that might overturn the *Citizens United* decision. The bill failed on a 12 to 12 vote.

On April 17th, 11 Republican Senators and one Democrat voted HB 1170, a bill to repeal the death

penalty, inexpedient to legislate. Democrat Lou D’Allesandro joined the 11 Republicans, and only Republican Senator Sam Cataldo voted with the 11 Democrats to end the death penalty in New Hampshire. The bill is likely killed for this session, barring an intervention.

Thursday, the New Hampshire Senate nixed a minimum wage bill. Along strictly party lines, all 13 Republican Senators voted down a bill that would have raised our minimum wage for

working NewHampshirites from \$7.25 an hour to \$8.25 next year, and \$9.00 in 2016. Democrat Lou D’Allesandro referenced the 1968 minimum wage of \$1.60/hr, which is inflation-adjusted to \$10.56 an hour in today’s economy saying, “We’ve regressed.”

Republican Peter Bragdon, Milford, who recently signed a contract for a \$185,000 per year job, said, “We don’t need feel-good legislation that will hurt the people it claims to help.” “Let’s get young people into the workforce

and starting up the economic ladder.”

“It’s a discouraging day to sit here and listen to what has truly become the war on employers, and this has got to stop in this body,” said Republican Sen. Andy Sanborn, from Bedford. Sanborn did not mention nor act on his conflict of interest, in that he pays some of his workers at The Draft Restaurant minimum wage.

From Granite State Progress: “Sen. Jeb Bradley, R-Wolfeboro, said that raising the wage would

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Boney Fingers v. Soft Hands Work

by Jim Hightower

An old cliché says: “Hard work always pays off.” Really? Ask a farm worker about that, or talk to a McDonald’s fry cook working three shifts to piece together an income that still leaves them in poverty. “Work your fingers to the bone,” goes the old song, “and what do you get? Boney fingers.” If it’s a big payoff you want

from a job, go for what my Uncle Emmett called “soft hands work.” I recommend hedge-fund huckstering! Those guys (and they’re nearly all guys) never get a callus and do nothing of social value, yet they make the biggest haul of anyone. Last year, the 25 highest-paid hedge funders raked in a collective \$21 billion in personal pay, with half of that grabbed by the top four guys. Their billions are what’s called

“unearned income” — money made from money, not from one’s labor. And it’s not even their money! Other rich people, big pension funds, endowments, &c., entrust them with big piles of their money, which the soft hand guys then bet on such screwy “financial products” as packages of subprime-mortgage derivatives (yes, that’s the one that crashed our economy in 2008). But even when they bet poorly, the huck-

sters get richer, for they charge what’s called “2 and 20” to get into their casino game — that’s 2 percent off the top of the millions of dollars a person or group turns over to the hedge fund, plus 20 percent of any profits made from the bets. So a guy like Ray Dalio, who runs the world’s biggest hedge game, made a lousy showing for his backers last year, yet he still walked away with \$600 million in personal pay.

Also, to further rig the unearned income game, the hedge-crew is lobbying furiously in Washington to let them get away with paying only half the income tax rate that you working stiff’s are assessed. Why do we even allow these worthless scoundrels to exist? § Copyright 2014 by Jim Hightower & Associates. Contact Laura Ehrlich (laura@jimhightower.com) for more information.

harm teenagers and entry level workers. In New Hampshire, 72 percent of minimum wage workers are over the age of 20 years old and have real breadwinner responsibilities. Bradley has previously refused to answer whether he believes in a minimum wage at all.” Previously, Sen. John Reagan, R-Deerfield, told the *Laconia Citizen* he “thinks it’s ‘silly’ to say that someone couldn’t be supported on minimum wage as they can take on multiple jobs.” The hypocrisy of Republican Senators is palpable. I urge you to write your Republican Senator and ask, “what in heaven’s name are you thinking?” If s/he gives you a satisfactory answer, consider re-electing him/her; if not, throw the hypocrite out of office at the next election. I also urge you to call, email, or send a note of thanks to your Democratic Senator who voted FOR common sense and WITH the majority of our citizens. Their contact information is available at http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/senate/members/senate_roster.aspx. Herb Moyer Exeter, NH Herb: Our diagnosis: greed and lack of empathy. The Editor

And What Do We Do Now? To the Editor: Last month members of the Northwest Ohio Peace Coalition (NWOPC) decided they will no longer mount their “Arlington Midwest” memorial to the Iraqi and Afghan civilians and American soldiers killed in over a decade of war and occupation. For some time now, nobody with a highly visible acre of land has been willing to offer their property to set it up. Fact is, when you ask people on the street, just about everyone says the wars are over — except for a heartbreaking number who respond, “What war are you talking about?” The second anniversary of the invasion of Iraq, March 19, 2005, saw the debut of NWOPC’s Arlington Midwest, at the University of Toledo. Overnight, on a rolling campus hillside 1,678 tombstones appeared, each labeled with the name and rank of a soldier and the date and place where he or she died. Laid out on a precise grid like the tombstones in Arlington National Cemetery, the wooden markers were arranged by state and within each state by dates of death. It quickly became a major task to make enough markers to keep up with the hundreds and then

thousands of names added to the “Killed in Action” lists from Iraq and Afghanistan. After “peace candidate” Obama took office in 2009, a growing portion of Arlington Midwest’s tombstones wore black ribbons for the soldiers killed on his watch: 1,923 to date. A separate section was reserved for those who silenced their war-induced demons by killing themselves. And wherever it went, the exhibit included a large circle of posts, escalating in height, listing the names of thousands of murdered Iraqi and Afghan civilians, even though the names were only a small fraction of the total. Volunteers took unpaid time from work or vacation days to set up the memorial at the University of Toledo, Notre Dame, Kent State, Detroit’s Tiger Stadium, churches and convents, county courthouses and the grounds of the Washington Monument in the nation’s capital. Family members of the dead would travel 100 miles and more to see the exhibit, place a flower or photo on a loved one’s marker and water the ground with their tears. People in the millions saw the memorial via news media. Just as the title of Chris Hedges’ book, “War Is A Force That Gives

