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The Fortnightly Rant

Reviving an Ancient Argument

Two days before the Fourth of July *The New York Times* published an article reporting on an academic's assertion that a typographical error which crept into the Declaration of Independence in the early 19th century has caused the nation to fundamentally misinterpret that document for more than a hundred years.

As it is now presented online by the National Archives, the Preamble to the Declaration says that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, and that "among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" — period. End of sentence.

The next sentence begins, "That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed," &c.

Danielle Allen argues that when the extraneous period after "Happiness" is removed, "[t]he logic of the sentence moves from the value of individual rights to the importance of government as a tool for protecting those rights."

Allen developed her "stray period" theory while doing research for her just-published book, *"Our Declaration,"* about her years spent teaching that document to night school students.

She found that the period in question does not appear in Thomas Jefferson's rough draft, or in John Dunlap's 1776 broadside printing, or in the Continental Congress's official records. It seems to have been officially introduced in 1823, when William J. Stone was commissioned by Congress to produce a reproduction, by copperplate engraving, of the badly faded original parchment.

Rovian Role Reversal

Allen's theory could not be more timely: the nation is suffering under a political ideology which flies in the face of the Declaration's intent.

Today's self-styled "conservatives" — who are as radical as Lenin, but in a retrograde way — developed this ideology from a sound bite taken from Ronald Reagan's First Inaugural: "government is not the solution to our problem, government is the problem."

In a classic Karl Rovian maneuver, their lavishly-funded propaganda mills then jammed that perverse ideology down our throats much as they accuse the President of having done with Obamacare.

No Paine, No Gain

Jefferson wrote the Declaration just six months after the publication of Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*, the little pamphlet that converted independence from a fringe notion into a popular cause.

Paine's argument could not have been clearer: governments are a necessary defense; without them we live in a jungle where those who are powerful will inevitably subjugate those who are not.

Yes, governments should be feared — because they might devolve into tyranny, monarchical or aristocratic. What Paine and Jefferson and the rest feared *might* happen, *has* happened. Over time, the powerful, driven by their greed and will to dominate, have monopolized their hold on government. With it they have successfully socialized the costs of the corporations and privatized the benefits of government.

At this point there is little that



they have not stolen — but they're after that, too.

Under their "government is the problem" formulation, today's "conservatives" are now vigorously attacking our power to use government to benefit the people.

Scholar Versus Hollerers

As if this argument were not provocative enough on its own merits, it comes from a black woman from Chicago who worked on Senator Barack Obama's 2008 Presidential campaign. So far, the Right's favorite Constitutional scholars, Glenn Beck and Bill O'Reilly, have yet to man up and take her on.

It should be fun if they do: Allen has earned two Ph.D.s and won a MacArthur "genius" grant. She's also a professor at Albert Einstein's old school, the Institute

for Advanced Study in Princeton.

Funnier still, Allen grew up in a conservative Republican household. Her father was appointed to the Civil Rights Commission by Ronald Reagan. She interned at the *National Review* in the early 1990s, only to bail out after observing first hand the dishonest way its staff dealt with facts inconvenient to their ideology.

Let's Get Definitive

Officials at the National Archives in charge of preserving and displaying the Declaration and Constitution are giving Allen's theory careful consideration. According to news reports, they may even use new high-tech imaging technology to see if infrared or ultraviolet radiation can give a definitive answer to the question.

Somebody ought to start a pool:

how long will it be before Congressional Republicans call for the de-funding of the National Archives?

A Little More Intensity, Please

William Butler Yeats wrote a century ago, in the wake of the Great War, "The best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity." It's truer now than ever.

None of our so-called conservatives are likely to let punctuation change their politics; they've already shown that they're impervious to facts. But perhaps the removal of that extraneous period from our Declaration of Independence might stoke up the fervor of the side of this fight that always needs it the most. With it, we may find it in our power to begin the world over again.

The Alleged News

The Madness of Orange John

Rep. John Boehner [R-OH] announced late last month that he's going to sue President Obama.

"In my view," the Speaker said, "the President has not faithfully executed the laws."

Boehner — who as Speaker of the House has, for all practical purposes, hung a "Closed" sign on the Capitol building — reportedly circulated a memo among his Republican colleagues accusing the President of asserting "king-like authority," largely through the use of executive orders.

Democrats retaliated by unleashing some partisan hyperbole of their own, ruthlessly pointing to actual facts demonstrating that Obama has signed fewer Executive Orders per day in office than

George W. Bush, George H. [H.] W. Bush, Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford, or Richard Nixon.

Bet On Truthiness

The *Washington Times* reported on July 2, "[a] new Quinnipiac University survey found that voters rate Mr. Obama as the country's worst president since World War II." Clearly, if Truth and Truthiness were sports teams, the smart money would bet on Truthiness.

Thirty-three percent of all voters rated Obama the worst. Among Republicans, 63 percent held that view. Jimmy Carter came in a distant second with 14 percent.

Quinnipiac said it surveyed 1,446 registered voters nationwide during the last week of June. Live

interviewers called people with land lines and with cell phones. The margin of error of was 2.6 percentage points.

That margin of error may help to explain why four percent of *Democrats* said Obama was the worst President since Roosevelt. Four percent minus that error of 2.6 percent brings it down to just 1.4 percent of Democrats saying Obama is the worst; that fraction could easily be made up of people flat out lying to the pollsters, and people incapable of making sense at all.

Heck of a Job, Georgie

Obama's predecessor, George W. Bush, came in second — a mere 28 percent of respondents called Bush #43 our Worst Presi-

dent since WW II.

So, just for the record, you can select Dick "Dick" Cheney as your Vice Presidential candidate, hire James Baker III to manipulate the Supreme Court into appointing you President, dismiss an explicit warning that "Osama bin Laden [is] determined to attack the U.S.," preside over the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history, screw up the retaliation for that attack, set a precedent for starting preemptive wars based on ginned-up lies, torture and kill people, preside over the worst recession since the Great Depression ... we can't go on ... it's too depressing

Anyway, you can do all that and you still won't be as bad a President as Obama. Right.

Career Achievement Award

Before we leave the topic of Worst Presidents we shall, drawing upon our stature and authority as *The Nation's Oldest Newspaper™*, bestow a Career Achievement Award for Most Treasonous Act by a President on Richard M. Nixon.

Ironically, this dubious distinction is only possible because the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum in Yorba Linda, CA, recently released partially-redacted transcripts of two tape recordings.

The recordings were part of an oral history project being conduct-

The Alleged News
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ed by Timothy Naftali, director of the Nixon Presidential Materials Staff at the National Archives and Records Administration.

Naftali spoke in 2008 with Thomas Charles Huston, best known as the author of an infamous, eponymous Plan, hatched in 1970, to use wiretapping, microphone surveillance, mail intercepts, and break-ins, to penetrate and disrupt the anti-war movement. Much of the Plan was so illegal that J. Edgar Hoover — not known as a respecter of civil liberties — balked at implementing it.

During the summer of 1968, Lyndon Johnson was trying desperately to end the Vietnam War. At the same time the 1968 Presidential election campaign was in full swing. A peace treaty would have given Hubert Humphrey an immeasurable boost in November.

The Nixon campaign has long been suspected of sabotaging the

Paris Peace Talks. Huston, an administration insider, is now on record saying, “I think clearly there was no doubt that the Nixon campaign was aggressively trying to keep President Thieu from agreeing” to end the war.

