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The Fortnightly Rant

And the Winner Is ...

Alert readers will have noticed that an election recently took place. Sadly, its results seem to have been determined by somebody else entirely.

Just to recap: Fourteen years ago the economy was robust, the people were relatively happy, and the Nation was at peace. Then a well-paid team of professional political operatives engineered a campaign that, aided by some extracurricular shenanigans from the judiciary branch, put the ad-dle-brained scion of an already-dubious political dynasty into the White House.

Eight years later both the people and the government were broke. The economy, too, was broken — as were the Army, the Marine Corps, the National Guard, and, very nearly, the Nation's spirit. An outraged citizenry threw the then-current bums out.

Whether things would or could get better, or whether we were doomed, was an as yet unanswered question. But since then nearly ten million people have gained access to health care, the value of the stock market has doubled, and the number of wars we're in has been cut in half. The federal budget deficit is a shadow of its former self and we're currently enjoying the longest job creation streak since 1939. And all this was accomplished against the fervent resistance of the Old White Male Guard which had led us into the calamity to begin with.

So what happened on Tuesday, November 4th? Outraged citizens threw that old Gang of Bums back in. Mitch "Turtle-head" McConnell will be the new Senate Majority Leader. On the House side, Republicans, who got 52 percent of the votes cast, will

occupy 57 percent of the seats.

The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly

How do such things come to pass? Here's one clue: on Wednesday, the Mackey S. Loeb School of Communications posthumously presented its 12th Annual Mackey S. Loeb First Amendment Award to the late James Foley.

The problem isn't that Foley got an award. He was a good, decent, brave man, brutally murdered while doing an exemplary job as a first-rate journalist. It's that William Loeb was the opposite: a bullet-headed ideological thug who routinely used his newspaper as if it were a club.

Loeb promised his employees that on his death he would leave his paper to them. Instead he left it to his widow, Mackey, who leveraged that asset into a monument to herself: an eponymous School which every year, through association, sullies the First Amendment.

Just to make things a tad more revolting, the keynote speaker at this year's ceremony is Donald Trump, the serially-bankrupt would-be President. As with Loeb, Trump's familiarity with the First Amendment is limited to its abuse.

This is all relevant because only through the news media can individual citizens view our larger political landscape. But thanks to a fundamentally corrupt system of concentrated corporate ownership, 99 percent of the "news" most people get is a filtered, obscured, and twisted view of reality. No wonder we so regularly and accurately shoot ourselves in both feet.

Where's James?

New Hampshire voters got a rare and disturbingly clear picture of our media at work during the October 30th Senatorial debate



2014's WINNER BY A LANDSLIDE!

between Jeanne Shaheen and Scott Brown.

The moderator, WMUR's James Pindell, asked both candidates to assess the state of the economy in Sullivan County. Brown, clearly unsure where Sullivan County is, spoke generally and irrelevantly about snowmobile trails and tourism "up north."

Pindell correctly pointed out that Sullivan County is West of Concord, not North. Brown responded with more blustering generalities which could have impressed only hard core Red Staters.

Immediately after the debate Pindell appeared again on camera, this time with WMUR's Political Director Josh McElveen practically holding him by the earlobe. Pindell dutifully recanted from his apostasy, apologized, and said,

wrongly, that Brown had actually been right. It was like watching a Moscow show trial; and, true to that genre, Pindell hasn't been seen or heard from since.

Follow the Money

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, "94 percent of the biggest spenders in House races won, up slightly from 2012, and 82 percent of biggest spenders in Senate races won, up from 76 percent in 2012."

New Hampshire's Senate race was the nation's second most expensive per capita, with \$50 spent for every voter. You'll never guess where that money went.

Oh, wait; yes, you will. *Slate* reported on October 9th that WMUR was running more U.S. Senate-specific ads than any other TV station in the country. When you've got a franchise as lucrative

as that, you have to protect it at any cost.

There Is No Alternative

Samuel Johnson famously called second marriages "the triumph of hope over experience." Congressional elections seem to be examples of that same phenomenon.

Except for this: an individual can get along without a spouse, but only anarchists and libertarians believe that large bodies of humans can and should live without governments. So the question remains the same as it has for millennia: how do we establish and maintain them?

This last go 'round was not encouraging, but we get another chance in two years — presuming that the winners of this round don't render the planet uninhabitable before then.

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Further Proof That New Hampshire is the Center of the Universe

Now that the midterms are over we can really get down to business. We refer, of course, to New Hampshire's First in the Nation™ Presidential Primary®, a mere 31 fortnights away.

Envious people in other states have been known to question our primacy in this matter; if they lived here, of course, they'd understand. The Granite State has always punched above its weight.

Further proof of this recently surfaced in a previously-unseen FBI memorandum dated 1947. This memo was cited by investigative journalist Thomas Maier in his new book, *When Lions Roar: The Churchills And The Kennedys*.

Maier writes that in 1947, Britain's Prime Minister Winston

Churchill urged a U.S. Senator to persuade President Harry Truman to launch a pre-emptive nuclear strike on the Kremlin.

And to what Senator did Churchill entrust this awesome task? None other than New Hampshire's own Styles Bridges (1898-1961).

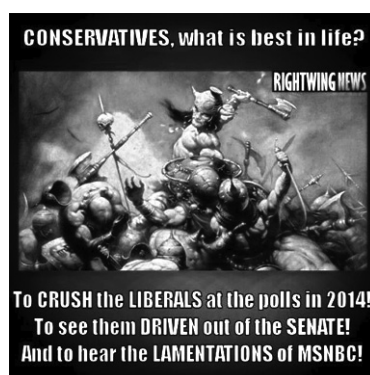
Bridges, a Republican, was apparently less than persuasive; otherwise the Cold War might have been both hotter and shorter.

Firing Up the Troops

If Churchill had had some of Bridges' political descendants to work with, the Kremlin might now be a memory.

Two days before the election, while speaking at a rally in Manchester, State Republican Party

Chair Jennifer Horn advocated drowning the Democratic opposition:



"Waves happen when every single member of a cause, or a movement, come together [sic] with passion, and action, and reach out to every single human being that they can possibly come

in contact with to share the good news of Republican leadership This is our time. We need to crush it, we need to grab it, run with it and *push their heads under over and over again until they cannot breathe anymore*, until elections are over on Tuesday night and we've won it all." [Emphasis added.]

And on Tuesday, Joe Barton, the Chairman of Newmarket's Republican Committee, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and assaulting a police officer.

Barton reportedly challenged a voter's ID, which he had a legal right to do.

According to a report at the website *NH1.com*, a part of ocean-privatizer Bill Binnie's burgeoning media empire,* Barton "pro-

tested when the supervisor of the checklist declined to act on his concerns."

GraniteStateProgress.org reported that Barton then "got into a physical altercation with an election staff member that caused both men to literally take a tumble down the stairs and out of the building. It is believed that Barton may have a black eye from the incident; the condition of the election staff member is unknown."

*Just over two years ago Binnie, a one-time aspirant to the U.S. Senate and the owner of Wentworth-Buy-the-Sea Country Club, blocked public access to the sea at Sanders Point. Efforts to attain justice have so far been blocked by a phalanx of his lawyers.

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The following day WMUR reported that while “elections officials said challengers are supposed to make any objections in writing ... Barton was accused of making verbal complaints, prompting the call to the Attorney General’s Office.”

Newmarket’s top Republican is out on \$1,000 personal recognition and will be arraigned December 2nd.

