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The Fortnightly Rant

Cloudy, With a Chance of Scandal

It is a vexing and perplexing paradox — nearly enough to make one wonder about the purported benevolence of our alleged Intelligent Designer. Out of all the many means of self-organization which mankind has tried since Mount Toba exploded in Sumatra some 70,000 years ago, reducing the planet's human population to that of Alstead today, democracy appears to be the best. Yet nothing makes self-governance appear quite so repulsive as the election campaigns required to sustain it.

Aspersions are cast, accusations are leveled, individuals are demonized, and seemingly random factoids are bandied about with callous disregard for the truth. And just to heighten the irony a bit further, the one thing that makes this deluge of dreck possible is something few of us would willingly do without: the First Amendment.

It falls to our lot, as the nation's most-senior news organization, to launch ourselves into this flood tide of deception and dissimulation, sieve through its sewage, retrieve what seems useful, and try to present it in some way that makes sense. We do so with relish; the more depraved and debauched the process, the more entertaining it becomes.

Fit For the Peoples' House?

Carol Shea-Porter, a Democrat, is the incumbent in New Hampshire's notoriously fickle First District.*

The conventional wisdom, since she first unseated Wolfeboro Republican Jeb Bradley in 2006, has

been that her hold on the office is tenuous.

That assessment has merit, but Shea-Porter is tenacious. She prevailed against Bradley's comeback attempt in 2008; and, after being unseated by Frank Guinta in the 2010 Tea Party wave, she turned the tables on him in 2012.

In other words, of the last four elections for this seat, Guinta has won one, and Shea-Porter has won three.

The situation would seem to call for the strongest, least-assailable candidate available. For some reason Republicans went with Frank Guinta.

He's Agin' It

Guinta has gone on record in favor of abolishing the IRS and establishing a regressive flat tax in its place.

He also wants to abolish the Department of Education.

He opposes raising the minimum wage.

He would repeal Obamacare.

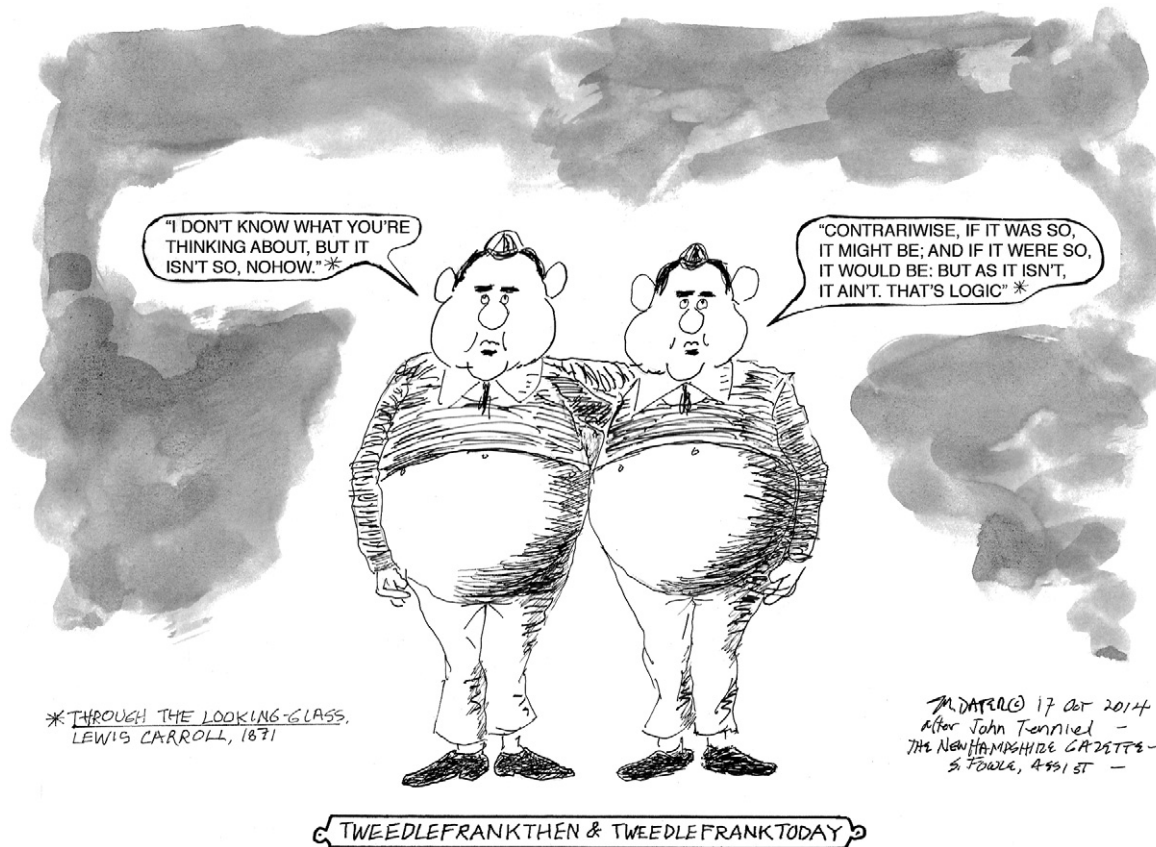
Guinta is anti-choice, even in cases when an abortion would save the mother's life.

He even opposed the \$20 million TIGER grant which was instrumental in getting the new Memorial Bridge built.

Guinta was against "the stimulus," which, according to the Congressional Budget Office, created 3.3 million jobs, cut unemployment by 1.8 percent, and boosted the GDP by 4.1 percent.

He denies that manmade climate change has been scientifically proven and opposes any climate change related legislation.

* "Politically, the 1st district may be the most competitive Congressional District in the country. It has a Cook Partisan Voting Index of EVEN, indicating that it generally votes in line with the country as a whole. Of the nine districts nationwide with a CPVI of EVEN, this is the only District that has ousted three incumbents in the past ten years, and is also the only District of the nine where no candidate has won more than 54 percent of the vote since 2004." — Wikipedia.



He's Fur It

There are things that Guinta supports: school vouchers, for example, and the teaching of creationism in public schools.

He voted for Paul Ryan's plan to turn Medicare into a voucher system, and also supports the Patriot Act, saying, "you either stand with the terrorists or you stand with freedom and protecting Americans."

Finally he favored the ham-handed sequester which cost hundreds of thousands of jobs and slowed the economy.

He Denies It

Guinta was elected with the Tea Party wave of 2010, saying at the time that he would caucus with Michele Bachmann's Tea Party Caucus. Even amid that Tea Party cohort, he was ranked the House's 31st most conservative Member. Lately, though, he's tried to distance himself from that stance and he's been a bit prickly about being "labeled" a Tea Partier. If it looks

like a small paper sack containing dark leafy matter, though ...

He has also backed away from the hope he expressed in 2010 that "future generations [would] see different private sector solutions" to destitution among the elderly. "My kids are 6 and 5," he said. "They shouldn't know what Social Security is."

Before the 2010 election, Guinta harshly criticized Shea-Porter for her unremarkable use of Congressional mailing privileges, or franking. In April of 2012, the House's chief administrative officer reported that Guinta had spent more in 2011 — \$164,650 — than any other Member.