And it was not just anybody in the Nixon campaign

“Over the years as I’ve studied it, I’ve concluded that there was no doubt that Nixon was — would have been directly involved, that it’s not something that anybody would’ve undertaken on their own.”

Marching Forward

The New Hampshire Rebellion, which began last January with a 185-mile march from Dixville Notch to Nashua, progressed another 16 miles on Saturday.

Hundreds walked from Hampton to Fort Constitution, then rallied to hear organizer Lawrence Lessig outline his plan for this nonpartisan movement, the goal of which is to make systemic corruption the central issue of the 2016 presidential primaries.



The NH Rebellion drew between 250 and 300 people, by our estimate, to Fort Constitution on Saturday, July 5th. Many of them walked sixteen miles up the New Hampshire coastline that morning.



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Job Security for Reformers

As if the need for New Hampshire Rebellion were not obvious enough

Before Watergate, corporations or plutocrats wishing to cozy up to Congressmen could quietly give them a lavish free trip to some exotic locale, and no one would be the wiser. Then spoilsports came along and wrecked that sweet deal — members had to list such trips in their annual disclosure forms.

Now, happy days are here again: the House Ethics Committee — there’s that oxymoron again — recently deleted that requirement from the financial disclosure rules for Members of Congress.

Members must still file such data with the Office of the House Clerk, and the Clerk must make the information available online. We downloaded the data for 2014. After wrestling with a .zip file, and converting the resulting text file to a spreadsheet, we had 1,392 individual records.

The records include the names of the Members and the sponsors,

the dates of the trips (through June 14th), and the destinations.

There’s nothing about the cost of the trips — not a single dollar sign in the whole spreadsheet.

Privatize This!

There is a principle popular in certain circles which holds that anything government can do private enterprise can do better. And cheaper. Probably with fewer calories. That argument lost some of its luster on June 29th — or it would have, if it were in any way connected to reality.

On that day *The New York Times* reported on a dispute between the U.S. State Department and the mercenary-services organization best known as Blackwater. (The company has since changed its name three times, apparently to protect the guilty.)

Blackwater was infamously involved in a September 16, 2007 massacre in Baghdad’s Nisour Square. Seventeen Iraqi civilians were killed and another 20 wounded. The mercenaries claimed they had been attacked and only acted

in self defense. Subsequent investigations turned up no evidence to substantiate their claims. Four Blackwater employees are now on trial for manslaughter in a Washington, D.C. court.

The State Department was conducting an investigation into Blackwater’s practices weeks before the massacre, according to the June 29th article by James Risen.

That investigation was called off, though, after Blackwater’s “top manager” in Baghdad threatened to murder the State Department’s investigator.

Risen quoted a State Department memo laying out the relationship between State and Blackwater: “The management structures in place to manage and monitor our contracts in Iraq have become subservient to the contractors themselves.”

Before the murder threat successfully shut it down, the investigation found that Blackwater was providing fewer guards than its contracts called for. Employ-

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ees were also storing weapons and ammunition in their private quarters, where they drank heavily and entertained female guests. In one case, “investigators found that four drunk guards had commandeered one heavily armored, \$180,000 vehicle to drive to a private party, and crashed into a concrete barrier.”

The incident in Nisour Square helped to further sour Iraqi attitudes towards any continued U.S. presence. As a consequence, no status of forces agreement could be reached. In the absence of those forces, an al-Qaeda offshoot has established a Caliphate in western Iraq.

The domino fell during President Bush #43's watch. But, he's only the *second*-worst President we've had since WW II.

Have a Little More Arsenic

In January of 2001, under orders from Congress, the EPA cut the limit on arsenic in drinking water from 50 parts per billion down to 10. Congress was being run by Republicans in those days, but this was before they completely lost their minds.

Subsequent studies have shown that arsenic is 17 times more carcinogenic than we knew in 2001, with women being more susceptible than men. For every 1,000

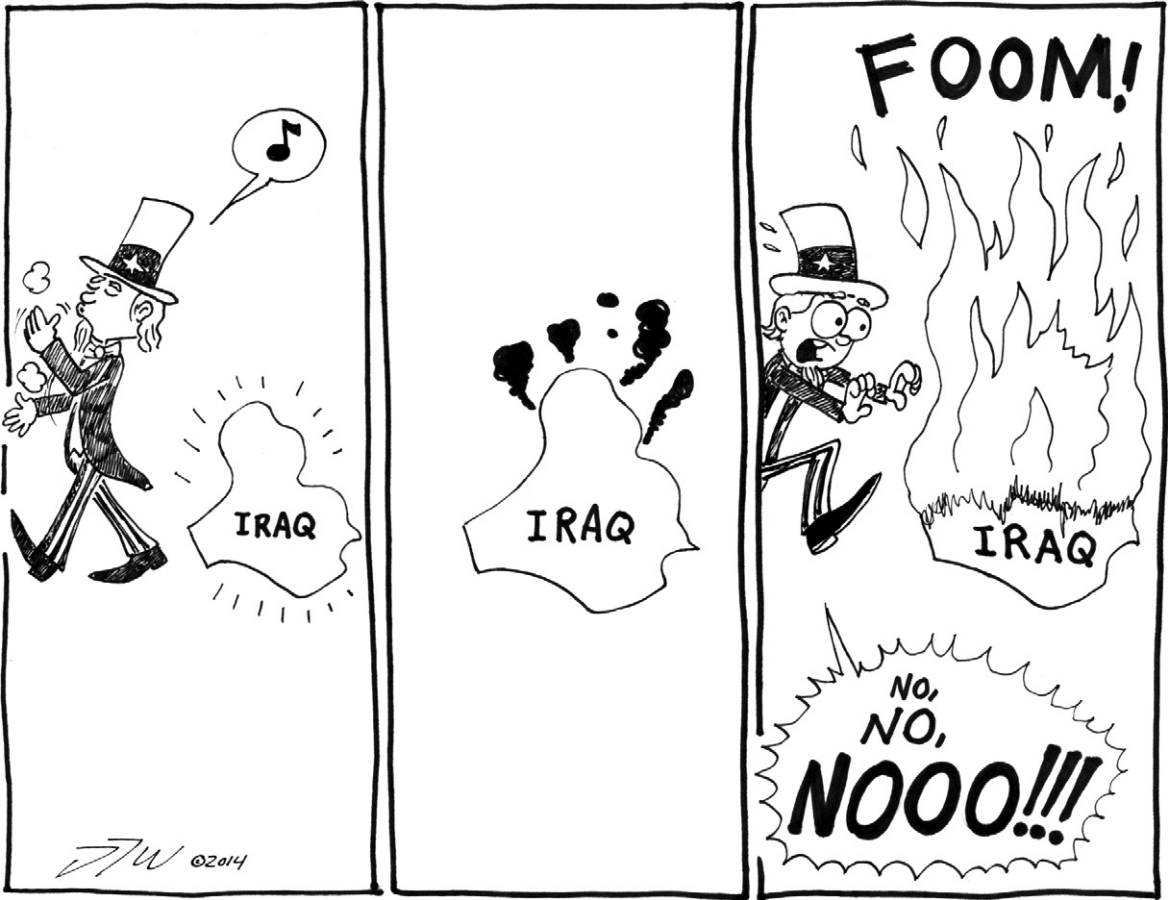
women who consume the legally-permitted limit of arsenic daily, it now appears that 7.3 will eventually develop bladder or lung cancer.

The EPA has been ready since 2012 to issue new findings and lower the allowable standard for arsenic, according to a June 28 report from the Center for Public Integrity.