Small Moneyball

Post-debacle analysis suggests that mass quantities of dark money — unleashed by black-robed seers who somehow deduced that our Founding Daddy-Os couldn’t tell the difference between a dollar and Dolly Madison — may have tipped the balance in many Congressional races.

The *Washington Post’s* Catherine Rampell recently noted that

smaller amounts of money may also be tipping the balance in favor of them that has.

The old Jim Crow poll tax, ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 1966, set the price of voting at a mere \$1.50 — about \$11 now, adjusted for inflation.

Rampell writes that the cost of obtaining a legally recognized voter ID — recently instituted by Republicans in response to a non-existent wave of voter fraud — “can range from \$75 to \$175, when you include the costs associated with documentation, travel and waiting time.”

Win Some, Lose Some

This year’s election results present quite a dichotomy: The national GOP won a slew of victories in Congressional Districts, Senate seats, and Governorships across the country. But of four such seats up for grabs in New Hampshire, one is all they won.

(We do not minimize the

Democrats’ loss of the First District — that was tough, indeed. How often do they get to be represented in Congress by a genuine insurgent progressive? Their only consolation is that Frank Guinta is now a proper subject for scrutiny by the Federal Election Commission, the House Ethics Committee, the Internal Revenue Service, &c., &c. Whether life remains in any of those Federal organs is yet to be seen.)

Here’s our half-baked theory on why this *national vs. state* role reversal came about: GOP operations in other states across the country may have improved their game lately. That’s a question well above our lowly pay grade. But here in New Hampshire, the State Party hasn’t been able to get out of its own way for at least three or four years. Life at their headquarters would be best represented on the silver screen by a scene showing W.C. Fields, Laurel and Hardy, and the Keystone Cops playing a game of Hot Potato. Rampant ineptitude hindered the Party’s attempts to recruit plausible candidates and prevented it from putting up a coherent fight to support the candidates it got.

Will the House Come to Order?

Perhaps not. A couple of years back the GOP had control of the New Hampshire House, which was supposed to be a good thing. The Party installed Bill O’Brien as Speaker, which was conducive to neither an orderly legislative process nor the building and maintenance of a sane and functional political organization.

How did a Party in such disarray capture the State’s legislature? The House has 400 seats. To what extent have candidates ever depended on the State Party for election? They run their own little shows. Now O’Brien is threatening a comeback as Speaker. If he succeeds it’ll be tough not just on the State, but on the Party, too.

The Sidewalk Traffic Report

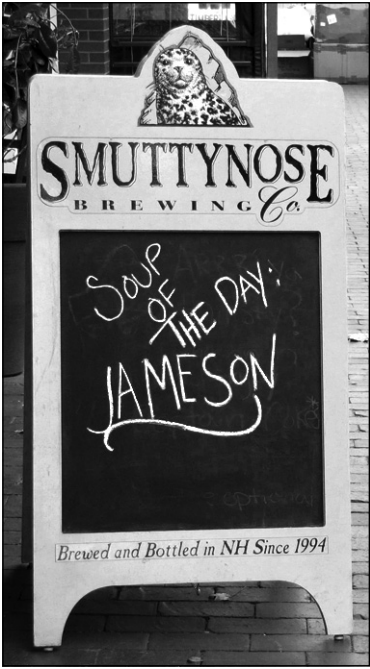
Sidewalk A-frame advertisements are just a fact of life here in old Disneyland on the Piscataqua. Without them, how would tourists know where to relieve themselves of disposable income?

Recently we found ourselves wishing that proprietors would be a little more thoughtful about where they’re placed. For example, when an A-frame is plunked down near one of those big, City-built sidewalk planters, they often cause tourists — many of whom are navigationally-challenged already, either due to drink or a basic misunderstanding of the sidewalk’s multiple functions — to bunch up in the narrow space remaining. This can be aggravating for those attempting to use the sidewalk as a means of transportation rather than entertainment.

Then we realized we had it all wrong. The bunching up effect is not a defect caused by poor A-frame placement, it’s a feature that slows down foot traffic so that more cash can be fished out of the parade of passing pockets.

At least the one shown below, photographed on Congress Street, has provided a bit of wry amusement for these past few days.

The Good Side of Bad Weather



Who would ever have thought that we’d be grateful for days with grey, overcast skies? Apparently it’s all part of the adaptation process for residents of destination cities.

The weather may have been lousy lately, but at least we indigenous inhabitants have been bothered less often by well-heeled tourists gawking at us from noisy, overgrown lawnmowers flying 800 or 700 or 600 feet overhead.

The recent onslaught of airborne noise pollution has alerted us to the plight of Sandra McDonough, the Community Liaison at the Pease Development Authority [PDA]. In our experience, she has been unfailingly polite, patient, and helpful. Clearly, though, she’s been overworked since Seacoast Helicopters began operating. The PDA ought to consider hiring an assistant for her. And since Seacoast Helicopters is the sole cause of her increased workload, it ought to pay a fee to cover that assistant’s salary.

In other helicopter-related news, the Chandler’s Loft is now closed for the season, but those cunning little red, white, and black “Silence Scenic Helicopters” stickers are now available at Sheafe Street Books, which is on Sheafe Street.

Veterans Being Used as Tools

Shortly before the election we received one of those over-sized postcards from a 501(c)(4) non-profit corporation which supposedly promotes “the common good and general welfare of the people of the community.” [Read: slays political candidates.] It was from Concerned Veterans for America (CV4A.org). The slaggee was Senator “Still Senator” Jeanne Shaheen.

Surprise, surprise: CV4A is funded almost exclusively by [ominous drum roll, please] yes, the Koch Brothers. Its card alleges



Working the Ward 2 polls late on the afternoon of November 4th were, from left, Nancy and Pete Winthrop, Paul Trivigno, Brian Early, and Becky McBeath. For a mid-term election, turnout was good.

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that Sen. Shaheen "was AWOL" when veterans needed her. We would disappoint our late War Correspondent, Richard J. Ducey (1949-2007) if we let that pass unchallenged. Rick was a Service Officer for the Military Order of the Purple Heart and a fierce, lifelong advocate for veterans. He worked very closely with then-Governor Shaheen on veterans' issues and knew she was deeply committed to them. CV4A's baseless accusation would surely have raised his fearsome hackles, and sent his eyebrows into overdrive.

Then there's the image below, a screenshot taken from *CV4A.org*.



Perhaps the most best known provision of the Flag Code stipulates that when a flag is displayed horizontally, the union belongs on the left.

The Koch Bros. are *so busted* ... by the Flag Police.



The Award-Winning Local Daily reported recently that the New Memorial Bridge would be shut down for several nights this past week, but it never explained why. We pick up the slack, at right. Above are three new mounting brackets for replacement fenders, which have since been mounted.

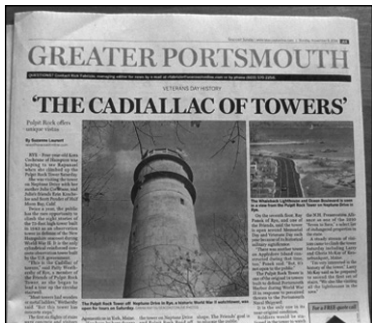
Does Anybody Even Proof This Thing?