The Whiff of Corruption

So much for policy vegetables — how about some scandalous dessert? Guinta's career is full of things that hint at ethical laxity. The evening in June, 2009, for example, when the then-Mayor of Manchester scuttled out of a bar in the wake of a legendary brawl.

He has bragged about an endorsement by our ethically-challenged ex-Governor Craig Benson. He invited questions about pay-to-play governance when he sucked up to the Koch brothers — among his biggest campaign backers — just two days after being sworn in.

The pièce de résistance, of course, is the \$355,000 which magically appeared on Guinta's books just in time to boost his campaign and help him win in 2010. Even ex-NHGOP chair Fergus Cullen finds that more than a little suspicious.

"I don't believe [Guinta's] vague and shifting explanations about [its] origins," Cullen wrote. "[Guinta's] one subpoena away from a full-blown scandal."

No Silver Lining

Sadly, if Guinta is somehow elected, the GOP will surely prevent the Ethics Committee from getting to the bottom of that longstanding mystery.

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Rambunctious Republicans Running Amok

Only 18 more days until the election, and the excitement runneth over — or maybe it's just the beer. Scott Brown accepted an invitation from College Republicans last Saturday and attended their UNH Wildcat tailgate party. According to WMUR's Adam Sexton, he received a "high energy and, at times, rowdy reception."

Unconfirmed reports, which his campaign denied, said Brown handed out beer to the partygoers. The point is moot — it's not as if they needed any assistance.

Another element of the festivities, undeniable since it was

captured on video, was a series of loud and explicitly obscene taunts directed at Senators Jeanne Shaheen and Elizabeth Warren. Brown displayed no visible reaction.

The times being what they are, one student threw an arm around Brown's neck and took a photo with the cellphone in his other hand. Now he has a selfie showing, from right to left, his own face, Scott Brown's, and an empty orange beer koozie emblazoned with the message, "Scott Brown Is In The Barrel For Big Oil."

Constitutional Sheriff News

Brown won't be getting a vote from Jerry DeLemus, either.

James Pindell reported in the *Union Leader* on October 11th

that DeLemus, a candidate for Strafford County Sheriff, "wants Republican U.S. Senate candidate Scott Brown to move back to Massachusetts and take with him his positions on gun control and abortion, something DeLemus intensely told Brown to his face a few days earlier at a local fair."

Intrigued, we searched for video of that encounter but came up empty. We found the next best thing, though, at *SusanTheBruce.blogspot.com*: a video in which DeLemus says that "Scott Brown a 2nd Amendment trompler [sic]. He tromples on the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution."

Pindell wrote about following DeLemus as he knocked on doors in Rochester and explained why

he's running: he believes New Hampshire needs sheriffs willing to join Right Wing crank Richard Mack's Constitutional Sheriff and Police Officers Association.

Recent Connecticut transplant Debbie Heinly told Pindell she probably won't vote for DeLemus. "To her," Pindell explained, "a constitutionalist means someone aligned with the ACLU and that is too liberal for her."

A 2nd District Beauty Contest

After a lede like "I don't plan to say anything really offensive here," most people have a pretty good idea of what will follow.

Rep. Steve Vaillancourt [R-Manchevegas] did not disappoint with his October 13th post at *NHInsider.com*.

Spurred by vaguely remembered polling data he vaguely recalled seeing on Fox News' 3:00 a.m. "Red Eye" program, which purported to show that more attractive candidates have an electoral advantage, Vaillancourt then launched into an unofficial, text-based beauty contest for New Hampshire's 2nd Congressional District.

In Vaillancourt's judgment, GOP challenger Marilinda Garcia is "one of the mot [sic] attractive women on the political scene anywhere, not so attractive as to be intimidating [sic], but truly attractive."

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As for the incumbent, he writes, "Let's be honest. Does anyone not believe that Congressman Annie Kuster is as ugly as sin? And I hope I haven't offended sin."

Loath to let the depths of his tastelessness go unplumbed, Vaillancourt [see inset] followed up with a rambling, 235-word anecdote about a bar in Montreal that caters to drag queens, in order to unfavorably compare Kuster to its clientele.

Vaillancourt's oafish remarks have now been reported by the likes of the *Huffington Post*, *DailyKos*, and *USA Today*, thanks to Portsmouth's own William Tucker, who reads *NHInsider.com* so the rest of us don't have to.

A Lesson in Lack of Civility

We're also indebted to Tucker for an item about a Republican

lesson about the dispensibility of civility.

On his campaign website, District Four Executive Council candidate Bob Burns makes a bold claim.

"Many candidates will talk about civility and compromise during this election cycle," Burns writes, "and I think these features are important, but not at the expense of accountability or principle."

To demonstrate his willingness to sacrifice civility, when *Portsmouth Herald* reporter Elizabeth Dinan reported on a "pimp accused of withholding heroin to control women," Burns tweeted, "Wow did he learn this strategy from the NHDems?"

As for Burns' reference to compromise, we suspect his position is much like that of many other modern Republican conservatives — if we may be allowed the use of that oxymoron. He's not just willing to compromise, he's polite



about it, too — insisting that "the Democrat Party" go first.

Award-Winning "Local" Daily

The *Portsmouth Herald*, our semi-beloved Award-Winning Local Daily, announced "a make-over of its content and design" on September 15, its first since 2007.

Executive Editor Howard Altschiller promised "a fresh, new look ... better organized and consistent in its presentation of news, sports, features and community content."

These improvements were possible, Altschiller explained, because "All this new content will be published on a new content management system, which ties together our newspapers and the newly redesigned *Seacoastonline* Web site, allowing us to seamlessly publish across platforms."

Though Altschiller did not say so, this boon to readers is undoubtedly the result of the AWLD's purchase last September by GateHouse Media. He also left out one of journalism's famous Five Ws: "Where is this glorious work being accomplished?"

Our crystal ball says Austin, Texas. Last summer, before GateHouse bought the *Herald*, the newspaper chain announced that it would "establish a new Center for News & Design" in the Texas capitol, which would provide "centralized copy editing and page design for the company's hundreds of publications."

A GateHouse press release said the company took this step after it "engaged Frank Magid Associates ... on a research-based initiative to better understand consumer interests, attitudes and behaviors with respect to local news, most specifically, GateHouse's own papers."

For readers unfamiliar with the *arcane* of public relations, here's how *WallStCheatSheet.com* headlined its obituary of the company's former CEO: "Founding Father of Infotainment Passes On."

"Are you disgusted that news outlets have turned into circus shows? You can thank Frank Magid and send him a prayer."

"During the 1970s, corpora-

tions started pressuring news networks to ramp up ratings. Magid stepped in with the coveted solution: turn news into entertainment. Walter Cronkite did not exactly love the idea: 'Any real newsman knows that sort of stuff is balderdash. It's cosmetics, pretty packaging — not substance.'

"In Magid's defense, he was only meeting viewer demand. And, as time has proven, his formula did improve the popularity of 'news' in the U.S."

"For those who prefer hypnotic graphics, ideologues, hyperbole, and news curated to present an incredibly biased view of the world, hold your grief: Frank Magid Associates is still the go to consultancy for top news corporations."

Three days after Altschiller's article ran, Laura Snyder Smith posted a farewell at the paper's website, *SeacoastOnline*. Smith had worked for the *Herald* for eight years, and the *York County Coast Star* for nine.