However, a “single paragraph inserted into a committee report by a member of Congress essentially ordered the EPA to halt its evaluation of arsenic, or make public its arsenic findings, an action that could trigger stricter drinking water standards.”

That member was Rep. Mike Simpson [R-ID]. According to the *Daily Beast*, Simpson also sponsored a bill in 2004 bill that would have exempted small communities from national drinking water regulations. A year later he co-sponsored a bill that would have “directed the EPA to allow higher levels of arsenic in small-town drinking water for two years.”

Naturally, the reason Simpson thinks people should drink more arsenic is because doing otherwise would cost everybody money. That money would have to come from somewhere, probably from taxes.



So that's out.

The costs of cancer treatments and undertakers' bills, on the other hand, are incurred by the sick and the families of the deceased. That makes those costs more like fees for use, and therefore more acceptable.

Here's Some Fresh Crazy

According to the American Civil Liberties Union, “many SWAT teams [in Massachusetts] are operated by regional police department consortiums called Law Enforcement Councils (LECs).” Nothing weird there.

However, though they are funded by local and federal taxes, these LECs are set up as corporations. “Hiding behind the argument that they are private corporations not subject to the public records laws, the LECs have refused to provide documents regarding their SWAT team policies and procedures ... including how many raids they have executed or for what purpose.”

A Great Day in Portsmouth

On August 12, 1958, *Esquire* photographer Art Kane assembled 57 jazz musicians (and a passel of street kids) on the steps of a brownstone in Harlem and took a photograph for the ages. In 1995, a documentary film about the photo was nominated for an Academy Award. It was titled *A Great Day in Harlem*.

Almost 56 years later, on Saturday, June 28th, local photographer Andy Edgar assembled 52 local jazz musicians (and a few kids) on the steps of the South Church in Portsmouth and took a photograph inspired by Kane's original.

Terry McDonald, who was given the task of contacting the musicians, told us that Kent Allyn had been mulling the project over for years.

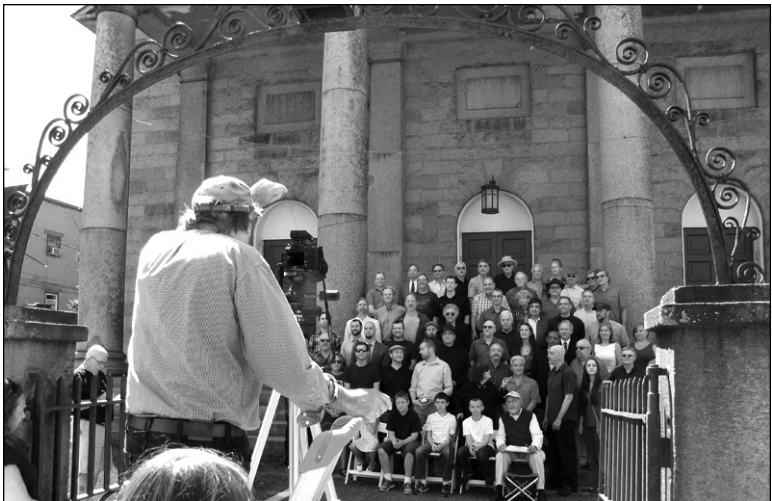
“We tried to make it as inclusive as we could,” Terry said. “We went beyond the jazz borders a little, we included rather than excluded. I'm going to guess that maybe

80 percent of the people invited were able to make it. When you find out who is not able to make it, every one is another stab in the heart. But no matter what day you pick, you're going to get that.”

The photo will be made into a poster; proceeds from sales of the poster will go to support the Portsmouth Music and Arts Center. Nancy and Brian Vawter of Atlantic Media videotaped the production for a possible documentary film. It's too soon to tell how history may view Edgar's photograph, but for those who were present it was certainly a great day in Portsmouth.

Fun With Newspapers

We've decided that it would be fun to widen our distribution. With space on these pages at a premium, though, we're not going to go into any great detail here. We've got all the space in the world on the internet, though. To see what it's all about, visit www.nhgazette.com/?p=5882.



June 28th was a great day in Portsmouth: emulating an iconic 1958 photo, fifty-two local jazz musicians (plus artist Bob Nilson and four kids) gathered on the steps of the South Church for a group portrait.

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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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Guinta Protests Way Too Much
To the Editor:

I read recently that Frank Guinta, our former Congressman, claims not to have been a Tea Partier, saying that he had been “branded” as a Tea Party member by the election of 2010.

“Branded”? So Guinta believes “Tea Partier” is a derogatory term, whether his intended meaning of “branded” is marking with a branding iron, or marking with disapproval, i.e., stigmatizing. He staunchly denies ever having been a Tea Partier, and says that not joining the Tea Party Caucus in Congress proves it.

Mr. Guinta protests way too much. He has a long history with the Tea Party going back to 2009, when he called them “grassroots effort at its finest.” Guinta won the New Hampshire Tea Party Coalition’s straw poll, said he was “honored” by the results, and mentioned attending several Tea Party events, as well as meetings of the Glenn Beck 9/12 group (*Concord Monitor*, November 4, 2010). The same article reported, “The former Manchester mayor has said he would join a House Tea Party Caucus created this summer by U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann”

Whether or not he joined, Guinta’s still a Tea Partier. Just look at his answers to the Raymond Tea Party survey (<http://raymondareateaparty.weebly.com/frank-guinta.html>), which include supporting a mandate to teach

Creationism in our schools. His answers are Tea Party to the core. No matter how much backpedaling he does to fabricate his bipartisan pose, that Tea Party brand just doesn’t rub off.

Lew Henry
Gilmanton Iron Works, NH
Lew:
Thanks for compiling this useful list of Guinta’s contradictory statements. Without such clear-cut evidence, it’s hard to believe just how brazen the man is.

The Editor
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Happy Fourth
To the Editor:

Hopefully everyone had a great Fourth of July, celebrating our nation’s birth, and remembering the men and women who served and sacrificed for our freedoms. Last week’s jobs report that President Obama and the media hype began the weekend on a positive note.

Unfortunately the hype about the jobs report, the 288,000 new jobs and the 6.1 percent unemployment rate, provides a false impression of reality. The reality is that this jobs report, like most recent jobs reports, signals a disaster for more hundreds of thousands of American families.

The primary scintilla of good news was that 799,000 part-time jobs were created. But 523,000 full time jobs went away. Now over 7.5 million Americans wanting full-time jobs have to settle for part-time jobs with lower wages and few or no benefits. Lack of full-time jobs means people struggle to achieve the same standard of living ... or endure a lower standard of living.

In June 111,000 people gave up their fruitless job searches and dropped out of the labor force. Nevertheless, because the unemployment rate only counts people looking for work, this personal disaster helped reduce the unem-

ployment rate to 6.1 percent.

Fewer than two out of three people capable of working have jobs; this is the lowest labor force participation rate since 1973. This would be great if people were better off, but most Americans, except the rich, are poorer, earning thousands of dollars less annually since Obama became President.

The Progressive policies that President Obama has implemented have been a disaster for most Americans. Progressive policies, e.g., Obamacare, energy, immigration, regulatory, environmental, labor, and tax policies, stifle job growth and often kill the good jobs needed by middle and lower income Americans. But Obama’s bailouts, subsidies, and crony-capitalist policies (e.g., Solyndra) make sure that the rich get richer.

If President Obama really cared about people, he would implement policies like Presidents Kennedy, Reagan, Clinton, and Bush that encouraged a growing economy creating millions of good jobs.