Us Meaning,” described how war energizes whole nations, one could also observe that “antiwar” was a force that gave meaning and a sense of purpose to a whole host of caring, dedicated campaigners across America. But as more than one of them has asked, “... and what do we do now?” As a whole generation did 40 years ago when the war in Viet Nam finally ended, many people will again search their souls to discover the best way to keep on working for a better world and just as importantly, how to restore the deep sense of purpose they gained with their comrades by publicly opposing war. Where can we invest our limited time, passion and skills to greatest advantage? How can we maintain a vibrant sense of purpose? How can we do more than just react to what the Empire throws at us? How can we strike at the very roots of war and poverty and injustice, not just at the branches, which forever spring anew? Asking the same things two generations ago, I had no answers. Even having seen war’s carnage first hand as a Navy corpsman I had only questions, just like so many others. Today, unlike the period following the war in Viet Nam, there

is a movement that has a clear, fundamental goal that addresses these questions and a strategy to achieve it: to greatly expand democracy so that we the people, not corporations, do the governing; so our elections aren’t sold to the highest bidder; so private interests can’t determine national policy in healthcare or education or energy...or war. What I’m talking about is *MoveToAmend.org*, a national grassroots campaign to amend the U.S. Constitution to remove corporate money from elections and end the insane practice of giving the legal fictions we call corporations the same constitutional rights as real human beings. Move to Amend is the only game I know of with a vision to change the rules of the game so that “winning” actually means we start running the show, not just rejoicing that we’ve stopped a weapons system or elected Tweedledum instead of Tweedledummer. This is my hope and my invitation to each of my fellow laborers in the peace movement when you start thinking about “what’s next?” Mike Ferner Toledo, OH mike.ferner@sbcglobal.net

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

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

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

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

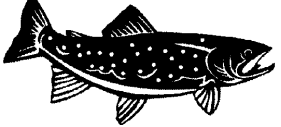
end of Badger’s Island, bobbing around in the current. It weighs several tons, and it bobs and bounces in the current like a cork. The river also has its placid moments, around high and low tides. When the river rests, its tugboats

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

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2009—<i>GQ</i> magazine reports that Donald Rumsfeld was in the habit of quoting the Bible when briefing President George W. Bush. 1992—The 27th Amendment, prohibiting any Congress from raising its own pay, is ratified 202 years after its submission. 1982—The Rev. Sun Myung Moon is convicted of tax fraud. 1980—Mt. St. Helens cuts loose for the first time in 123 years. 1974—India successfully tests a nuclear weapon in an operation named Smiling Buddha. 1958—The pilot of an American B-26 shot down over Indonesia is initially dismissed as a “soldier of fortune,” but it’s later admitted he was a CIA employee. 1927—Andrew Kehoe, angry at having to pay taxes to support the Bath, MI school system, blows up the school killing 43 people including 39 grade-schoolers. He then kills his wife, loads his truck with dynamite and nails, and blows up the school superintendent and himself. 1917—The draft law is enacted. 1897—Frank Capra is born in Palermo. 1896—The U.S. Supreme Court rules, in <i>Plessy v. Ferguson</i>, that racial segregation is legal. 1842—In Rhode Island, Dorrites try unsuccessfully to take the state arsenal.	1997—NBC sportscaster Marv Albert is indicted for forcible sodomy and biting a prostitute. 1992—Veep Dan Quayle attempts to pin recent LA riots on television character “Murphy Brown.” 1964—U.S. diplomats find at least 40 hidden microphones in the U.S. embassy in Moscow. 1962—In Madison Square Garden, Marilyn Monroe, barely wearing a diaphanous gown, sings “Happy Birthday” to President John F. Kennedy. 1956—A 15-megaton bomb test in the South Pacific raises radiation levels in the U.S. to 10 times normal. 1954—U.S. Postmaster General Summerfield OK’s a CIA mail-opening project. 1953—An unexpected wind shift in Nevada sends fallout from our dirtiest nuke test ever, code-named Upshot-Knothole Harry, to the location where Howard Hughes will film <i>The Conqueror</i> one year later. 1950—In South Amboy, NJ, four ammunition barges carrying 467 tons of ammunition explode killing 30 and injuring 130 more. 1932—Rep. 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The non-nuclear explosives leave a crater 12 feet deep and 25 across. 1949—Former Secretary of Defense James Forrestal is ambiguously defenestrated from a 16th floor hospital window. 1944—<i>Life</i> magazine publishes a photo of an American girl at her desk with a souvenir sent by her boyfriend in the Pacific—the skull of Japanese soldier. 1884—Hugh Daily fans 13 for the Chicago Browns pitching with his right hand — the only one he has.	2012—At the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, half a billion dollars in damage is done to the <i>U.S.S. Miami</i> by an arson fire set so the culprit could leave work early. 2003—Dick Cheney casts a deciding Senate vote in favor of drastically cutting taxes for the rich. 1976—The <i>Washington Post</i> reports that Rep. Wayne L. Hays (D-OH) has a mistress on his payroll at \$14,000 a year, though she admits she “can’t type ... can’t file, [and] can’t even answer the phone.” 1945—Reichsführer Heinrich Himmler cheats the hangman. 1939—The <i>U.S.S. 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