"Oh, the irony when GateHouse Media recently named me



One year ago the City dedicated a new Veterans Memorial Circle, courtesy of local military-industrialist James W. Teetzel, featuring a flag for each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. It should come as no surprise that the Flag Police take an interest in this civic monument.

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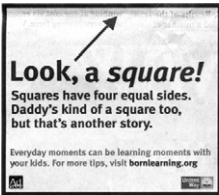
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"While I was obviously disappointed to learn my position would be outsourced to a centralized design desk in Texas (will they even be able to pronounce Kennebunk or spell Ogunquit?) I never considered leaving Kennebunk to relocate to Texas. Remote pagination changes everything, and I believe community journalists belong in the towns we cover."

On October 3rd, the new, improved AWLD published a two-column public service ad promoting the website *BornLearning.com*. We show it here reduced in size but with its proportions intact.



We measured the original alleged square, using the metric system to keep things simple. It was 84 mm wide and 73 mm high.



Bruce Cultrera, the owner of Seacoast Helicopters, has consistently said that his aircraft always fly at an altitude of at least 1,000 feet. Does this thing look as if it's 1,000 feet from the ground?

Little Red %\$#& Helicopters

WMUR TV's program "New Hampshire Chronicle" represents the fruition of Frank Magid's mission: brief, cheery, expertly-produced segments frequently highlighting local businesses in a relentlessly positive light.

On September 29th, "Chronicle" began a six-minute bit about Seacoast Helicopters with this rapturous description: "Imagine soaring with the birds ... almost floating, a thousand feet in the air, flying above a colorful coastline pulsing with life, a mesmerizing perspective miles in all directions, the world below, seemingly in miniature."

No doubt that's exactly what it's like. From 1,000 feet up — or 800, or 600 — it would be impossible to pick out individuals on the ground, their upraised fists and single digits being shaken in your general direction.

Local entrepreneur and habitual noise polluter Bruce Cultrera certainly gave no sign of being aware that he had ever disturbed anyone's peace. "I always tell the employees our prime product is smiles," he said for the obliging



camera. "That's what we do, is we make smiles."

Blind pigs may occasionally find truffles, and infotainment may occasionally contain newsworthy nuggets. In an August 21st *Portsmouth Herald* article Cultrera was quoted saying, "...we don't fly directly over downtown ... we're carrying tourists who have cameras and they're gawking ... you can't see what's directly under the helicopter. We go around the outskirts of downtown."

In the "Chronicle" piece, Cultrera contradicted himself. He said his "fifteen minute [tour] package does basically the Greater Portsmouth area. We do the Piscataqua River, the bridges, Wentworth by the Sea, the shipyard, and downtown Portsmouth." So, even free publicity comes at a price.

Good News, Everyone!

City Attorney Bob Sullivan opened the Public Forum on City Noise Issues held at City Hall on October 2nd with an encouraging

introduction to public nuisance law. If enough people are bothered by a given specific noisemaker — which clearly seems to be the case with helicopters — then the city can step in and bring a lawsuit. If it is successful, then the city can get "an order from a court telling the nuisance, the noisemaker in this case, to stop doing it."

Another Correction

Our paper of July 25th erroneously reported that FAA regulations require helicopters to maintain an altitude of at least 1,000 feet. We corrected the error in our paper of August 8th. The FAA doesn't care how low helicopters fly.

We have since learned that our July 25th paper contained a second error. "[A]s with motorcycles," we wrote, "so it is with helicopters: the more beautiful the day, the more likely its peace will be shattered by some infernal mechanical contraption."

We learned we were wrong

about that on Saturday, October 11th. The weather was hardly beautiful; it rained most of the morning and the temperature just barely crept above 50° for a few hours. The little red helicopters, though, seemed to fly all day long — and after dark, too. Unfortunately we failed to keep a tally. The following day, though, we counted 18 overflights.

Dueling Assertions

Bruce Cultrera has stated numerous times that his helicopters always fly at 1,000 feet or higher. We have doubted that since they first appeared.

An experienced pilot has confirmed our suspicion. He believes that they routinely fly at about 800 feet.

What's more, we believe, based on direct observation, that in recent weeks Cultrera's little red helicopters have frequently flown considerably lower.

Not that there's anything illegal about that.

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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Obamaphobia Strikes Again!

To the Editor:

Dear Left Wing and Independent readers, and all others that think our President walks on water. Either because of his cunning or conning he has lead [sic] America to a place we do not want to be. He has rifled our resources, over spent, passed legislation without it going through our legislators. And Congress has allowed him a pass. WHY??

He is not that mesmerizing! He is as close to being the devil incarnate, as one can imagine. Now he is aligning with the UN on all our issues. The only way to regain America and try to recover from a six-year negative blitz on our resources is to vote Republican, whether you like them or not. It is time to neuter this element that does not favor our culture or our sovereignty. Any time he is appearing, which is seldom, to be doing something good for America, their is an ulterior motive somewhere.

So don't think he is just a neophyte; someone is pulling his strings, because he is a puppet for far, far Left values. He does not need to play President that is why he plays so much golf.

The people that believe in our Constitution and Bill of Rights will vote Republican, and maybe if the Right controls both the House and Senate, we will find the truth of the last six years.

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.

Gary I. Gansburg
Portsmouth, NH

Gary:

Clearly you are frightened out of your wits. A more compassionate Editor would talk you down and explain logically why your fears are groundless. Since we are of a more vicious and intemperate sort, we'll try injecting the following insidious thought into your cerebrum.

Start with President Obama's last name. Swap out the innocuous first vowel and replace it with an "E" — for Evil, of course. Swap out the second vowel and replace it with an "o," for Oh, No!" Then replace the last consonant with an "L," which rhyming with "Hell." Let that steep in your brain pan for at least three weeks — without leaving your house!

When you emerge, on Friday, November 7th, the election will be over and you will not have done any damage.

The Editor

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How NH's Tax on the 1% Became a Tax on the 99%

To the Editor:

New Hampshire's Interest and Dividends Tax has strayed very far from its roots as a tax on the rich.

The tax was created in 1923, at the end of the Progressive Era. In the Nineteenth Century, most taxes were property taxes. After the Civil War, as the industrial revolution transformed the economy, it became clear that an increasing amount of economic activity — dividends, capital gains, CEO bonuses, &c. — was never taxed, leaving property owners to carry the load alone.

The solution at the Federal level was the income tax. New

Hampshire took a different route, adopting a tax on interest and dividends. It was designed to be a tax on the wealthy. Most working class people had little or no interest and dividend income. In addition, interest earned on accounts in New Hampshire banks was exempt, which had the dual purpose of excluding the small saver from tax, and also encouraging the retention of capital in New Hampshire.

Over the last twenty years, the legislature has transformed the Interest and Dividends Tax into something its creators would not recognize.

First, there was a Constitutional challenge brought by wealthy taxpayers in the 1990s, arguing that the tax violated the "commerce clause" of the U.S. Constitution, because the exemption for interest paid by New Hampshire banks gave those banks an unfair advantage. The State of New Hampshire eventually conceded in court that the exemption was unconstitutional, and the legislature eliminated the exemption for interest from New Hampshire banks effective January 1, 1995. Savers who had deposited their savings in New Hampshire banks were suddenly subject to New Hampshire income tax.