But President Obama, like most Washington Democrats, cares more about his Progressive ideology than about what is best for every American. President Obama pursues his ideology by destroying jobs and making people increasingly dependent on government and the politicians that provide subsidies to divert attention from the hardships caused by their Progressive policies.

Unfortunately President Obama’s Progressive policies are achieving his ideological objectives including increasing the President’s power in a bigger, more powerful government. As a result most Americans are poorer and less free.

Don Ewing
Meredith, NH
Don:
Good thing the Koch Brothers and the late, unlamented Richard Mellon Scaife created all those Right

Mash Notes. **HATE MAIL,**

Wing propaganda mills. Without the twisted analysis provided by their keyboard commandos, how could you ever come up with a way to turn good employment news into a letter slamming President Obama?

You might try reading Dean Baker at the Center for Economic and Policy Research. He wrote on July 4th:

“It is important to note the longer term trend here since the month to month movements are highly erratic. The number of people working part-time involuntarily is down by 640,000 from its year ago level and by more than 1.6 million from its peak in 2010.

“There are more people voluntarily working part-time, but this is a positive. ... The number of people voluntarily working part-time typically rises in an upturn, presumably because workers feel they have more choice about jobs and many people would rather work fewer hours to take care of children or other family members or possibly because their own health makes full-time employment difficult. The Affordable Care Act has likely increased the number of people who are working part-time voluntarily since many workers will no longer feel the need to work at a job that provides health care insurance since they can buy it through the exchanges.”

The Editor
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July 4th Myopia

To the Editor:
Through the eyes of this grandfather and military veteran of the U.S. war against the people of Viet Nam, the celebration of July 4th is myopic and hypocritical.

If you are a rich, light skinned male who has staked a claim in a land stolen from indigenous people and built on the backs of dark skinned people, then wave the flag, explode the fire works. All others, step to the back of the

bus.
There are those who say, “that was a long time ago, forget it.” I remind them that 1776 was a long time ago, yet every year this very selective piece of history is glorified.

On this July 4th I suggest that you read the Declaration of Independence (including the part that refers to indigenous people as “the merciless Indian savages”) through the eyes of a female, or a person with dark skin, or from the perspective of a resident of one of the many countries that the U.S. has invaded and plundered — including this one. If you want to remember the past, then remember all of it.

Arnold Stieber
Chicago, IL
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Psychology & Guns

To the Editor:
Perhaps we’re asking the wrong question in our national gun debate. The issue is not whether we should have gun control laws in America — or what they should be.

The issue is why so many white middle-American men view any effort to regulate guns as an assault on their identity, and thus, fight sane laws as if their lives and liberties were at stake. Our nation remains awash in firearms. The reason is that middle-aged white men are buying more and more guns, with ownership increasingly concentrated amongst them.

The likelihood that these men will own firearms increases the further they live from a city, yet it’s not because they’re hunting more. Guns have become something else — symbols of identity, totems of virility for a cohort of these rural and ex-urban men.

You only need to look at the ads the gun manufacturers use to lure in their buyers. They typically in-

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And Other Correspondence

vite men to imagine themselves as warriors in camouflage taking on a hostile world. Buying a Bushmaster semi-automatic “confirms you’re a Man’s Man, the last of a dying breed, with all the rights and privileges duly afforded.” In other word, from a psychological perspective, guns give these men strength, status and respect — which many of them feel has eroded since the 1960s.

It wasn’t long ago when broad-shouldered white men dominated our culture, and their role as breadwinners gave them status and pride. We appreciated their physical prowess and hard work which made our factories run and the economy hum. They were the pillars of our community, unrivaled as heads of families and icons of the “real America.”

But decades since, the American dream hasn’t been so kind to them.

Also, these white middle-American men often believe that minority gains in America are not earned through hard work but are ill-begotten through special privileges among the urban and educated elite who hold the levers of power and status in society today.

Just like the educated suburbanite who drives a Prius as a badge of virtue, the emblem of the NRA affixed to his pick-up or car shows his power to all that can see.

The important role of firearms in our history’s founding and mythology is well accepted. Later, guns were crucial for the “successful” expansion of the Western Frontier. America went on to be the strongest military power in the world. However, that power has been challenged (a draw in the Korean conflict, withdrawal from Vietnam, 9/11 and the merry-go-round in Iraq) leaving firearms the perfect handmaiden for America’s demise.

While all people have a potential for violence, they do not usually act on it. Sigmund Freud emphasized our unconscious sexual and aggressive impulses, which seem readily applicable to guns. In his theory of the mind, the conscience, or superego, puts the breaks on id impulses for the sake of civilization.

Yet, counteractively, human beings are the only living organism that will prey on its own kind for reasons other than survival. Only humans murder each other for power, obsessive gratification and other psychological deviancies, all antithetical to preserving the species. In contrast, the animal kingdom is habituated to survival, food, territory and procreation.

A gun-besotted nation where the right of each citizen to possess as many weapons of potential mass destruction as he or she wants is considered sacred and inviolable, surrenders to a deep-seated vulnerability and opens the gates to steroidal chaos.

Michael Kulla
Pleasant Valley, NY

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No Wonder There’s a Problem

To the Editor:

As a veteran, I am pleased that Congresswoman Shea-Porter has introduced a new bill, the Doctors’ Education Loans Impact VA Employee Retention (DELIVER) Act, to improve recruitment and retention of medical staff at VA hospitals. The bill would expand programs that help VA employees repay college loans.

Reform is needed to help the VA retain its doctors and nurses because acute staff shortages, particularly of primary-care doctors, and staff turnover are at the core of the long-wait-time problem. The VA has to serve an expanding population of veterans from wars ranging from World War

II to Gulf war I and the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. VA primary-care doctors have double the 1200 patients they’re supposed to have, and in the past 3 years, primary-care appointments have skyrocketed 50 percent. But in that time we’ve added only 9 percent more primary-care doctors. Overworked medical staff end up overwhelmed by the unrelenting workload and leave the VA. No wonder we have a wait-time problem!

In addition, the Association of American Medical Colleges says the VA’s doctor shortage comes to this: “It’s just harder to attract physicians to care for more challenging patients while paying them less.”

Shea-Porter’s bill will help medical staff repay their college and medical school loans, which they can’t do easily on their relatively low VA salaries. The DELIVER Act gets right to the heart of the recruitment-retention problem. Thank you, Congresswoman, for caring about veterans and offering an effective solution!

Dan Pike
Rollinsford, NH

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Taxation w/o Representation

To the Editor:

From our education in American history, we learned about how and why the Colonies revolted from England in 1775. One of the driving forces behind that revolt was “Taxation without Representation.” As you might recall from those teachings, England imposed taxes on all the residents in our 13 colonies. There was a revolt because we were had no representation.

Now let’s fast forward to 2014 and the Hampstead, Kingston, Plaistow, Atkinson towns. We had elected a Rep to represent us in Concord. Unfortunately for us, our Rep., Mr. Oigny, only voted 28 percent of the time. That means that he missed 72 percent



of all votes that affected us in this district (#34).

He has a job, I get that. His job requires him to travel. I get that, too. Isn’t it obvious that he can’t do both? He should not resign from his job. He has to provide for his family and I support that, but he should not commit to be our Rep if he can only do it 28 percent of the time. To do justice to our towns we need a Representative who will be our full-time voice in Concord. I am committed to that. I too, have a job, but since I am an Adjunct College Professor, my classes are in the evenings which would not affect my ability to represent us in Concord for committee meetings and voting. For those reasons, I ask for your support to Elect Saren, State Representative, Hampstead, Kingston, Plaistow, Atkinson (District 34). I will be your full-time Representative.