A local merchant drew our attention to this front-page, above-the-banner typo in the November 2nd issue of the Award-Winning "Local" Daily:

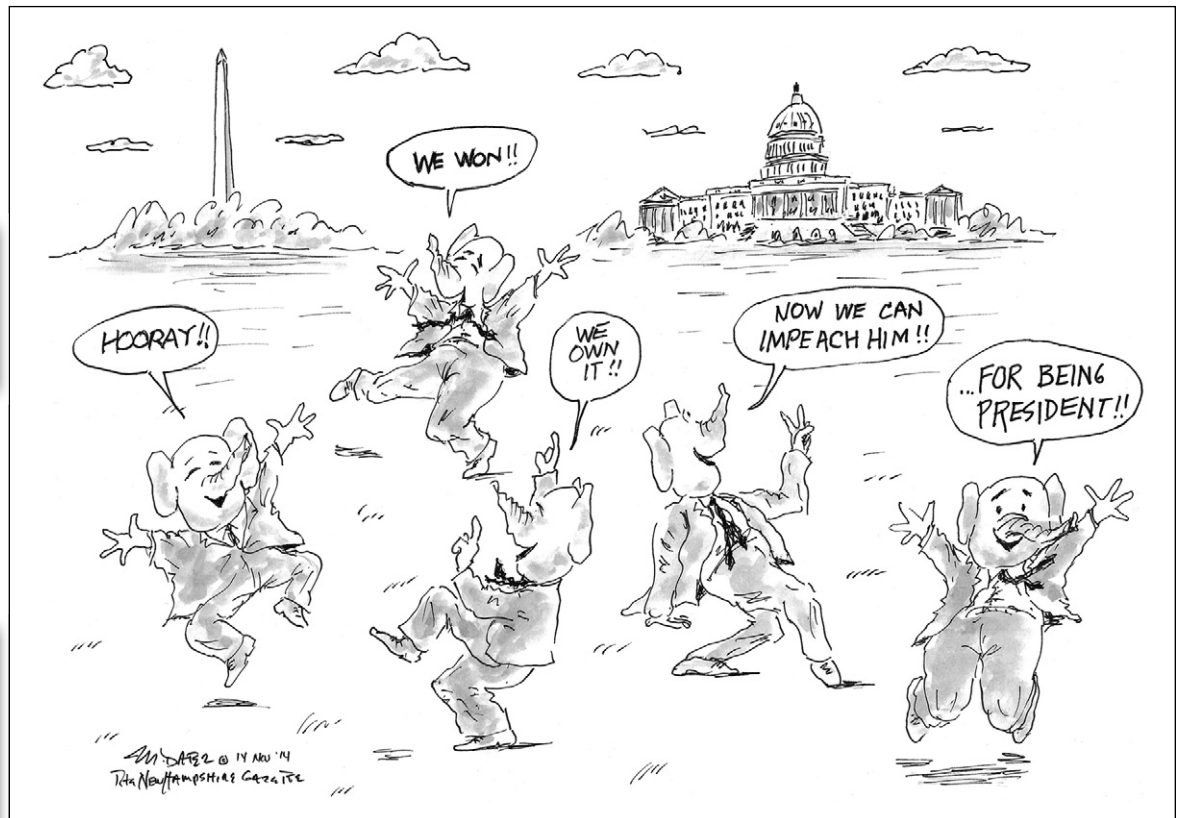


Apparently the Music Hall is now the Miscellaneous Hall.

We thought that was one for the ages, but one week later this bold example of creative spelling put it in the shade:



Let's hear it for the new Gatehouse News & Design Center, down in Austin, Xetas.



Bridge Apparently Wins Tussle With Ship

The New Memorial Bridge was struck a glancing blow by a 748-foot bulk carrier named the *Sea Pride*, at 5:26 on the morning of March 7th, just seven months after it opened. The impact knocked three fenders off the bridge, and scraped the side of the ship.

On November 8th and 9th, the bridge was closed to traffic between midnight to 5:00 a.m. so that contractors could replace the fenders. The cost of the job is somewhat under \$500,000. *Sea Pride's* owners have covered that cost, but the investigation into the incident is still open, according to the Coast Guard. The data on the voyage data recorder still being analyzed.

The bridge is apparently doing better than *Sea Pride*. One tracking website, *MarineTraffic.com* lists the ship as "Decommissioned or Lost." Another, *ShipSpotting.com*, bluntly lists *Sea Pride* as "Dead."

Checking In With Emilio

A few days after the election we strolled up Daniel Street to check in with Portsmouth's resident philosopher king, Emilio Maddaloni. He was very reassuring.

"Everything is wonderful," Emilio said. "We're a First World country. Countries all over the world are worried about potable water and food to eat; here I am worried about my No!No! machine to get rid of my hair, and my hangnail."

But all is not peaches and cream. "You know what perturbs me? I used to be able to sit here and see the Navy Yard. I can't anymore. The condos are being built there."

"You know what's going to happen? When they open up their windows on those \$2.2 million condos on the northerly side, and they've gotta take a look at that toxic waste nuclear submarine base, they will not tolerate that. That yard is gonna have to go."

"What will eventually be over



Emilio Holding Court

where the yard is — it's always been shipbuilding — it'll be world class yacht building — \$500 million yachts, with slips. You can store 'em, and repair 'em, and you'll have yankee craftsmen making those yachts for \$12.75 an hour.

"You ask somebody who built the pyramids, you know what they say? 'The pharaohs.'"

"No — the slaves."

"You think anything has changed?"

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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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Proud of New Hampshire

To the Editor:

The 2014 Midterm Election was not all doom and gloom from my perspective as a Progressive-minded New Hampshire citizen. A real bright spot was the record turnout for New Hampshire voters for an off-year-election. Large voter turnout enabled New Hampshire to reject former Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown and all he represented (himself and his big money special interests) and to re-elect a Democratic Governor, Senator and Congresswoman. The results of the election in New Hampshire clearly demonstrated to me why the ISIS and Ebola Fear-mongering Republican Party is scared to death of large numbers of informed citizens voting in their enlightened self-interest.

Paul Weyrich, the "Founding Father of Conservatism," issued the following declaration in front of a Religious Right audience in Texas in 1980: "I don't want everybody to vote. Elections are not won by a majority of people. They never have been from the beginning of our country, and they are not now. As a matter of fact, our leverage in the elections — quite candidly — goes up, as the voting populace goes down." This certainly explains the Republicans' enthusiasm for Voter ID laws, a watered-down Voting Rights Act, and other strategies geared to suppress and discourage the vote.

I am extremely proud of the en-

lightened New Hampshire voters for repudiating the undemocratic doctrine of the late Conservative Daddy and the GOP, showing why New Hampshire is and will be a bellwether for the rest of the country and deserves to remain first in the nation to vote for President.

Nobody expresses this matter better than President Obama who, referring to the current GOP antagonists, recently stated: "There has been a certain cynical genius to what some of these folks have done in Washington. What they've realized is, if we don't get anything done, then people are going to get cynical about government and its possibilities of doing good for everybody. And since they don't believe in government, that's a pretty good thing. And the more cynical people get, the less they vote. And if turnout is low and people don't vote, that pretty much benefits those who benefit from the status quo."

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, NH

Support Local Sustainability

To the Editor:

On Monday, November 17, the Blue Ribbon Committee on Sustainable Practices will present the City Council with energy efficiency and sustainability suggestions. In recent letters, I wrote about Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing to assist property owners with energy efficiency and renewable energy investments, and about guidelines allowing slim black solar panel shingles to be visible from primary street-fronts in our Historic District. These ideas, along with others such as Pay As You Throw (PAYT), will be briefed.

PAYT essentially meters solid waste disposal like electricity, gas, and water; incentivizing reuse, recycling, and composting. Only solid waste in custom colored City specific trash bags, purchased

at local stores, would be picked up along with recycling on regularly scheduled days.