Second, the standard exemption from tax has remained unchanged at \$2,400 since 1997. If the exemption amount had kept pace with inflation, it would be over \$3,500 today.

Third, dividends paid by corporations are taxed, but dividends paid by most limited liability companies (those with non-transferable shares) are exempt from tax. This is a huge loophole, which gets bigger every year. Over the past five years, hundreds of New Hampshire corporations have converted to LLC status, transforming their dividends from taxable to non-taxable. Remember when Walgreens planned a "cor-

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porate inversion," to avoid paying U.S. tax? We have our own tax-avoiding "inversions" here in New Hampshire. Change the name from "Inc." to "LLC" and you have spun taxable income into non-taxable income.

Fourth, the legislature has recently exempted all trusts from interest and dividends tax. This means a trust can accumulate interest and dividend income free of any New Hampshire tax. Not surprisingly, there is a cottage industry among New Hampshire lawyers to create trusts for wealthy clients. Stock and bond portfolios are transferred into these new trusts, and the interest and dividends earned on those portfolios are not subject to interest and dividends tax so long as the income is accumulated. When the accumulations are paid out, only the income of the most recent year is taxable — the accumulated income from previous years can be distributed tax-free.

So there you have it. Average people do not have lobbyists in Concord. Over the past twenty years, they have seen their New Hampshire bank interest subject to tax, and they have seen the value of their exemption eroded by inflation. The result is that some retirees pay interest and dividends tax on the money they saved for retirement, even though their income is too low to owe any federal income tax.

Meanwhile, the lobbyists for the wealthy have worked their magic. Their clients are busy converting their corporations into limited liability companies, and transferring their portfolios into trusts, all to avoid the interest and dividends tax. We are now seeing the results. Interest and dividends tax revenue for the 2014 fiscal year was 17 percent below projections.

We are told that the State must

"live within its means." What we aren't told is that the "means" of the State are being whittled away by lobbyists, as they carve out tax benefits for their clients. Meanwhile, the citizens of New Hampshire who look to the State to provide a social safety net, environmental protection, well-maintained state parks, and affordable higher education, have a legislature that cannot do the job because the revenue has slipped away.

Mark D. Fernald
Peterborough, NH

Mark:

We cannot thank you enough for this lucid explanation of one of the many ways the rich get richer while the rest of us sink further into the mire of debt and wage slavery — a proposition which many of those would endorse who will, this November 4th, mark their ballots to make things even worse.

The Editor

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The Market for Corn Stocks

To the Editor:

Spotted a sign side of the road in Vermont: "Corn Stocks for sale."

I didn't buy. Although they have been rising all summer, they tend to be seasonal and may soon fall.

They may be so worthless that those with large holdings might as well chop them up and feed the cows with them.

Your investments may vary.

Ken Fowle
Hillsborough, NH

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No, Mr. Guinta

To the Editor:

This week, Frank Guinta got an entire hour on public radio to answer questions from the host. After aggressively courting the vote from the New Hampshire Tea Party base during the primary, you would never have guessed

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And Other Correspondence

this was the same Frank Guinta. Or was it?

In dulcet tones, he was oh-so-conciliatory and reassuring as he tilted to the political center. He wants to return to Washington to “find common ground” with the Democrats. He disavowed the political tactics of the “national Republicans.” He waffled on a plank of the recent state Republican Party platform which he participated in crafting, saying “they’re gonna do what they want to do.” Hmmm ... wonder what the party faithful think about that, Mr. Guinta?

No, just because you try to hide in sheep’s clothing, Mr. Guinta, you cannot hide from the votes you cast in Washington. You were a foot soldier for John Boehner’s obstructionist Do Nothing Congress which voted dozens of times to change or repeal the Affordable Care Act without proposing any comprehensive alternative. Now you say you know “the President is not going to repeal his signature legislation.” And you voted for the Paul Ryan budget to balance the budget on the backs of the poor. We remember you as a Tea Party stalwart. The *National Journal* rated you the 31st most conservative member of Congress. This is the real Mr. Guinta.

No, Mr. Guinta, you will not be going back to Washington. We will re-elect the steady, consistent problem solving leadership of Carol Shea-Porter on November 4th.

Jonathan Caldwell
Stratham, NH

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Incredible Dishonesty

To the Editor:

By now we’re all turned off by the tsunami of negative political ads. And what really is outrageous is when some of them are so boldly and incredibly dishonest.

The one that stands out most is the Scott Brown ad where he dresses up in a military uniform and actually tries to manipulate our legitimate fear and concern about ISIS, as he tries to whip up concern about border security, both for his own political benefit. And as if that wasn’t bad enough, the ad is so shamefully dishonest it is breathtaking.

He tries to claim that Shaheen is less dedicated to protecting national security. What is most outrageous is how shockingly dishonest it is. The fact is that when he was Massachusetts’ senator, Scott Brown missed every single hearing on border security as a member of the Senate Homeland Security Committee. Considering the truth, it is truly impressive he can have the nerve to say such false things about Shaheen.

So the fact is he is the one with the poor record on national security. I’ve been in politics for a great many years; this ad takes the cake for most amazing dishonesty.

There are lots of good reasons why Jeanne Shaheen is so appreciated by both Republicans and Democrats: she has dedicated her life to serving New Hampshire and her work has clearly made a difference for the better.

So let’s see: a blatantly dishonest carpetbagger or an effective and responsive public servant. Your choice November 4th.

Burt Cohen
New Castle, NH

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The Real Election Fraud

To the Editor:

The political season is on, and our mailboxes swell with campaign fliers. One I received from the New Hampshire Republican State Committee a few days ago ought to be an embarrassment to Republicans. The flyer claims that Rep. Carol Shea-Porter, who’s

again in a tight race with Republican Frank Guinta, just loves flying first-class at taxpayer expense. As evidence, the flyer shows a “boarding pass” in the name of Carol Shea-Porter for First Class seat 2B, leaving from Gate 19 at 8:42 p.m. on Wings Airline.

Really? There’s no airport on this boarding pass. Google can find no “Wings Airline.” The closest hit is Wings Air, a low-budget, economy-class-only service hopping among the islands of ... Indonesia.

In case this fraud scores no points with voters, the other side of the flyer carries the debunked claim that Obamacare has forced 22,000 New Hampshire residents to lose their health insurance. Politifacts last year called that claim false.

The truth is that the Anthem insurance company cancelled these policies in 2013 on the grounds that they were non-compliant with the Affordable Care Act. But Shea-Porter worked with Anthem to let people enroll in new plans and keep their current doctors and hospitals — and to extend the enrollment deadline.

No room on the GOP flyer for those details. Or to mention that the same number of New Hampshire residents who had no health insurance at all — 22,000 — now have it, thanks to Obamacare.

Voters deserve better than this bottom-of-the-barrel stuff.

Robert Gillette
Wolfeboro, NH

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Guns Are Not Firearms

[We received the following gibberish, context-free, from David Johnson, ex-advisor to former New Hampshire State Rep. Stella Tremblay [R-Auburn]. — The Editor]

Ordinary pistols, shotguns, and rifles are not firearms therefore not subject to firearms statutes or codes.