Joel Saren
East Hampstead, NH

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Mom Confused By Gas Tax

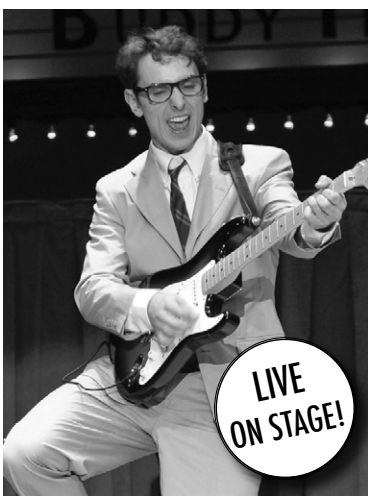
To the Editor:

I am a citizen of New Hampshire, but more importantly, I am a business owner and a mom. I am a mother of two and I work as a real-estate agent in New Hampshire. I believe that the Gas Tax increase will have a very negative impact on the people, and more than Maggie Hassan and her supporter’s claim. Every day I

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Northcountry Chronicle

Concentration Camp

by William Marvel

My library is fairly well organized. Reference has its own section, and literature is segregated from history. History is further arranged by epoch, and the Civil War itself is divided into secondary works, published diaries or letters, government documents, and the lesser primary sources, like memoirs and regimental histories. In the middle of a chapter my desk might be covered in papers and there might be open books lying handy, but I put the books away each night and reorganize the papers after every chapter; between books there comes a wholesale cleaning. Physical organization aids concentration.

The workspace is a reflection of the mind, and opposites attract. Unless we are having visitors, my wife's office reveals a laptop that is always open and crowded by piles of corded accessories. Papers lie under, over, and between

the snarled cords. Pencils, pens, paper clips, business cards, greeting cards, scraps of paper, small change, and flash drives garnish that arrangement. The floor is almost completely covered in file cabinets, plastic stacking crates, outdated sound equipment, kicked-off shoes (no two of which seem to match), jewel cases, rumpled file folders, AA and AAA batteries, and recording devices that have never worked. Visitors never see her office in such a state, however. She closes the door.

We raised two children, whom I have come to think of as our girl and her boy. When the girl was ten years old she was such an avid reader that I gave her my biggest portable bookcase, which she immediately filled. She gasped a gentle objection when her mother tried to stick a stray volume in at random, announcing that she had alphabetized the entire bookcase. From that instant I knew that our girl and I were on the same side. She always enjoyed subjects that

required deep, continuous concentration, and in high school she studied calculus to relax.

Her brother was another matter. Chaos attended him, and his personal space always resembled a toxic waste dump before the feds arrived. He subscribed to the use-and-drop method of hand-tool care, reflecting how easily he could be distracted from anything he began. The workbench wall where I hang my tools grew increasingly denuded during his tenancy. I showed him how to adjust his bicycle brake cable with a pair of water-pump pliers, and one by one my water-pump pliers disappeared. By the time he graduated from high school, my collection of jackknives was reduced to one old Buck knife hidden in my dresser drawer.

I am reminded of him as I follow around behind my wife, putting away her garden tools, bringing in her wheelbarrow and jacket, closing doors, hanging up the ubiquitous soggy towel, and turn-

ing off unused lights. In her case I don't mind so much, because those things represent how many different chores she does in the course of a day, even if she doesn't clean up after herself. She spends so much of her energy on different projects that she has none left to put things away. I've never been able to shift gears as quickly as she does, so I rather admire her for it.

I only object when she undertakes more than one task at the same time. She and other mothers proudly propagate the myth that they can expertly juggle numerous activities at the same time — careening through traffic with a carload of kids bound for different destinations while also planning dinner, keeping an eye on the clock while considering a risky shortcut, and scheduling another appointment with the therapist. My wife doesn't do that, but she often does try to accomplish two things at once, and I have learned to associate the term "multitasking" with the aroma of something

burning on the stove.

In every form of labor the quality of the product depends on the concentration that goes into it. Those untroubled by mediocrity can handle three or four jobs simultaneously, but the nature of concentration dictates that no more than one of them will turn out well, and the rest will suffer for the benefit of that one. The short attention spans of the electronic age only aggravate the distractibility that creates these household Hydras, and some sort of intervention seems crucial. Summer concentration camps for kids might help, beginning with electronic deprivation and intensive courses in Foucault, Kierkegaard, Gibbon, and Tolstoy. Without prolonged practice in sustained thought, each successive generation will try to multitask worse than the one before, and each will succeed.

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

drive my kids to and from school, and to many activities whether it is skiing, or soccer, or lacrosse, &c. Yet again, families and small businesses will have to bear the brunt of the governor's inability to make the hard choices.

Additionally this will definitely affect me as a Realtor, and others who travel many miles as part of their business. I travel more than 30,000 miles a year so that calculates to over \$6,600 I now have to "find" in my budget. Should I tell my children we have to eliminate some of their activities? What do I tell the local non-profit when they ask for their annual dona-

tions? And why, when we have people leaving the state every year, are we giving them another reason to leave?

Having to pay 22.2 cents per gallon is yet another hit in the face of families and small business, and is something that should be considered in the upcoming elections. This citizen and business owner will be voting with her wallet.

Alyson Mueller
Durham, NH

Disclaimer: This letter to the editor was submitted through the New Hampshire Republican State Committee website. No portion of this letter was altered

or changed at any time. All comments are original thoughts from the author not an automatically generated message.

Alyson:
Your \$6,600 figure is preposterous.

Let's assume you drive some outlandish vehicle that only gets 10 miles per gallon, so you're burning 3,000 gallons a year. Under the old tax, you'd pay 18 cents per gallon, or \$540 a year in tax.

Now you'll pay an additional four cents per gallon. That's an additional \$120 per year, or 32 cents per day. You're whining about that?

The Editor

Canine Flatulence

To the Editor:

The dire situation in Iraq is no laughing matter; nor can it be resolved by finger pointing. Someone needs to relay that message to former Vice-President Dick Cheney. No person summarized and captured my feelings about Cheney's recent commentary on Iraq better than Peter Sagal, the host of "Wait Wait....Don't Tell Me," NPR's zany weekly news quiz show and the perfect alternative to the propaganda spewing from the Fox "News" Network.

The following exchange occurred between Sagal; Bill Kurtis,

the show's MC; and Lena Thomas, a listener-contestant on last Saturday's show (7/21/14):

KURTIS (Bill reciting a quote from the news): Rarely has a U.S. president been so wrong about so much at the expense of so many.

SAGAL: That was Dick Cheney finally apologizing for the Iraq War. Just kidding. He was actually criticizing President Obama over his handling of the crisis where?

THOMAS: In Iraq.

SAGAL: Exactly.