Concord adopted PAYT five years ago, and trash collection decreased by more than 40 percent while recycling increased by more than 60 percent. This more efficient solid waste disposal system has the financial benefits associated with reducing landfill environmental dangers, reducing energy used to create new paper, plastic, and aluminum products, and reducing carbon emissions that coincide with trash incinerators and manufacturing new recyclable materials.

I advocate for sustainability on a local level and energy independence on a national level to reduce military engagements rooted in our dependence on foreign energy. Whether it be for this reason, preserving our environment, or reducing the impacts of climate change, show your support for the Port City becoming more energy efficient and sustainable on November 17.

Josh Denton
Portsmouth, NH

Another Vet Heard From

To the Editor:

I too am a Viet Nam veteran who, when after protesting the incipient bombing of Afghanistan in October 2001, walked across Manchester's Elm Street into a group of seven or so Republicans who were all for it. I was wearing my Class A's for the first time since January 1969 when I put them in my mother's attic. I was (and still am) an 11 Bravo as my CIB attested. I was with my wife and I told her we'd just walk right through them since they were on the sidewalk near our parked car.

It was a somewhat nervous moment but they parted and let us pass without any trouble and I breathed a sigh of relief when one called out "thank you for your service."

Mash Notes, **HATE MAIL,**

I was nonplussed and kept walking and then said — regrettably — "you're welcome." My reply aches within.

Thirteen years later I'm still dumbfounded whenever I hear it and believe it to be of political origin — which [can't read this].

I went to Viet Nam too young to vote Republican but I did carry the John Birch Society's *None Dare Call It Treason*, which I could cite from memory and I quit Holy Cross College in March 1967 volunteering for the draft for Viet Nam, then ten times in the Army — I was so afraid I'd miss it.

Finally a call to Senator McIntyre's office got me there (Viet Nam) late in February 1968.

I was placed in the 1st Bn, 5th (Mechanized) Infantry and served on line for 7 months until an infected pilonodial cyst saved my life and I got the best job of my life — burning s__tin the field.

I am the sole GI in my platoon (25th Infantry Div.) who did not get hit. After my first firefight I was praying never to be in another one but unfortunately my prayers were not answered. I wasn't surprised because I was then and still am an atheist — although I prayed to all the gods I could think of (and up) not to be shipped back home in a body bag to my mother who had told me she didn't raise her son to become cannon fodder. I ha replied, "Ahh, Ma — I'm not gonna die." "S__t luck prevailed and home I came unscathed.

However thanks to Agent Orange and PTSD I am 100 percent combat disabled and thought for years the Viet Nam War might have been good because there hadn't been any more wars ... until there were many more.

I've been a Veteran for Peace since George H.[H.]W. Bush "started" our wars in the Middle

East and have never voted for a Republican svce one — our county treasurer.

Sorry about this screed.

The reason I'm writing is one of your subscribers [Arnold Stieber] wrote once saying he had cards printed which he hands to those who thank him for his service.

We was (is) a grunt too and it hit me right off. Any chance you can dig it up again? Great if you can and thanks for the fine job you're doing — I appreciate it very much.

Richard L. "Dick" Murphy

Dick:

Thank you for writing, for giving us your story, and for giving us a reason to re-publish the text from Arnie's card.

"Please don't thank me for my 'service.' I was in the military, not the 'service.' Service is doing something good. Service is what the person does who fixes your car. When the word 'service' is applied to the military, it helps to justify violence as a method for conflict resolution. Like 'defending our freedom,' or 'bringing democracy,' the word 'service' is used to lower the barriers of aggression. The military solution to conflict is death and destruction. That's not 'service.' Call it what it is, the military. If you have to hurt someone to solve a problem, you are the problem." Arnold Stieber, Army, Infantry, Viet Nam 1970, WarisSlavery.blogspot.com.

The Editor

OK, You Won — Now Go Home

To the Editor:

Well, the midterm elections are over and the anti-government party is victorious.

Does this mean that after this government is sworn in it will dissolve itself, with the whole Congress returning home, and permitting the states to govern?

Actually, this might not be a bad

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And Other Correspondence

idea. Then those who voted Republican will be assumed willing to relinquish their Social Security and Medicare and can move to a state that does not have such programs, while those who want to keep those benefits can move to states that maintain them. And so it will go, with citizens relocating to states that best reflect their beliefs. Of course there will be different combinations but everyone should be able to find the state within which they are most comfortable. For example: a state that does not recognize homosexual marriages; permits free access to firearms; has no social safety net, but a vigorous program of corporate welfare; welcomes fracking and genetically modified foods; has no income taxes; rewards companies for sending jobs overseas; overturns child labor laws and minimum wage; has no disability or unemployment benefits, does not require car seats or seat belts; and has no environmental regulations, will be the desired destination of those who voted Republican. And of course these states will happily provide foreign aid, and will send their children off to die in foreign wars, while the children of their wealthy overloads and those of the arms merchants stay home. And by authority over the air waves they can permit only the Christian Zionist and Fox programs to be broadcast.

Of course this will produce a bit of a problem for the denizens of K Street who will be forced to leave Washington and set up headquarters in fifty different locations which will make the job of bribing the elected officials much more difficult, and in many states impossible. Then, too, there will be those states that will disallow corporate welfare, and even send those who manipulate markets

and banks to jail. No, I think that with the results being as they are, the party of limited or no government will suddenly recognize a need for government that promotes their own agenda. Unfortunately, they will then prove themselves correct when their governance becomes the problem and not the solution.

John Dente
Wilmington, DE
John:
It is odd that it's always a comfort, no matter how dire the circumstance, to see it mapped out so well.
The Editor

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Comparatively Sane
To the Editor:
One of the countless reasons I love New Hampshire is because once every four years, we in the Granite State get to personally meet, greet, and grill anyone who is running for President of these United States. And I mean anyone.

I was working at a print shop in Market Square in Portsmouth during the run-up to the 1988 presidential election. So everyone needed fliers and posters, right? My favorites were the fringe candidates, particularly the really insane ones. They would come in and hand me their crappy fliers to get as many copies as the change in their pockets would allow. I always enjoyed engaging them in some banter about their political positions, the planet or star from which they hailed, and whatever plan they had to prevent the CIA from reading our thoughts.

I can't remember his name but one gentleman running for president used to come in to have copies made. Outwardly, and during casual conversation, he seemed very normal. Then I read his flier. Amongst his crazy-assed "accomplishments" listed was the

discovery of the 5th dimension! I couldn't resist. I told him I would love to discuss things with him during my lunch break and he excitedly agreed to meet me at a bench in Market Square.

As I recall, he was well dressed and had a stack of papers and a briefcase when I met him at the bench. I let him do most of the talking, and didn't really challenge on anything until he got to the part about his "discovery" of the 5th dimension. I stopped him mid-stream to set him straight. "Sir, you most certainly did not discover the 5th dimension!" I announced. He paused looking a bit confused. I then went on to calmly explain that it was Johnny Rivers who discovered the 5th Dimension and then signed them to his Soul City record label in 1966. The gentleman's eyes seemed to cross momentarily but then he just started up again about what sort of creatures inhabit the 5th dimension that he had discovered, &c. After a few more minutes of this I stood up and proclaimed "up, up and away!" and left him there talking to himself.

Sorry, that was kind of a long winded way of making this point: If you dare read the platform and positions of potential presidential candidates these days, especially the ones of the tea-bag variety, you realize that the discovery of a new dimension would be mild compared to the crap they throw against the wall.

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

Your letter reminded us, for the first time in years, of Maurice "Morry" Taylor Jr., a 1996 Primary candidate of the GOP persuasion. Morry had an office in the Franklin Block, if memory serves, and he never had to fish under couch cushions to pay the copy bill.