Statutes and codes are for municipalities/persons not people.

Neither U.S. or states can make law for people as they are foreign corporations, in bankruptcy, under U.N./I.M.F. organization.

Any attempt by a state agent to enforce color or law upon the living people eliminates any civil immunity they had.

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If or whenever a state agent receives advice on this matter from a crown temple B.A.R. attorney, please have them put their advice in writing, under oath with risk of the pain and penalty of perjury, and signed by them before witnesses.

B.A.R. attorneys are foreign agents.

[Deleted: text of U.S. Code Title 26, Subtitle E, Chapter 53, Subchapter B, Part I, § 5845.]

David Johnson

[Undisclosed Location]

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State Trooper Backs Hassan

To the Editor:

Having been involved in New Hampshire law enforcement for over thirty years (including 23 years as a State Trooper), I’m disappointed in Walt Havenstein’s most recent claim. I read the other day that Havenstein is criticizing Governor Hassan’s record on public safety, and I’m writing to say that’s nothing but a shameful attempt to score political points.

Despite what Havenstein is saying, the truth is that Governor Hassan has been a strong advocate for law enforcement. As Governor, Hassan has secured funding to hire more state troopers, something that I personally know the state needs more of. On top of that, she has consistently worked with law enforcement to pass and sign laws that makes their jobs easier and our communities safer.



As for the bill sponsored by then State Senator Hassan that Havenstein is criticizing, he should know that law enforcement asked for that bill and it had widespread bipartisan support.

So either Walt Havenstein just doesn’t pay enough attention to what’s going on in this state and doesn’t know all that Governor Hassan has done to bolster law enforcement, or he just doesn’t care and will find any excuse he can to attack the Governor. Either way, the people of New Hampshire and the law enforcement community deserves better.

As a retired member, I am proud that the New Hampshire Troopers Association has endorsed Governor Maggie Hassan’s reelection.

Mark Mitchell
Barrington, NH

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Important 2014 Elections

To the Editor:

2014 is an important election because there are choices to be made that will define who we are as a country. Some important issues to consider are raising minimum wage, equal pay for equal work legislation, and allowing students to refinance their student loans. Whose side do you stand on?

Do we want a government that works for working people or one that protects tax loopholes for the

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Kissing Contracts

by William Marvel

Just when the lunatic side of American society appears to have shot its wad, some new idea reminds us that things could always be worse. Usually that idea surfaces first in California, but it is always embraced immediately in New York, whereupon it eventually infects the heartland like intellectual Ebola via the television industry in those two states.

On September 28th, Governor Jerry Brown signed a bill into law that will cut off the funding of any post-secondary institution in California that fails to require contracts between students who engage in sex. The bill doesn't quite say that, but that's what it effectively means. According to Section 2(a), paragraph 1 of the new three-page addition to California's Education Code, the policy shall include an "affirmative consent standard" in determining whether both parties agreed to sexual activity. Passive or even

active body language isn't good enough, and neither is silence, so obviously it has to at least be verbal. "Affirmative consent must be ongoing throughout a sexual activity," this law insists.

How frequently must that active and necessarily vocal consent be obtained, I wonder? What about those interludes — hopefully of some duration — during which one party or the other can't exactly talk? Do you have to stop and renegotiate? Does it have to be "Yes! Yes! Yes!" all the time, every time?

Verbal agreements are considered contracts, and any fool can see that this will inevitably lead to a requirement for written contracts the first time a claim of "affirmative consent" is disputed. Given the breadth of activity that can pass for sexual assault, that contract had best be signed before the first kiss, and you would probably be well advised to hammer out a codicil before you decide to put a little tongue in it.

I'm sure all the details will be determined by case law. Boilerplate contracts will soon be available online, with numerous pairs of blank lines running down the page for initialing the "ongoing" consent; I can't wait to hear the street names for them. The Bombay Company could make a bundle selling romantic rosewood "dating clipboards" for those contracts, with adhesive backing that sticks to the wall and a pen hanging from a lanyard. Better yet would be an electronic version with a "yes" button — a "she was easy" version of that big red thing at the Staples counter.

Once things get that complicated, though, I wonder if handwritten contracts will still be valid. I can envision that a lot of them would be written on cocktail napkins (which would make that phrase even more of a double entendre). I should think they would stand up in court, unless the penmanship was too hurried.

I was surprised that Jerry Brown



would subject the young people of California to such coital control. After all, he's the guy who used to canoodle with Linda Ronstadt in her prime — the one time in his life that any man in America would have voted for him. I wonder if he got affirmative consent, and if so where that priceless document now lies. Jerry is 76 years old now, and perhaps the pleasure of stealing a kiss from a coy accomplice lies too far behind for him to realize how much cold water he is throwing on several hundred years of Western tradition.

With a single girl freshly graduated from college, my wife and I were thinking the other night that perhaps there was a positive side to this governmental effort to

micromanage individual lives. To be perfectly honest, I was the only one thinking it, but I believe the consideration has merit. Any time a young lady seems to be getting a little too familiar with some male creature, a parent could just step in and ask to see his papers. If everything were not in order, it would just be a matter of sending him down the road.

Some may see other social value in these sack pacts. They might reduce the number of "fatherless" children in the welfare system, for instance. I suppose they would also put a real damper on extramarital affairs: upon being found out, in most cases the offending party tries to assert that it "just happened," but a signed contract would make that standard explanation a little more difficult to sustain. The practice could have saved us a presidential impeachment, and just think of the biographical potential in that new paper trail. It would also help with remembering names.

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

very rich?

Democrats are for raising the minimum wage and believe that no one should work full-time and still live in poverty. House Republicans have consistently voted against the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2013. Remember, there has not been a raise in minimum wage in seven years.

Hard to believe that we are still debating a law that is about equal pay for equal work. Democrats believe that the Paycheck Fairness Act will help secure equal pay for equal work for all Americans. The Senate Republicans have blocked the Paycheck Fairness Act for

a second time. According to the United States Census Bureau, in 2013, women who worked full time earned, on average only 78 cents for every dollar men earned. The Paycheck Fairness Act would punish employers for retaliating against workers who share wage information and would allow workers to sue for punitive damages for wage discrimination.

Forty million Americans are dealing with \$1.2 trillion in outstanding student loan debt. Between 2007-2012 student loan interest produced \$66 Billion profit for the United States government. Democrats believe that

the United States government should not be making a profit off the backs of our children who are trying to build a future. Republicans are against this because we would have to pay for it by closing tax loopholes for the billionaires. Billionaires versus students ... it's a pretty stark choice.

Make the right choice and vote for Democrats in November.

Sylvia R. Kennedy
Exeter, NH

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Guinta vs. Libraries

To the Editor:

Frank Guinta says he supports the Constitution, but his votes

against it prove he does not. One of Guinta's worst votes against our Constitution was when he had the chance to vote yes on an amendment (House Amendment 97 to House Resolution 1 in 2011) to keep library records free from government spying, and he wouldn't even do that!

This amendment would have ended the intrusive practice of demanding "library circulation records, library patron lists, book sales records, or book customer lists" from librarians and booksellers, without warrants. It would have aligned Government practices with the Constitution again.