(SOUND EFFECT OF BELL)

SAGAL: So it is not quite true

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The Inversion Perversion — Another Corporate Tax Loophole

by Jim Hightower

Corporations are funny creatures. For example, they don't want to pay their share of America's tax bill, but then they're first in line demanding subsidies, grants, and other special handouts from America's government. That's hilarious hypocrisy — but it's no laughing matter, since it means you and I have to pay more to cover their tax avoidance,

while also seeing our public money siphoned out of the programs that we need into the pockets of corporate elites, who most often use the funds against the public interest. Corporate tax dodging has become both rampant and ridiculous. Take an increasingly popular scam called "inversion," which is nothing but a perversion of tax law, business ethics, and common decency. It works like this: By

merging with a corporation based in a country with lax tax laws, a U.S. corporation can reincorporate as a citizen of that country and shift its tax obligations there, even though all or most of its profits are made from sales in the U.S. of A. Walgreens, the sprawling U.S. drugstore chain, is presently trying to use this tax-shifting film-flam by merging with a Swiss-based chain. Rather than paying

the roughly \$800 million a year tax tab it owes to our nation, Walgreens would pay maybe \$600 million to Switzerland. Through inversion (a word that means a reversal of the natural order), the giant corporation would continue to enjoy enormous profits and benefits it gets from the United States, but pay Swiss taxes. Ironically, Walgreen's crass tax ploy would also give it a competitive advantage over other American

drug stores that aren't so greedy as to abandon America and, as Sen. Dick Durbin put it, "move their headquarters for a tax break." To help eliminate this deeply unpatriotic inversion gimmick, contact Americans for Tax Fairness: www.americansfortaxfairness.org. § Copyright 2014 by Jim Hightower & Associates. Contact Laura Ehrlich (laura@jimhightower.com).

that Iraq is going to Hell. It's more like it's moving from a suburb of Hell to a new loft in the downtown entertainment district of Hell. (LAUGHTER) SAGAL: This time, the country of Iraq is being overrun by a terrorist group called ISIS, which — let's face it — is a really cool name for an organization of super villains. (LAUGHTER) SAGAL: And former Vice President Cheney gets on the TV, and he says that President Obama has made a terrible mistake by not somehow fixing the incredible mess that Mr. Cheney helped create. (LAUGHTER) SAGAL: This is nuts. This is like your dog farting and blaming you. (LAUGHTER) The Bush/Cheney Administration, which the Republican Party faithful wishes us to believe never existed, was indeed a first class emitter of anal gasses (with the Iraq invasion under false pretenses leading the way) throughout its eight year tenure; having left a lingering mushroom cloud hovering over the U.S. Cheney, with the assistance of his Right Wing propaganda machine, has continu-

ously blamed the Obama Administration for the odor of his own administration's flatulence, which just won't go away despite almost six years having passed. Wayne H. Merritt Dover, NH § Spanish Proverbs To the Editor: The Spanish Language, rich in proverbs, has one that goes, "Dime con quién andas y te diré quién eres," which literally translates as, "Tell me who you walk with, and I'll tell you who you are." It is already widely known that former Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown, the inevitable Republican nominee to challenge Senator Jeanne Shaheen for New Hampshire's U.S. Senate seat, walks with and is bought and paid for by the likes of the billionaire outsiders the Koch Brothers, who desire to buy the Senate and make it subservient to their interests. If that wasn't concern enough, we just discovered, via Security Exchange Commission filings, that Brown received a stock grant of \$1.3 million to serve on the advisory board of Global Digital Solutions, a very shady publicly traded company (potentially facing security fraud charges over public claims that it had pur-

chased the Remington Firearms Corporation), with only four employees, no revenue, no products, no trademarks, no patents, and only a "virtual office" space in West Palm Beach, Florida. Like a good friend, Brown loyally defended his ties with the company all the way up to the day he made his candidacy official in Concord, asserting "Yeah, it's a legitimate company. It's doing what every other startup company does." It should be pointed out that Brown's "legitimate company" started up 19 years ago. Conveniently citing a distraction, Brown, like a deadbeat friend, resigned from the GDSI Advisory Board just two short hours after being grilled by reporters about his role with the company and his ties to its unsavory characters, some who have already been sued for securities fraud in the past. "El amigo lo escojo yo, el pariente no," is another proverbial expression in the Spanish Language which translates as, "The friend I choose, the relative, no," with an idiomatic meaning of, "Select your friends with a silk-gloved hand." It would be wise for New Hampshire voters to put on their silk gloves, see through the folksy façade of Scott Brown, and recog-

nize him for those that he chooses to walk with and serve. Wayne Merritt Dover, NH § Another Bad Idea To the Editor: [Mush-mouthed sanctimony about graduations deleted to save space. — The Ed.] Changing the names of top-down driven programs, e.g., now Common Core, previously No Child Left Behind, continues to fail and neglects the real problems anyway. There are thousands of great and millions of good public school teachers. But thousands of bad teachers and administrators, who cannot be fired, harm school morale and deprive millions of students of their opportunities for good starts in life. We have tried sending our public schools increasing amounts of money and federal directives for decades, but that doesn't fix the problems caused by bad teachers, bad administrators, and an educational establishment stuck in the past. Charter schools provide options for the fortunate few lucky enough to get in. Some parents, even very poor parents, struggle to send their children to private

schools so they can avoid failing public schools. Their stories are heartbreaking. I recommend watching the documentary movie, "Waiting for Superman," available in many libraries, including Meredith's. Taxpayers fund great public educations, spending (in 2011) on average \$13,041 per pupil in public schools versus \$8,549, \$8,001, \$6,018 in private, charter, and Catholic schools respectively. Sadly, too many public schools don't deliver quality results. It's long past time for Americans to demand the changes needed so each child can get a good education in a good, safe school. It's time to change how public education money is spent. Every tax dollar collected for public education should be directed by a child's parents to the school the parent selects for his or her child. Don Ewing Meredith, NH Don: We are amazed that so many of our chronic civic problems, so many of which were caused in the first place by tight-fisted policies forced on the public by high-income earners who refuse to pay their fair share of taxes, can be solved so easily by destroying unions and privatizing jobs. The Editor

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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.

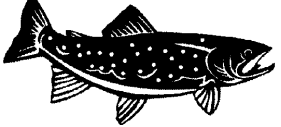
Twice a day, too, the moon lets all that water go. All the seawater that just fought its way upstream goes back home to the ocean. This is when the Piscataqua earns its title for xth fastest current. Look for the red buoy, at the upstream