According to the New York Times, "Mr. Taylor based his Presidential campaign on the idea that a

businessman was needed to run the United States more efficiently."
He ended up spending \$6.5 million "of his own money" in the Primary. In truth, that money was distilled from the sweat of his employees, and for every one of his 7,000 votes, he spent \$928.57.
The Editor

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Another Disgusted Customer
To the Editor:

I just returned from voting and, frankly, I wonder why I bothered. No matter which side wins in this disgusting election, nothing substantive will change in the way our government functions. I'm a registered independent who tries to keep up with issues and who has voted faithfully for decades, but I'm finally completely fed up. I'm sitting here looking at an inch high stack of political flyers I've received in the mail over the past few weeks that contain nothing but slurs and disinformation — virtually no hard information on which to make choices between candidates. I can't turn on the TV, or even make an Internet query, without having to suffer through dishonest tirades about how horrible the other guy is. I'm deluged day-in and day-out with telephone "polls" many of which are phony, thinly disguised political pitches. And who needs to know hour-by-hour what we potential voters are thinking anyway, since it just tells political operatives which way to most effectively spin their dishonest messages. I'm personally making a vow going forward not to support or contribute to any candidate on either side unless they make a promise above all else to work diligently on campaign reform — and hold them accountable for their promises. I strongly urge every voter to do the same. We as voters are being played for fools: under the present system, the party or candidate that can most effectively manipulate the poorly informed voter wins.



That's not the way our democracy was supposed to work.

Arlo Gambell
Rye, NH
Arlo:

If your political vision is so limited that you cannot distinguish between a party struggling, however ineptly, to make things less awful for the downtrodden, and a party that's working ferociously to make things better for the downtrodden, then maybe you shouldn't bother voting.
The Editor

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Brown's Happy Ending
To the Editor:

I did not like the election results in Kentucky; however it was a delight to see two women Scott Brown ran against become winners. One of those women (Martha Coakley) lost her Senate bid to Scott and propelled him to two years in the Senate after the late Ted Kennedy passed. Scott's pick-up truck image became known through-out the country and the world. After being beat by Jeanne Shaheen in New Hampshire, and noticing Martha's success in becoming the next Governor in Massachusetts, Scott must feel a Senate seat or any political future is far beyond his reach. Elizabeth Warren sent him packing in Massachusetts; and now Senator Shaheen sent Scott packing in New Hampshire. Congratulations to Senator Elizabeth Warren and

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A Party of One

by William Marvel

I dislike political polls, and harbor particular contempt for politicians who use them to determine their positions. Polls serve only to distort the political process by swaying wavering voters and politicians who want to be identified with majority opinion, regardless of their real beliefs. If everyone refused to answer, polling organizations would stop annoying us at dinnertime, but partisans always do answer, hoping to slant the results their way.

My opinions would only confuse poll analysts, because my views scatter so broadly across the political spectrum. People are always remarking how difficult they find me to categorize, and I fully understand because I don't know how to categorize myself. Neither would I wish to be categorized, given how ridiculous and disingenuous all the recognized factions have seemed at one time or another.

For decades I registered as a

Democrat, although I've always frowned on the Democrats' habit of addressing all problems with more government institutions and public employees — and with the ever-increasing taxation that those solutions require. Then Republicans got into the big-government game with a vengeance, starting with the Department of Homeland Security. Local issues often found me siding with Republicans, but I was just as hostile to the corporate hegemony their party espoused. The main purpose of a corporation, as I wrote a dozen years before the Citizens United case, is to exploit all the rights and benefits of an American citizen without incurring any of the responsibilities.

Even after I removed my name from the list of Democratic faithful, a decade or so ago, I still found myself supporting their candidates on most national issues. After all, they were the only opposition party, and I jumped ship primarily because they were so spineless in dealing with the

Cheney-led Bush administration. That, and my antagonism for the 2003 invasion of Iraq, led many to presume that I remained a Democrat at heart. However, my blacklist from that quagmire includes Hillary Clinton, as well as some Democrats who voted against the war but were too afraid of losing the power and privilege of their offices to halt the funding for it.

I think politics serves for many as little more than another social activity, with all the same pressure to conform to the other participants' expectations as Gopher Prairie's Thanatopsis club. If agreement is found in a few critical areas, universal consensus is assumed. Most people harbor an innate impulse to satisfy those assumptions, too, because of the virulent indignation that accompanies disillusionment.

Someone who has expressed as much antiwar sentiment as I have is easily mistaken for a pacifist. I have satirized organized religion enough, and editorialized so much against discrimination and "don't

ask, don't tell," that many took it for granted I would automatically support gay marriage. So sincerely do most of us consider gender politically and professionally immaterial that we are presumed to view it as nonexistent, or meaningless.

Debate was raging over the transgender mania around the same time the Supreme Court embraced our corporate masters. The liberal left was essentially contending that people were no longer children of Nature, with certain immutable essential attributes, but mere machines composed of parts that can be modified at will, like converting a car to diesel fuel or a standard transmission. Simultaneously, oligarchs on the right were straining the bounds of reason with equal vigor to claim that their corporate charters were human beings.

For one extreme, people were merely malleable objects; for another, paper was people. That was when I realized, with some relief, that I was not growing more con-

servative with age; the world was simply squaring off into increasingly radical factions, leaving the sane behind.

Those factions create a voting dilemma. The First District congressional contest offers me a clear preference, but usually there isn't a great deal of choice. Jeanne Shaheen and Scott Brown, for instance, are not that different, despite their respective attack ads and the competing fervor of their enemies. They are relatively moderate members of their parties, and both are "from away" — albeit one more recently than the other.

The most visceral issues in recent years have arisen in the legislature, where the political eclectic finds likeminded candidates scarce. Few would protect both abortion rights and our concealed-carry law; few would oppose both stop-and-frisk police policy and a sales tax. All I can do is ask myself which prospective legislator better reflects a society that someone raised in northern New Hampshire can actually recognize.

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

Senator Jeanne Shaheen.
Alfred Waddell
Hyannis, MA
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Why Republicans Won
To the Editor:
Apparently there is confusion about why "the party of no" overwhelmingly won the November election. This election, as he said, was a referendum on the liberal/progressive policies that President Obama has been implementing. If the voters wanted President Obama's policies to be implemented, they would have elected more Democrats.

The voters' mandate is to stop President Obama's policies. If "getting something done" means compromising or helping to enact President Obama's policies, the voters don't want it; President Obama's policies are hurting our country and making most Americans poorer and less free.

The voters want Republicans to stop/repeal Obamacare; stop amnesty for illegals; close the border; protect Americans from sick and criminal immigrants; stop Obama's policies that make the rich richer but most Americans poorer; stop Obama's war

on religion, American values, and the unity of the American people; stop destroying our children's futures; stop Obama's assault on American citizens' rights; &c.

Democrats and their media supporters created the best marketing phrase for the 2014 election when they called Republicans "the party of no." The American people want no more of President Obama's policies; those liberal/progressive policies hurt our country and most Americans.

Don Ewing
Meredith, NH
Don:

We love the way you begin this screed with a vaguely plausible argument, then leap directly into deranged fantasy.

What Americans want most of all is a nation they can live in. Your gang is implementing policies that only work on paper, and only for corporations.

They justify the suppression of low income and minority voters with bogus claims of Democratic voter fraud. If that was true they would have won a few more elections.

Meanwhile, nationally, thanks largely to gerrymandering, Republicans took 57 percent of the seats in

the House with just 52 percent of the votes.