The next time he claims he supports the Constitution, ask him why he ignored librarians and privacy experts and voted with Republican leadership instead of for the American Constitution.

Mark Mitchell
Barrington, NH

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Pay Attention!

To the Editor:

There are two high profile campaigns in New Hampshire that women (and men who care about women and children) should pay attention to. Senate candidate Scott Brown and Congressional candidate Frank Guinta have

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Wall Street Speculators Are Walling Off Young Farmers

by Jim Hightower

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ing more than financial cobwebs and fairy dust, some of the clods began seeking hedge funds that would invest in something more down to earth. Thus, Wall Street discovered: Dirt. More specifically, farmland.

Such money handlers as Black-Rock (the world's largest asset manager) now offer big pieces of America's heartland as an asset that super-rich penthouse dwellers can own and till for mega

profits. As a result, ag professors report that their farmbelt conferences on land economics — which normally draw an audience of farmers and local farm lenders — are dominated these days by Wall Streeters, and American farmland investment seminars are even being held in Dubai and Singapore.

But this Wall Street land rush is a flimsy fad, for it's not based on economic realities. While crop prices are at record highs

today, the painful historic record is that they will plummet tomorrow, destroying the cash flow that makes the hedge fund investment in land work. Then, of course, the gabillionaires will rush to shed their overalls. But who will line up to buy the land? Certainly not real farmers, who can't afford the inflated Wall Street price. And especially not young people who want to farm, but who're already finding it hard to locate affordable

land.

America desperately needs this next generation of food producers, yet we're letting Wall Street speculators literally wall off the land they need. To learn more, contact the National Young Farmers Coalition: www.youngfarmers.org.

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been dodging questions on a women's right to control her own reproductive health, and for good reason.

Finally, in response to claims by the Shaheen campaign, Scott Brown recently produced a television ad in which he states that he believes women should have access to contraception. Excuse me? This is 2014. What Brown doesn't tell us is that in 2012, he voted for the Blunt Amendment to allow employers to opt out of the Affordable Care Act requirement to cover contraception. Brown supports the controversial Supreme Court Hobby Lobby ruling that permits certain companies to not provide insurance coverage for contraception. Bottom line seems to be that Brown supports a woman's right to purchase her own contraception and should she not be able to afford that, well ... too bad. Brown claims he is "pro-choice" — apparently, pro-choice only for those who can afford their own health coverage.

As for Mr. Guinta, on NHPR recently Laura Knoy asked: "So do you support the personhood amendment plank in the New Hampshire Republican Party platform, or do you wish it were not in there?" The NHGOP's personhood agenda bans common

forms of contraception as well as *in vitro* fertilization for couples that want children.

Guinta's reply to Knoy was as clear as mud: "Well look, the State party wants to do what it's going to do, it did that. I'm focused basically on trying to talk about it through this lens but they made the decision to do it so, um, if that's what they want to do that's their right to do."

Both men are trying to hide the truth of their positions. They are not pro-women, pro-family candidates. They do not deserve the support of women, or men who care about the wellbeing of women and children. That is why I am voting for Jeanne Shaheen and Carol Shea-Porter, two women we can trust to have our best interests at heart.

Beth Olshansky
Durham, NH

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Why is Shea-Porter Lying?

To the Editor:

It's bad enough that Carol Shea-Porter is afraid to hold Town Hall meetings, but why is she now lying to reporters to cover up the fact that she has been an absentee Congresswoman for years?

Recently, in an interview in the *National Journal*, Congresswoman Shea-Porter's staff told a reporter

that she held "ten public town hall meetings" since 2013. What a lie! [Fifty-eight words worth of vituperous griping deleted to save space. — The Ed.]

For instance, one of these supposed town halls was at a General Electric facility in Hooksett behind barbed wire and gates so that only employees could attend. That is absolutely not a public town hall!

Carol, it's pretty absurd that you take taxpayer money for your salary, but won't meet with those same taxpayers in public town halls. However, now that you are lying and saying you meet with us, you've reached a whole new level of despicable.

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.

Mona Perreault
Rochester, NH

Mona:

Shea-Porter isn't lying; she's just conducting town halls according to post-2010 rules, which were altered to accomodate humans behaving as if they belonged to another species of

primate. Have you even read your own letter? Don't complain.

The Editor

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Guinta = Ebola Threat

To the Editor:

People are worried about the Ebola outbreak in Africa, the largest ever, especially since it has arrived, for the first time, in the United States. These firsts were enabled by another first — the devastating and reckless sequester cuts passed in 2011 and applied broadly to almost all programs, services, and agencies. Frank Guinta thought sequestration was such a good idea that he voted for it. And now we are seeing the dangerous results of his Tea Party fetish with untargeted cuts.

Among its many important missions, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) prepares for new health, safety and security threats, both foreign and domestic.

The CDC [has published a] fact sheet detailing the impacts of these severe cuts [including] a "reduced ability to ensure global disease protection."

It's scary thinking about the danger that Mr. Guinta and his fellow Tea Party Republicans have placed us in.

Testifying at the Senate last month, Dr. Beth Bell, director of

CDC's emerging disease center, said that if the Republican sequester had not cut the CDC budget by an indiscriminate \$411 million, and USAID by \$289 million, the Ebola epidemic could have been detected earlier and stopped before it reached our shores.

Frank Guinta favors Tea Party extremism over common sense. I'll be voting for Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter, a serious candidate who understands 21st Century threats and the need for robust funding for medical research.

Salme Perry
Rollinsford, NH

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Via Postcard

To the Editor:

Who is/was Jimmy LaPanza? Beer Drinker [Undisclosed Location]

Beer:

Accordinng to our sources, Jimmy was "a diminutive figure in an impeccable tux waving an FDR cigarette holder in his hand." He used to run a nightclub in a little hotel in Murray Hill, in midtown Manhattan. He also mentored his doorman, Peter Egleston, now the proprietor of the Portsmouth Brewery. It's said that LaPanza drops in from time to time.

The Editor

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

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

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

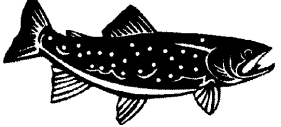
Twice a day, too, the moon lets all that water go. All the seawater that just fought its way upstream goes back home to the ocean. This is when the Piscataqua earns its title for xth fastest current. Look for the red buoy, at the upstream