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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1999—Sen. Bob Smith (R-NH) drops out of the Presidential race, and the Republican Party to boot, to run as an Independent. 1987—Warren Rudman tells Ollie North during the Iran-Contra hearings, “The American people have the constitutional right to be wrong.” 1977—Lightning strikes and human error black out New York. 1959—A sodium-cooled nuclear reactor in Simi Valley, CA has a partial meltdown, releasing 300 times more radiation than Three Mile Island, a fact kept secret for 20 years. 1950—A B-50 Superfortress crashes in Lebanon, OH, killing its crew of 16. The fissile core of the nuclear weapon on board not being installed, the crater made by its high explosives was only 25 feet deep. 1948—Israeli troops drive 70,000 Palestinians from their homes in Lydda and Remleh. 1943—Alexander Schmorell, a student and veteran, and Professor Kurt Huber, co-conspirators in the anti-Nazi pamphleteering group White Rose, are guillotined in Munich. 1863—A New York mob, enraged by draft laws exempting the rich, egged on by Democrats claiming Republicans would bring freed slaves north to replace lazy white workers, go on a three-day rampage, leveling whole blocks and attacking the offices of Horace Greeley's pro-Union <i>New York Tribune</i>.	2004—Senate Republicans try to ban gay marriage via Constitutional amendment but just can't seem to rise to the occasion. 2004—During filming of <i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i>, a rigging error drops a \$540,000 movie camera into a huge vat of chocolate. 2003—A syndicated column written by Robert “The Reptile” Novak reveals the identity of Valerie Plame, a covert CIA agent. 2000—A Florida jury orders five tobacco companies to pay \$145 billion in damages. An appeals court later lets them off the hook. 1991—A derailed tanker car full of pesticide spills into the Sacramento River killing 100,000 trout. 1989—Alabama tries twice, 19 minutes apart, to electrocute Horace F. Dunkins, who's black and developmentally-disabled. The first try fails because the chair is wired wrong. 1987—Oliver North's testimony before Congress ends; perhaps he's out of lies. 1970—Bob Haldeman informs Tom Huston that Richard Nixon has approved his despicable Plan. 1921—An important show trial ends as planned in Massachusetts: Nicolo Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti are found guilty. 1791—In Lausanne, Vevey, and Rolle, Switzerland, citizens celebrate the liberation of the Bastille, shouting “Live free or die.”	1995—A weather phenomenon called a derecho (a mesoscale convective complex) sends hurricane force winds through New York and New England, toppling thousands of trees and killing three people. 1979—Jimmy Carter delivers his “malaise” speech, in which the word “malaise” does not appear. 1974—In Florida, on live TV, newsreader Christine Chubbuck pulls a loaded pistol from a shopping bag and shoots herself dead. 1964—The Republican Party saddles itself with Barry Goldwater as a presidential candidate. 1919—The then-honesty-named War Department calls 337,000 Americans draft dodgers. 1877—President John W. Garrett, of the B & O Railroad, gives his shareholders a 10% dividend and his workers a 10% pay cut. 1865—Beach-goers in Rye, NH observe an optical illusion making the Isles of Shoals appear to be only a mile or two offshore. 1779—Troops under General “Mad Anthony” Wayne take Stony Point—and 700 prisoners—with a bayonet charge. 1685—Executioner Jack Ketch eventually beheads the Duke of Monmouth, after eight ax blows. 1381—Lollard preacher John Ball, for inspiring the Peasants' Revolt, is hanged, drawn, and quartered as Richard II looks on with approval.	1995—RIP May Sarton. 1994—Fragments of comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 crash into Saturn. 1979—A dam, badly built on shaky ground, collapses in Church Rock, NM, spilling 1,100 tons of radioactive mill waste, 93 million gallons of effluent, and as much radioactivity as Three Mile Island. 1973—Al Butterfield reveals he's been bugging the Oval office at the behest of The Man himself. 1969—<i>Apollo 11</i> blasts off, next stop: the Moon. 1963—In NYC, Tom Cornell and Chris Kearns stage the first anti-Vietnam War demonstration. 1948—Shortly after takeoff from Macao, a Catalina seaplane becomes the first commercial flight ever hijacked. It crashes. Sole survivor Wong Fu, a hijacker, is released due to jurisdictional difficulties. 1945—The Atomic Age begins with a bang at Alamogordo, NM. 1934—Workers in San Francisco conduct a four-day General Strike. 1923—In Vancouver, President Harding urges Canadians to “live long and prosper.” 1877—B & O Railroad firemen in Martinsburg, WV strike in response to wage cuts. 1858—The better to resist the allure of prostitutes, Thomas P. “Boston” Corbett castrates himself with a pair of scissors. Seven years later he will kill John Wilkes Booth.	2010—Glenn Beck fan Byron Williams, on his way to start a revolution by attacking The Tides Foundation and the ACLU, shoots it out with California Highway Patrol instead. Williams loses. 2001—The FBI announces that it can't find 449 firearms and 184 lap-top computers, including one holding classified data. 1996—Flight 800 spontaneously explodes off Long Island. Right. 1965—Art Sylvester, an American official in Saigon, tells Morley Safer “if you think any American official is going to tell you the truth, then you're stupid.” 1962—Twenty-six minutes after a small atomic bomb is tested in Nevada, a company of men from the Fourth Infantry Division marches through the blast zone. 1955—Lightning ignites a huge mine placed near Ypres in 1916. A cow is killed. 1944—Two munitions ships explode at Port Chicago, CA killing 322, mostly black bomb handlers. 1928—Partying with Mexican Revolution veterans, President Alvaro Obregón tells strolling caricaturist Leon Toral, “Make sure you make me look good.” Toral says, “I will,” and shoots him dead. 1877—Gov. Henry Mathews calls out a local militia company to suppress the Martinsburg, WV railroad strike. It sides with strikers, instead.	1985—Doped up after cancer surgery five days earlier, Ronald Reagan OKs sending arms to Iran. 1984—James O. Huberty tells his wife he's “going to hunt humans,” then kills 21 and wounds 19 at a San Diego McDonald's. A SWAT team sniper kills Huberty. His widow unsuccessfully sues McDonalds for poisoning his mind with MSG. 1981—Norman Mailer's protege Jack Abbott, on work release after a stretch for bank robbery, stabs a man to death in the East Village. 1969—Senator Ted Kennedy gives Mary Jo Kopechne a ride part of the way home from a party, takes a swim, then a nap. 1964—Harlem riots after cops kill an unarmed 15-year-old. 1944—Ordered by <i>der Führer</i> to kill a fly, aide Fritz Darges suggests since the pest is airborne a Luftwaffe adjutant ought to do the job. Hitler immediately banishes Darges to the Eastern Front. 1939—Hunter S. Thompson is born, Louisville, KY. 1938—Douglas “Wrong Way” Corrigan lands in Ireland after an unauthorized trans-Atlantic flight. 1925—H.L. Mencken is nearly run out of Dayton, TN on a rail by its pious Christian inhabitants. 1877—Governor Henry Mathews of West Virginia pleads for U.S. Marines to suppress the B & O railroad strike.	2010—Terrified by a malignly-edited <i>You Tube</i> clip, Sec. of Ag. Tom Vilsack has USDA employee Shirley Sherrod pulled over by the side of the road and fired. 2001—Deputy Chairman of the British Conservative party Lord Jeffrey Archer is convicted of perjury and sentenced to 4 years. 1994—Dining with reporters in the Capitol, Sen. Howell Heflin (D-AL) pulls what he thinks is a hankie from his pocket, and wipes his nose with a pair of panties. 1991—South Africa's government admits it paid Zulus to undermine the African National Congress. 1989—Though engine failure on a DC-10 cuts its hydraulics, most aboard survive a fiery crash in Sioux City thanks to great piloting. 1985—Concord, N.H. teacher Christa McAuliffe is chosen to be first “Teacher in Space.” 1979—Sandinistas march triumphantly into Managua. 1969—John Fairfax completes the first solo cross-Atlantic row. 1957—A two-kiloton nuclear warhead carried by an air-to-air missile explodes 18,000 feet above five Air Force volunteers at Yucca Flats. 1942—German U-boats quit the U.S. Atlantic coast due to effective counter-measures. 1848—At the first Women's Rights convention held at Seneca Falls, NY, “Bloomers” are introduced.