The Editor
Dislikes Gazette [& Grammar]
To the Editor:
I was just reading your gazette [sic] and the anti-Israel tone of the editor was concerning [sic]. Please post this in the hate mail section of your gazette [sic].

Simple "smell test" to see which side of the Israel/Arab conflict one should be supporting [sic]. Put an American flag shirt on and walk down any street in Israel. Your chances of experiencing bodily harm is [sic] close to zero.

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Exposing The Secret Corporate Coup Of Our Democratic Elections

by Jim Hightower

A big surprise in this year's elections is that American politics has become dominated by the least likely of participants: Shy people. That's strange, since running for office is an ego game, attracting those at ease with self-promotion. But the hot new trend is to campaign anonymously, not even whispering your name to voters.

Of course, these are not the campaigns of actual candidates, nor are the campaigners even people. Rather, they are corporations, empowered by the Frankensteins on our Supreme Court to possess the political rights of us real human-type people. Using their shareholders' money, corporate entities are spending hundreds-of-millions of dollars to elect or defeat whomever they choose.

You would know these corpo-

rations, for they are major brand-names from Big Oil, Big Food, Big Pharma, &c. Normally, they are not at all bashful about promoting their corporate brands, but — shhhh — they want to be totally secretive about their massive spending to decide who holds office in America. They realize that their self-serving campaigns would alienate their customers, employees, and shareholders, so they're keeping their involvement

hush-hush.

One agency could compel them to reveal their spending on what amounts to a corporate coup of our democratic elections: The Securities and Exchange Commission. The SEC is supposed to guard the right of investors to know how corporate executives are spending their money. But this watchdog isn't barking, much less biting, thus allowing CEOs to take unlimited amounts

of other people's money, without their permission, and secretly pour it down the darkest hole in American politics.

SEC's inaction is gutless, making it complicit in the corporate corruption of our governing system. To help make it do its duty, link up with Public Citizen: www.citizen.org.

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Now wear that same shirt in Gaza or the West Bank and there will be a pretty good chance you will be appearing in a Youtube video in an orange jumpsuit getting your head sawed off.

The simple fact is that the Arabs in that area will kill an American Progressive as quickly as an American Conservative. What I do not understand is regardless of the reason those Arabs hate us, why do Progressives side with people that would kill them? It seems like self-destructing behavior to me.

Dom Sanderson
via the Interwebz
Dom:

If the world was as simple a place as you suggest, it would be excruciatingly boring.

The Editor

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The Eternal Wrangle, Part the Umpteenth

[Note: When we first began receiving letters about Israel we set them aside on the grounds that there would be no end to them. A faithful reader took us to task and suggested, if we recall correctly, that perhaps a lack of editorial fortitude was involved. Eager to be proven predictable, we took that as a challenge. Now we find ourselves challenged by the immutable limitations of time and space. Our only recourse is to

wade in with our editorial hatchet; apologies to our correspondents. — The Ed.]

Israel & Willie Pete

To the Editor:

In their aggressions against Israel, the Arabs have been adept at transmuting uncomfortable fact into sympathetic propaganda. Miscontextualized fact has been a powerful force to elicit support for the terrorists. Pro-terror groups have also proven talented at fabricating self-serving "facts" to further their own twisted narrative.

The Editor excoriates Israel. [An additional 100 words are here reduced to 23: we're accused of ignoring the egregious offenses of Palestinian and focusing too much on Israeli actions which are in the writer's view justifiable.]

Mr. Carine prefers Morris's earlier misinterpretations and mistranslations and scorns his more mature perspective, certified unacceptable in repeated near-lynchings of Morris by enraged leftists. [Another 123 words of nearly-Talmudic disputation is deleted.]

[Another 104 words have been cut here to 20: Israelis fleeing persecution bought their land fair and square, while "Mohammedans" arrogantly presume to deny them the right to exist.]

If you claim that democracy, tolerance and enlightenment are important, then you have to recognize that Israel, with all its many flaws (it is, after all, populated by human beings), still stands well above its adversaries. That nation struggles to ensure that its population understands, respects, and adheres to humane standards, yet they are endlessly, unjustly accused of failings which really are trivial when evaluated in the context of their travails. Israel's adversaries, on the other hand, all teach their populations to hate from early childhood. Especially to hate Jews. The terrorists are widely praised for their liberation aspirations, as though that is what they are really seeking. Were independence the actual goal, they would not have rejected so many opportunities to achieve it since 1947.

There is one standard for judging Israel, and a completely different one for the rest of the world. For example, how much concern do you see regarding China's truly illegal occupation of Tibet for the past half-century? Where's the protest against the slaughter of Tibetan citizens in on-going Chinese massacres? Such obscenities are totally ignored by purported do-gooders who much prefer to unjustifiably attack Israel.

Richard Collier
Portsmouth, NH
Richard:

China is a trading partner with whom we do business. Israel is an ally which, without our longstanding support, would probably exist no longer. We think there's a difference.

The Editor

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On White Phosphorous

To the Editor:

The editor of this paper judging Israel of war crimes at about every opportunity, while exonerating Hamas, is troubling, but to be predicted. The latest issue on white phosphorous is a case in point.

There is a long history of countries using white phosphorous. The British used it against the Kurds in 1920. White phosphorous was used extensively by both the Axis and Allied forces against civilian populations in the 1940's. The U.S. used it a lot in Korea and Vietnam as did the Russians in Chechnya. In 2011 the United Nations employed it in Libya.

In a communiqué dated January 4, 2012, *WorldTribune.com* revealed that the Hamas military was firing mortar shells filled with white phosphorous in attacks on Israel civilian targets in 2011 and 2012. I have no information beyond that.

International humanitarian law prohibits the use of incendiary weapons against civilians. Using white phosphorous as an obscurant (smoke) is not forbidden under this law.

In their use of white phosphorous in 2009, the Israelis claimed that casualties and damage was "relatively limited compared to the significant military advantage gained by smoke-screening." All sides agree that the use of white phosphorous was high-up in the air — to prevent, or at least minimize a lethal effect.

[Here 125 words are distilled to 20: Amnesty International's White Phosphorous report reflects an alleged anti-Israel bias, whereas Israel's report on its own behavior is more credible.]

White phosphorous is the most known effective screening agent. But it can also cause damage in three ways: by burning deeply into tissue, by being inhaled as a smoke and by being ingested. Extensive exposure by burning and ingestion is fatal.

We know that white phosphorous can be a hideous substance and can represent the depth of immorality when used incorrectly — but only when used by Israel, otherwise no biggie.

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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.