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

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

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Eisenhower slaps a trade embargo on Cuba. 1936—Watertown, MA becomes the first town to fingerprint its high school students. 1864—St. Albans, VT is attacked by twenty Confederate cavalymen riding south from Canada. They rob three banks and escape with more than \$200,000.	2005—Sen. Judd Gregg (R-NH) votes against increasing the level of federal assistance to the poor for home heating. 2004—The Red Sox come back from a 3 game deficit and become the American League Champions, beating the Yankees 10 to 3 at Yankee Stadium. 1990—In 22 cities, Americans protest the impending Gulf War. 1983—The Feds recognize the Mashantucket Pequots, paving the way for a gargantuan casino. 1973—After Attorney General Eliot Richardson and Deputy A.G. William Ruckelshaus both refuse on principle to comply with President Richard Nixon’s order to fire Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox, Solicitor General Robert Bork, who is not so encumbered, complies. 1947—HUAC opens hearings on comic influence in H’wood. 1944—Two natural gas tanks explode in Cleveland with 1/6th of the force of the Hiroshima bomb, killing 130 people. 1935—The Red Army’s 6,000 mile “Long March” ends in Shaanxi. 1930—William Kogut, while incarcerated on Death Row at San Quentin, kills himself with a pipe bomb made from playing cards. 1922—In Dayton, OH, Army Lieutenant Harold R. Harris becomes the first man to successfully parachute from a disabled plane.	1975—In the 12th inning, New Hampshire’s own Carlton Fisk waves the ball fair, and the Red Sox win Game 6 of the World Series. 1967—Yippies, Diggers, Hippies, &c., attempt unsuccessfully to levitate the Pentagon. 1965—President Lyndon Johnson flashes his gall bladder scar for the photographers. 1957—Special Forces Captain Harry Cramer becomes the first American soldier killed by hostile action in Vietnam, but his death is falsely listed as accidental. 1954—The Indiana Boxing Commission rules that boxers and wrestlers must swear under oath they are not Commies before they can fight in the Hoosier State. 1874—Birth of Charles Ives. 1861—Sen. Edward D. Baker (R-OR), in his capacity as a Colonel leading a brigade at the Battle of Ball’s Bluff, becomes the first and last U.S. Senator killed in battle. 1837—Under a flag of truce, 75 Seminole are captured and imprisoned by U.S. troops at Ft. Payton, FL. 1835—For saying “all men are created equal,” Wm. Lloyd Garrison is paraded through Boston with a rope around his neck. 1797—The <i>U.S.S. Constitution</i> is finally launched in Boston on the third try, christened by Captain James Sever of Portsmouth.	1985—The last surviving Kickapoo Indians are given the right to live on their ancestral lands after being kicked off 140 years earlier. 1964—The Atomic Energy Commission explodes a 5-kiloton atomic bomb 2,700 feet underground and ten miles west of Purvis, MS. 1963—His last request, for an injection of LSD, fulfilled, Aldous Huxley dies. 1962—SAC goes to DEFCON 2 as JFK blockades Cuba. 1929—“I know of nothing fundamentally wrong with the stock market,” says President of New York’s National City Bank. 1909—Female garment workers strike in New York. A judge tells arrested pickets, “You are on strike against God.” 1907—The Knickerbocker Trust Company goes belly-up, igniting the Panic of 1907. 1885—Bored with poetry, Arthur Rimbaud decides to run guns for King Menelik of Shoa. 1861—The first transcontinental telegraph begins operation. 1844—The third time fails to be a charm as William Miller’s prophecy of the end of the world proves to have been inaccurate. 1834—A fire to get rid of a huge mass of ancient wooden tally sticks once used for bookkeeping gets out of hand and burns Britain’s Houses of Parliament to the ground.	2001—The day Congressman James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) introduces the senseless PATRIOT Act, Justice official James Yoo writes a memo saying the President need not obey existing laws. 1999—Asked why he hasn’t campaigned more in New Hampshire, George W. Bush says “The important question is, how many hands have I shaken?” 1983—Suicide bombers kill 241 U.S. Marines and sailors in Lebanon, on Ronald Reagan’s watch. 1975—Workers at the Nevada test site drop a nuclear weapon core 40 feet. It doesn’t explode, so only 11 workers are injured. 1973—Eight articles of impeachment are introduced in the House against President Nixon. 1962—With SAC at DEFCON 2, JFK and aides debate whether to bomb Cuban SAM sites if any U.S. planes are shot down. 1954—Pres. Eisenhower authorizes direct U.S. aid to South Vietnam, bypassing the French. 1775—The Continental Congress prohibits the enlistment of blacks in the Army. 1739—Britain declares war on Spain over Robert Jenkins’ ear. 425—Flavius Placidius Valentinianus, age 6, becomes Emperor. 4004 BC—God begins creating Earth, according Archbishop James Ussher.	2001—The U.S. House passes the PATRIOT Act without reading it. 1983—U.S. military aircraft, using outdated maps, accidentally bomb the Richmond Hill Insane Asylum in Grenada, killing 16. 1960—A single switch in the wrong position at the Baikonur Cosmodrome prematurely ignites the second stage of a Soviet R-16 ICBM. It explodes killing more than 100 scientists and technicians. 1962—Soviet ships reach the U.S.-imposed quarantine line off Cuba. They don’t cross it, so we don’t nuke the USSR. A Soviet satellite explodes the same day. NORAD suspects an ICBM attack; but, again, nobody pushes The Button. 1947—A DC-6 catches fire near Bryce Canyon after a design flaw lets fuel get sucked into a heater vent. Passengers and crew jettison baggage to maintain altitude, but the plane crashes killing all 52 aboard. 1947—Walt Disney rats out some employees to Congress as commies. 1929—The irrational exuberance of the 1920’s stock market undergoes a correction on “Black Thursday.” 1901—Annie Edson Taylor, 63, becomes the first person to survive a trip over Niagara Falls in a barrel. 1901—U.S. Marines in the Philippines are exhorted by “Hell-Roaring Jake” Smith: “I wish you to burn and kill; the more you burn and kill, the better it will please me.”	2001—A single Senator — Russ Feingold (D-WI) — votes against the PATRIOT Act. 1983—U.S. troops preserve our Republic by invading Grenada. 1973—As Nixon sleeps, Henry Kissinger, Alexander Haig, and five other unelected officials raise America’s military readiness level to DEF CON 3. 1962—Nuclear-armed F-106 interceptors scramble from a Duluth Air Force base because a guard, thinking it was an infiltrator, has shot a bear climbing a fence. 1960—Martin Luther King, Jr. gets four months at hard labor in Decatur, GA on old traffic charges. 1944—Adm. Sprague’s task force “Taffy 3,” surprised by a far-larger group of Japanese ships at Samar Island, attacks ferociously, tipping the strategic balance at Leyte Gulf. 1944—<i>U.S.S. Tang</i>, captained by Dover’s Richard H. O’Kane, is sunk by its own malfunctioning torpedo; 74 men perish. Nine men survive the sinking and subsequent internment in Japanese prison camps. 1881—Birth of Pablo Diego Jose Francisco Picasso. 1854—Lord James Cardigan leads a brigade of sword-brandishing light cavalymen across open ground in a doomed attack against Russian artillery. Astonishingly, half survive. 1760—Britain’s King George II dies on the loo.