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2002—The FBI arrests three former NASA interns for stealing a 600 lb. safe holding moon rocks. 2002—A review finds that U.S. air strikes in Afghanistan have killed as many as 400 civilians. 2001—Lori Klausutis, 28, a Congressional aide, is found dead in the Fort Walton Beach office of Rep. Joe Scarborough (R-FL). 1989—Pres. George Herbert (Hoover) Walker Bush calls for a manned mission to Mars. His farcical notion is quickly laughed off. 1985—Mel Fisher begins hauling \$400,000,000 worth of gold off the ocean floor near Key West, FL, where it had lain for 363 years. 1984—Famed runner and fitness guru Jim Fixx, age 52, dies of a heart attack while jogging. 1973—Martial artist and fitness fanatic Bruce Lee, age 32, dies in Hong Kong. 1969—Neil Armstrong takes a walk on the moon. 1956—A scheduled election intended to reunify Vietnam is blocked by the South. The Eisenhower administration concurs. 1948—Harry Truman kicks off the U.S.'s first peacetime draft. 1944—German generals try but fail to kill Hitler with a bomb. 1877—The B & O Railroad strike spreads to Maryland, where workers threaten to blow up bridges and run trains into rivers.	2007—George W. Bush invokes the 25th Amendment, making Dick “Dick” Cheney President while Bush's colon is inspected. 2000—Long-time Texas voter Dick “Dick” Cheney registers in Wyoming to evade election laws. 2000—The FBI and ATF are cleared of wrongdoing in the 1993 Waco, TX siege which left 80 religious fanatics dead. 1971—AT&T gives the GOP \$400,000 for its 1972 convention — and dodges an anti-trust beef. 1954—Geneva Accords free Vietnam from French colonial rule; the U.S. steps in to preserve disorder. 1951—A Canadian Pacific DC-10 leaves Vancouver for Anchorage with 37 on board and disappears. 1950—Tuffi, a young elephant, becomes agitated while riding an elevated train, breaks through a window, and falls into a river in Germany. She survives. 1919—A burning dirigible crashes through the glass skylight of a Chicago bank killing 13. 1918—The German sub <i>U-156</i> lands a few shells on the beach at Orleans, MA while shelling and sinking the tug <i>Perth Amboy</i> — the first time the U.S. mainland has been attacked since 1812. 1877—Pittsburgh militia bayonet and shoot railroad strikers (20 die). Surviving strikers burn 39 buildings and wreck 104 locomotives.	2003—In Mosul, Iraq, U.S. troops kill the Hussein brothers. 2001—“I know what I believe,” says G. W. Bush. “I will continue to articulate what I believe and what I believe — I believe what I believe is right.” 1991—Milwaukee police arrest Jeffrey Dahmer, the cannibal. 1975—Owen J. Quinn parachutes from the top of the South Tower of New York's World Trade Center. 1974—More than 600 young Moonies begin a three-day fast on the steps of the U.S. Capitol and pray for Richard Nixon. 1946—Irgun bombs the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, killing 91. 1934—In Chicago, FBI agents shoot John Dillinger in the back. 1916—A bomb kills 10 and wounds 40 during a Preparedness Day parade in San Francisco. Perjured testimony sends two innocent men to prison for twenty years. 1915—The excursion steamer <i>Eastland</i> nearly tips over at the dock in Chicago, but it's hushed up to prevent loss of business. 1905—Henderson's Point vanishes from the Piscataqua, thanks to 60,000 tons of dynamite. 1877—Militiamen shoot their way out of Pittsburgh, killing 20 more strikers on the way. 1816—Percy Bysshe Shelley registers at a hotel at Mont Blanc, lists his destination as “L'Enfer.” 1620—<i>Mayflower</i> sets sail.	2009—Alerted to the presence of an “eccentric-looking” man in the yard of a Long Branch, NJ home, police arrest Bob Dylan. 2002—Top intelligence officials in Britain warn Tony Blair that the U.S. is “fixing” intelligence to match policy to justify war against Iraq. 1982—While filming the movie <i>Twilight Zone</i>, Vic Morrow is decapitated by a helicopter blade. 1983—Air Canada Flight 143 runs out of gas halfway from Montreal to Edmonton. The “Gimli Glider” coasts more than 100 miles to a successful landing. 1969—James Brown walks out of LA Mayor Sam Yorty's office when the mayor is late to present him with a proclamation. 1967—Cops raid a blind pig in Detroit, interrupting a welcome home party for two Vietnam veterans. A five day riot ensues, and 43 die. 1944—International Monetary Fund and World Bank are created in Bretton Woods, NH. The town's first tax collector was Daniel Fowle. 1886—Bookie Steve Brodie stages a dubious dive off the Brooklyn Bridge and turns the resulting notoriety into a career of sorts. 1877—During the railroad strike in Reading, PA, the State Militia shoots ten civilians dead. 1846—Henry David Thoreau is jailed for refusing to pay a \$1 poll tax to support the Mexican War.	2008—A tornado hits 9 towns along a 20-mile path in central NH, killing an Epsom woman. 2003—A congressional report says the FBI and the CIA disregarded warnings of a possible Al Qaeda attack on the U.S. 2003—In Iraq, the U.S. displays photos of the corpses of Uday and Qusay Hussein. 2002—The Pentagon begins its largest, costliest war game ever, “Millennium Challenge,” testing D. Rumsfeld's “Transformation” theories. The “Red Force” quickly “sinks” sixteen ships. 2002—For accepting bribes and kickbacks, James Traficant (D-OH) is booted from the U.S. House of Representatives. 1974—The Supreme Court votes 8-0 that Richard Nixon must turn over his Oval Office tapes. 1961—The first U.S. airliner is hijacked to Cuba. 1959—During the “Kitchen Debate” in Moscow, Nikita Khrushchev mockingly asks Richard Nixon if Americans have machines to push food down their throats. 1951—Hanscomb AFB personnel report a UFO, “grayish with many black spots,” over Portsmouth, NH flying at 800 to 1,000 mph. 1816—In Alfred, ME, for reasons unknown, farmer Daniel Davis shoots Old Bet, an elephant being exhibited by Hackaliah Bailey.	2000—In a touching display of <i>naïveté</i>, George W. Bush announces that he has picked Dick “Dick” Cheney as running mate. 1990—U.S. Ambassador April Glaspie tells Saddam Hussein that the U.S. won't take sides in an Iraq-Kuwait border dispute. 1972—U.S. health officials admit blacks were used as guinea pigs in a 40 year syphilis experiment. 1969—Ted Kennedy gets two month suspended sentence for leaving the scene of an accident. 1965—Bob Dylan outrages purists at Newport Folk Festival by playing electric guitar. 1946—The first bikini is seen at a Paris fashion show. Same day: the first underwater A-Bomb is exploded, at Bikini Atoll. 1909—Louis Blériot becomes the first man to fly across the English Channel. 1898—The U.S. invades Puerto Rico. 1853—Legendary bandit Joaquin Murietta is killed in California. His head is severed, put in a jar of brandy, and displayed until it is finally lost in the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906. 1826—“Nothing succeeds with me,” says Decembrist revolutionary Mikhail Bestuzhev-Ryumin after the hangman's first rope breaks. “Even here I meet with disappointment.”	1979—Three and a half feet of rain fall on Alvin, TX. 1968—Nguyen Van Thieu, winner of 1967 Vietnamese presidential election, jails the runner-up. Same day: Mexican troops arrest thousands of students, shoot hundreds, kill dozens. 1967—In Detroit, police and National Guardsmen “investigating reports of a sniper” at the Algier Motel murder three black men and beat hell out of a bunch more. 1967—French Pres. deGaulle endorses sovereignty for Quebec. 1959—Engine failure forces U.S.M.C. Lt. Col William Rankin, then flying above a thunderstorm, to eject from his F-8 fighter jet. Updrafts keep him aloft for 40 minutes amid lightning, hail, and sub-zero temperature. He survives. 1947—The National Security Act, correcting flaws in the Constitution, turns the War Department into the Defense Department, and creates the CIA and NSA. 1890—A tornado rips through Lawrence, MA, destroying 35 homes and killing eight people. 1877—In Chicago, at the Battle of the Viaduct, Federal troops kill 30 striking railroad workers. 1758—The French fortress of Louisburg, taken by New Englanders in 1744 and given back by Britain three years later, is re-taken by the British.
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