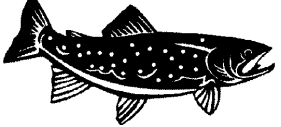
Twice a day, too, the moon lets all that water go. All the seawater that just fought its way upstream goes back home to the ocean. This is when the Piscataqua earns its title for xth fastest current. Look for the red buoy, at the upstream

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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He'll live to be 105. 1849—Fyodor Dostoevsky is sentenced to death for spreading "impudent words." 1811—An earthquake causes the Mississippi to flow backwards. 1776—The American brig-of-war <i>Andrew Doria</i> receives the nation's first salute from a foreign power at Fort Oranje, St. Eustatius. 1747—In Boston, sailors, laborers, and free blacks protest against British naval press gangs. 1665—The <i>Oxford Gazette</i>—the world's oldest surviving periodical—is founded.	2006—"We'll succeed [in Iraq] unless we quit," says George W. 2003—An Austrian musclemán becomes California's governor. 1995—A phone call from Rep. Sonny Callahan (R-AL) intrudes upon, but does not halt, a tryst between Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinski. 1995—The commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific says the rape of an Okinawan girl was "stupid," and the culprit should have patronized a prostitute, instead. 1992—<i>Dateline</i> broadcasts a rigged video of a GM truck exploding. 1973—Speaking to a convention of newspaper editors at Disneyland, Richard M. Nixon declares, "I am not a crook." (It's a lie.) 1967—Lyndon Johnson tells the nation "we are making great progress" in Vietnam. 1965—U.S. troops at Ia Drang march away from a pending B-52 strike and into an ambush; 155 are killed and 120 wounded. 1953—An Air Force C-119 "Flying Boxcar" kills nine Fort Bragg paratroopers in mid-air; six more servicemen die when the C-119 subsequently crashes. 1917—The destroyers <i>Fanning</i> and <i>Nicholson</i> sink the U-58 off Ireland, the first sub sunk by the U.S. Navy. 1558—In celebration of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth I, several bags of cats are burned.	2005—Rep. Jean Schmidt (R-OH) apologizes on the floor of the House for implying Vietnam combat veteran Rep. Jack Murtha (D-PA) is a coward. 1997—A declassified 1962 document outlines Operation Northwoods, a Pentagon plan to build support for an invasion of Cuba by staging fake terrorist attacks, including shooting innocent people on U.S. streets. 1978—Jim Jones and 913 followers drink cyanide-laced Flavor-Aid in Jonestown, Guyana. 1964—Snubbing Richard Nixon, J. Edgar "Mary" Hoover calls Martin Luther King Jr. "the most notorious liar in the country." 1961—JFK signs National Security Memo 111, authorizing a troop surge in Vietnam. 1916—The Battle of the Somme is called off. The Allies have gained 125 square miles at a cost of 1,250,000 British, French, and German casualties—one for every 2.5 square yards. Germans later re-take most of it. 1686—Pioneering surgeon Charles Francois Felix operates on King Louis XIV's anal fistula, having practiced on peasants to hone his skills. Unlike some of the peasants, Louis survives. 1477—William Caxton's press issues the first dated book printed in England.	1998—Congress begins considering whether to impeach Bill Clinton over his sex life. 1969—Congress undercuts opposition to the Vietnam War by introducing a draft lottery. 1967—A 500 lb. bomb from a U.S.M.C. F4 Phantom kills 45 paratroopers of the 173d Airborne Brigade and wounds 45 more during the Battle of Dak To. 1967—Dick "Was a Dick Then" Cheney is convicted of driving drunk in Cheyenne, WY. 1961—Michael Rockefeller disappears in Papua, New Guinea and is presumed eaten by cannibals. 1960—At a party in New York, Norman Mailer stabs his second wife, Adele Morales. 1929—A Texas mob takes Marshall Ratliff from the Cisco, TX jail to lynch him. The first rope breaks, the second doesn't. 1924—Hollywood producer Thomas Ince dies at 42, officially from a heart attack, but more likely from a [William Randolph] Hearst attack—a bullet to the head. 1915—A firing squad executes IWW organizer Joe Hill; his last words: "Don't mourn, organize." 1874—Tammany Hall Grand Sachem William Marcy "Boss" Tweed is convicted of 204 counts of fraud. 1863—The nation's Chief Executive dedicates a new cemetery at Gettysburg, PA.	2008—Sarah Palin gives a TV interview while, in the background, turkeys are being slaughtered. 1979—Five hundred fundamentalist Muslims seize the Grand Mosque in Mecca, then being renovated by the bin Laden construction company. Much trouble ensues. 1975—After stalling for years, Spanish dictator Francisco Franco dies. He is still dead. 1962—The Cuban Missile Crisis blows over, rather than up. 1955—Defying his host's orders, Bo Diddley sings "Bo Diddley" on the Ed Sullivan Show. An irate Sullivan bans Diddley forevermore. 1946—Viet Minh and French forces clash near Haiphong, leading to French occupation. 1945—Nuremberg trials begin. 1936—Buenaventura Durruti, the Spanish anarchist, dies defending Madrid from fascists. 1917—In northeastern France, British forces use tanks in battle for the first time. 1894—The U.S. invades Nicaragua. 1820—A whale attacks the Nantucket whaling ship <i>Essex</i>, inspiring the greatest fish story ever told. 1816—Striking members of the Albany Typographical Union use the term "scab" for the first time. 1772—At a Boston town meeting called by Samuel Adams, the first Committee of Correspondence is formed.	1991—An ABC exposé converts televangelist Robert Tilton's "ministry" from an \$80 million/yr. scam into the butt of a video, "Pastor Gas, the Farting Preacher." 1986—Ollie North and Fawn Hall start shredding evidence of criminal arms-for-hostages deals. 1980—In Louisiana, an oil rig on Lake Peigneur accidentally drills into a salt mine, creating a whirlpool that drains the lake and takes the oil rig with it. 1974—On the same day the Texas Air National Guard gives George W. Bush an inexplicably honorable discharge, the Freedom of Information Act passes despite Gerry Ford's veto. 1973—Nixon's Chief of Staff Al Haig accurately attributes an 18.5 minute gap on an audio tape to "sinister forces." 1970—Looking for POWs, U.S. troops raid Son Tay prison camp, evacuated three weeks earlier. 1967—Vietnamese commies are "unable to mount a major offensive," says Gen. Wm. Westmoreland. "We have reached an important point when the end begins to come into view." 1927—The <i>first</i> Columbine Massacre: striking miners are machine-gunned by state cops in plain clothes. 1894—Japanese troops conduct the Port Arthur Massacre.	2000—In Miami, two dozen well-dressed hooligans, half a dozen of them on the Republican payroll, stage the "Brooks Brothers Riot," intimidating election officials into shutting down a recount. 1987—Chicago TV viewers see Dr. Who and a Chicago Bears game interrupted for 90 seconds by a man in a Max Headroom mask 1975—<i>U.S.S. John F. Kennedy</i> and <i>U.S.S. Belknap</i> collide in the night near Sicily. A two-hour fire aboard the <i>Belknap</i> stops 30 feet short of the nuclear weapons magazine. 1972—The U.S. loses its first B-52 over Vietnam. 1967—The UN adopts a resolution calling for Israel to leave the occupied territories. 1963—President John F. Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas, TX; by whom, exactly, is still a matter of much debate. 1941—Germany's top fighter pilot, Werner Mölders, dies as a passenger in a plane crash on his way to the funeral of the Luftwaffe's Generaloberst Ernst Udet, a suicide. 1930—Prophet Elijah Mohammed founds the Nation of Islam. 1909—A New York judge tells strikers from the ILGWU "You are on strike against God." 1718—Shot, stabbed, and slashed across the throat by British sailors, pirate Edward "Blackbeard" Teach dies fighting at Ocracoke Inlet.