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2003—Iraqi resistance fighters nearly get Deputy Defence Secretary Paul Wolfowitz with a rocket in Baghdad. 2001—George W. Bush eagerly signs the PATRIOT Act. 1979—South Korean President Park Chung-hee is shot by the head of the South Korean C.I.A. 1972—Henry the K., lying as usual, says “Peace is at hand.” 1970—“Doonesbury” debuts. 1962—As planning for massive air strikes continues, President John F. Kennedy gets a telegram from Nikita Khrushchev offering to swap Soviet missiles in Cuba for U.S. missiles in Turkey. 1955—Ngo Dinh Diem proclaims South Vietnam a republic and himself president. 1917—At the Second Battle of Passchendaele, the Allies gain a few hundred yards of mud at a cost of 12,000 casualties. 1881—The alleged law and the Clanton brothers shoot it out at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, AZ. 1806—Lord Timothy Dexter, seminal American crackpot who made money selling bed warmers in the West Indies and author of <i>A Penny for the Knowing Ones</i>, dies in Newburyport, MA. 1369—“The Wise” Charles V, King of France, dedicates a monument to his personal chef for creating a recipe for pickled fish.	2004—The Red Sox take the World Series in four from the Cardinals — first time since 1918. 1972—Richard Nixon pocket vetoes a bill to raise the veterans health care budget by \$85 million. 1969—Hoping to convince the Soviets he’s dangerously unstable, Richard Nixon secretly orders eighteen B-52s armed with H-bombs to spend the next three days flying around the North Pole. 1967—Rev. Philip Berrigan and three friends pour duck blood on draft records in Baltimore, MD. 1965—“We must never forget,” says Richard Nixon, “that if the war in Vietnam is lost ... the right of free speech will be extinguished throughout the world.” 1962—As one American U-2 is shot down over Cuba and another strays over the USSR, Robert Kennedy cuts a deal with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin. 1951—“There is no question,” says Gen. J. Lawton Collins, “that the Communist menace in French Indo-China has been stopped.” 1948—A temperature inversion causes poisonous smog to settle on Donora, PA, but U.S. Steel’s Zinc Works plant keeps running. 1838—Missouri Gov. Lilburn Boggs signs an executive order calling for Mormons to be “treated as enemies,” and “exterminated or driven from the state.”	2007—The Red Sox take the World Series in four from the Rockies — second time in three years. 2006—George W. Bush tells a CNBC reporter that he knows how to use “The Google.” 2003—“[A]s you know,” explains George W. Bush, “these are open forums, you’re able to come and listen to what I have to say.” 1988—In Tacoma, a jury awards \$147,000 to a woman seduced by her minister. 1984—OPEC decides to produce less oil and make more money. 1970—Sen. William Fulbright charges the Nixon administration with waging illegal war in Laos. 1962—Russkie Premier Nikita Khrushchev agrees to dismantle the Soviet missile bases in Cuba and remove the weapons. 1929—A child is born in an airplane, over Miami—where else? 1922—Benito Mussolini, “sent by divine providence,” according to Pope Pius XI, takes over in Rome. 1921—Argentine workers revolt under the black flag of anarchism. The army kills 1,500. 1919—Congress passes the Volstead Act, enabling prohibition. 1918—George Herriman’s “Krazy Kat” gets his own comic strip. 1906—Ivy Lee issues the world’s first press release, deflecting blame from the Pennsylvania Railroad for the deaths of 50 passengers.	2003—George W. Bush explains that “The war on terror involves Saddam Hussein because of the nature of Saddam Hussein, the history of Saddam Hussein, and his willingness to terrorize himself.” 1994—Francisco Martin Duran fires 29 rounds from an SKS rifle at the White House before being subdued by two civilians. 1987—Ronald Reagan nominates Douglas H. Ginsburg for the Supreme Court, but his pot-smoking past puts the kibosh on that. 1979—1,000 are arrested on Wall Street for disrupting business on the 50th Anniversary of the Crash. 1969—The DARPA NET is turned on—two computers communicate for the first time ever. 1958—A radioactive cloud drifts over Los Angeles after the explosion of an A-bomb in Nevada. 1935—Driving home in his bonus—a new Rolls—after signing a three-year, \$1 million contract, cartoonist Sidney Smith (The Gumps) dies in a car wreck. 1929—“Black Tuesday”—16 million shares sell on Wall Street, at ever declining prices; \$26 billion evaporates. 1918—Sailors mutiny in Kiehl, Germany and establish Sailors and Workers Councils. 1835—The “Loco-Foco” Party, a Democratic splinter group, is formed at Tammany Hall.	2012—For the first time since the Ice Age, public access to the sea at Sanders Poynt in Rye is cut off by would-be Senator Bill Binnie. 2005—Pastor Kyle Lake, 33, standing in water to perform a baptism before 800 people at a Waco, TX Baptist church, reaches for a microphone and is electrocuted. 1995—Quebec votes not to secede, but just barely. 1990—For the first time since the Ice Age, England and the European mainland are connected; this time by chunnel. 1967—Martin Luther King, Jr. is arrested in Birmingham, AL. 1961—The Soviet Union air-drops a 58-megaton hydrogen bomb, creating the largest explosion in human history. 1950—Puerto Ricans rebel against U.S. rule. 1948—Smog deaths in Donora, PA reach 20, and 6,000 are sick. 1945—The U.S. government ends shoe rationing. 1838—A mob led by three Missouri Militia captains attacks a colony of Mormons at Huan’s Mill, killing most of them. 1831—Rebel slave leader Nat Turner is arrested in Virginia. 1501—Party guests win prizes by competitively coupling with 50 naked whores collecting chestnuts strewn on the <i>palazzo apostolico</i> of Pope Alexander VI.	1968—President Johnson stops the bombing of North Vietnam. 1967—Calif. governor Ronald Reagan denies a “homosexual ring” is operating out of his office in Sacramento. 1963—“I can safely say,” says Gen. Paul Harkin, U.S. commander in South Vietnam, “that the end of the war is in sight.” 1964—China explodes its first A-bomb. 1941—On convoy duty on the North Atlantic, the <i>U.S.S. Reuben James</i> is sunk by a U-Boat. 1939—FDR moves the date of Thanksgiving by a week to boost Christmas retail sales. 1938—A Utah prison doctor records John Deering’s heart rate with an EKG as he’s executed by a firing squad. 1926—Mussolini survives an assassination attempt by 15 year old anarchist Anteo Zamboni. 1926—After being punched in the stomach, Ehrich “Harry Houdini” Weiss dies. 1918—In a week, Spanish Flu kills 21,000 Americans. 1893—Daniel Fowle’s printing press is last seen in public at the closing of the World’s Columbian Exposition, Chicago. 1765—The <i>New Hampshire Gazette</i> is printed “in mourning” for lost liberty, in protest of the Stamp Act, to take effect the following day.	2004—Voting machines are delivered to polling places in Franklin Co., OH. More go to higher-income areas than lower-income areas. 2002—“[T]hat’s what you expect here in New Hampshire,” says George W. Bush at Pease Tradeport, “somebody who tells you what’s on your mind.” 1972—The Piscataqua River Bridge opens to traffic. 1966—Lyndon Johnson, lying, tells U.S. troops in Korea that his great-grand granddaddy died at the Alamo. 1963—In South Vietnam, a U.S.-approved coup kills President Diem and his brother Nhu. 1951—U.S. Army troops are exposed to an atomic explosion in Nevada “for training purposes.” 1950—Puerto Rican nationalists try to kill Harry S Truman. 1918—An inexperienced scab mortorman causes the Malbone Tunnel disaster in New York City; 97 die, 255 are injured. 1789—George Washington attends services at Portsmouth’s St. John’s Church in the a.m. and North Church in the p.m. 1777—The <i>Ranger</i>, Captain John Paul Jones commanding, leaves Portsmouth for France. 1765—In Portsmouth, a mock funeral is held for Liberty, who is rescued by “a number of her sons.” The hated Stamp Act is buried in her place.
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