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1984—BC's Doug Flutie throws history's most famous "Hail Mary." 1976—Jerry Lee Lewis is arrested outside Graceland for waving a pistol and demanding to see Elvis. 1970—A Lithuanian radio operator jumps from a Russian trawler onto the deck of the Coast Guard cutter <i>Vigilant</i>. Commander Ralph Eustis allows Soviet sailors to board the cutter and seize the radioman. 1958—Ron & Nancy Reagan appear on "GE Theatre" in "A Turkey for the President." 1946—French ships shell the harbor at Haiphong killing 6,000. 1936—In San Antonio, bluesman Robert Johnson begins a legendary three-day recording session. 1918—In Scapa Flow, the German submarine <i>U-18</i> is sunk by the fishing trawler <i>Dorothy Gray</i>. 1903—U.S. troops under Gen. Sherman Bell are sent to Cripple Creek, CO to put down a rebellion of striking miners. 1899—The first jukebox plays in a San Francisco saloon. 1876—After a year on the lam in Cuba and Spain, Tammany Hall's "Boss" Tweed is jailed in NYC. 1869—<i>Cutty Sark</i>, last of the clipper ships, is launched. 1859—Birth of William "Billy the Kid" Bonney. 1644—John Milton publishes <i>Areopagitica ... For the Liberty of Unlicensed Printing</i>.	2006—"The only way we can win [in Iraq]," says George W. Bush in Greeley, CO, "is to leave before the job is done." 1979—The U.S. admits troops in 'Nam were hit by Agent Orange. 1971—"D.B. Cooper," carrying \$200,000 in ransom cash, parachutes from a hijacked plane over Washington State into oblivion and America's heart. 1965—<i>The New York Times</i> runs a full-page ad signed by 500 WW II and Korean War vets protesting escalation of the Vietnam War. 1963—Strip joint proprietor Jack Ruby, seeking to spare Jacqueline Kennedy's feelings from the rigors of a trial, shoots Lee Harvey Oswald under the watchful eye of the Dallas Police Department and the TV cameras. 1961—An overheated electric motor in Colorado cuts off all communications between SAC and NORAD. 1953—Sen. Joe McCarthy (Lunatic-WI) claims the Truman administration is "crawling with Communists." 1947—All but 17 Congressmen vote to cite the Hollywood Ten for contempt after they take the 5th. 1922—Erskine Childers, Irish patriot guilty of illegally carrying a revolver, says to his firing squad, "Take a step forward, lads. It will be easier that way."	2002—George W. Bush signs the Homeland Security Act, which coincidentally provides security from lawsuits for Eli Lilly & Co., on whose board his father and Ken Lay had sat. 1997—In Plymouth, MA, police serve Native American demonstrators pepper-spray. 1986—A reluctant Ronald Reagan fires Lt. Col. Oliver North as Ed Meese announces profits from illegal arms sales to Iran went to Nicaraguan <i>contras</i>. 1974—Britain outlaws the IRA after two bombs kill 21 and injure over 100 in Birmingham. 1970—After tying up their commandant, Japanese novelist Yukio Mishima exhorts military cadets to revolt; but they jeer him instead. He then commits <i>seppuku</i>. 1968—Death of Upton Sinclair, writer and media critic. 1950—Chinese troops cross the Yalu River in Korea. 1947—For refusing to rat out their friends to Congress, the Hollywood Ten are fired by studio bosses. 1910—French anarchist Jules Durand is sentenced to die after a bum trial. He's later exonerated, but 40 days in a strait jacket have driven him mad. 1783—British troops under Commander in Chief Guy Carleton evacuate New York as General George Washington and the victorious Continental Army arrive.	2000—Florida's Secretary of State Katherine Harris declares George W. Bush the winner. She is also the Bush campaign's Florida co-chair. 1970—In Basse-Terre, on Guadalupé, an inch and a half of rain falls in one minute—the heaviest rainfall ever recorded. 1983—Thieves at London's Heathrow airport take 6,800 gold bars worth \$38.7 million. About a third are still missing. 1976—The Sex Pistols release "Anarchy in the UK," their first single. 1973—Rose Mary Woods takes the fall for the 18 1/2 minute gap. 1958—A B-47 with an A-bomb aboard burns in Lake Charles, LA. 1942—To cash in on the invasion of North Africa, <i>Casablanca</i> premieres ahead of schedule in New York. <i>The New Yorker's</i> critic says it is "pretty tolerable," but "not quite up to <i>Across the Pacific</i>." 1941—A fleet of aircraft carriers leaves Japan for Hawaii. 1939—The Soviet Army shells the Soviet village of Mainila, providing a handy excuse to attack Finland. 1922—Howard Carter and his employer Lord Carnarvon desecrate the tomb of King Tutankhamun. 1921—Charles W. Whittlesey, commander of the "Lost Battalion," drowns himself. 1911—Death of Paul Lafargue, Karl Marx's son-in-law, and author of <i>The Right to be Lazy</i>.	2002—Donald Rumsfeld signs off on "Category III" interrogation techniques—namely, torture. 2001—As Gen. Tommy Franks tries to concentrate on catching Osama bin Laden, Donald Rumsfeld distracts him with an order to revise plans to attack Iraq. 1969—American medics in Pleiku begin a fast to protest the way the war's conducted. 1965—In Washington, 25,000 march for peace in Vietnam. 1952—For the sixth time, Winnie Ruth Judd, the Trunk Murderess, escapes from the Arizona State Insane Hospital. 1912—Sherwood Anderson, a successful 36 year old businessman, leaves his wife, family, and job to become a writer. 1900—To get information from the president of a Filipino town, U.S. troops force salt water down his throat and burn his town. 1868—General George A. Custer and his troops massacre Black Kettle and 102 other Cheyenne survivors of the Sand Creek Massacre in the Battle of the Washita. 1726—Writing to Alexander Pope about the initial reception of <i>Gulliver's Travels</i>, Jonathan Swift notes with delight that an Irish Bishop said it was "full of improbable lies." 1095—Pope Urban II launches the Crusades, promising salvation for those who die slaying pagans.	2005—Ex-Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham (R-CA) pleads guilty to selling votes and dodging taxes. 1995—Fun-loving Bill Clinton signs a highway bill ending the 55 mph speed limit. 1979—Relying on outdated navigational data during a sightseeing flight over Antarctica, <i>Air New Zealand Flight 901</i> flies into Mount Erebus with 257 souls on board. 1969—<i>Time Magazine</i> reports that 20 months earlier, things got out of hand at My Lai. 1950—British pub-owner and hangman Albert Pierrepoint slips a noose around the neck of his former customer and drinking buddy James "Tish" Corbitt. 1942—In Boston, the Coconut Grove nightclub burns; 498 are killed and 172 injured. 1922—Ex-RAF pilot Cyril Turner gives the first demonstration of skywriting in NYC. He uses the technique to advertise—skywriting. 1895—Six cars compete in the U.S.'s first auto race. The winner averages seven m.p.h. 1859—Ailing Washington Irving asking "When will this end?" answers his own question. 1795—On George Washington's watch, the U.S. pays \$800,000 to Tunisian pirates, with a promise to pay \$25,000 a year in future. 1545—Printer Jacob van Liesveld is beheaded for heresy.	2011—Former Arapahoe County (CO) Sheriff Patrick Sullivan, arrested for exchanging methamphetamine for sex with a male informant, is incarcerated in a jail named after himself. 1990—The UN Security Council votes for war in the Persian Gulf. 1976—After Jerry Lee Lewis accidentally plugs his bass player in the chest twice with a .357 magnum, he's charged with discharging a firearm within city limits. 1967—Robert Strange McNamara resigns as Defense Secretary. 1963—President Johnson establishes a commission to rule out the possibility of a conspiracy in the assassination of John F. Kennedy. 1929—Admiral Byrd calculates he's at the South Pole. He's not. 1877—Thomas A. Edison becomes the world's first cylinder jockey. 1864—Led by Major John Chivington (also a Methodist minister) Colorado Militia ignore a truce flag and slaughter 450 Cheyenne men, women, and children, scalping some. A local paper says the soldiers had "covered themselves in glory"—a typo, perhaps. 1811—Birth of Wendell Phillips, chronic troublemaker, in Boston. 1781—To shift liability for the loss to underwriters, slave ship captain Luke Collingwood of the <i>Zong</i> orders his crew to begin throwing 133 live slaves overboard.
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