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The Fortnightly Rant

Shall We Call It What It Is?

Many Americans were shocked this year to find racial tension in the headlines again — many white Americans, anyway.

This country has been officially non-racist for nearly fifty years according to their way of thinking, so there is no justification for black Americans to bring up the issue now. In fact, just mentioning our history of racial discrimination — 246 years of chattel slavery and 100 years of Jim Crow laws — is provocative and incendiary.

The recent demonstrations and civil unrest in Missouri and New York have therefore been unnecessary, misguided, hypocritical, and counterproductive. Troublemakers have misappropriated the fatal but inevitable consequences of the bad behavior of criminals and cynically used them to manufacture unfounded indictments of our criminal justice system.

Law enforcement officers have been doing their job valiantly while criminal elements have been using the false spectre of racism as an excuse for their own violent behavior.

Turning Point

Anyone suggesting that the nation bears a collective guilt for racial discrimination must, by definition, hate America and be a liar.

In fact, since this country turned away from its previous policy* of “separate but [wink-wink] equal,” progress towards racial harmony has been astonishingly rapid.

If the Bakke case doesn't prove that racial discrimination is a thing of the past, then nothing will. A mere thirteen years after President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1965, Allan P. Bakke found that in order to gain admission to the UC Davis Medical School, he required the assistance of the U.S. Supreme Court to overcome the discrimination against him — because he was white.

Meanwhile, Back on Planet Earth

We shall now dispense with the *faux*-wingnut voice; frightening, how easy that

is to slip into.

Even reverting to our standard editorial perspective — preternaturally reasoned, unreasonably well-informed, Solomonically judicious — we find ourselves as surprised as the fervent Right-Wingers by the resurgence of mass protests in the streets. Not for the same reasons, of course. We wonder what took so long.

What Are the Odds?

ProPublica, a non-profit news organization, recently did a study of federally-collected data on police shootings during the years 2010 – 2012. It showed that young black men are 21 times more likely to be shot to death by police than white men the same age.

Of course, young black men don't need ProPublica to tell them what their odds are — they live with them every day.

Meanwhile, over on the other side of the allegedly non-existent racial divide, crypto-racist whites can't be bothered to ponder those odds. It's far more satisfying to conjure up fictitious reasons why those dead young black men deserved to get shot by the forces of law and order.

This exercise is not limited to stereotypical rednecks in T-shirts sitting on their tailgates drinking beer with their buddies. Far from it.

Everyone with a television has seen fastidiously-groomed men and women speculating on camera about the character, past behavior, and upbringing of one or another black person while being very well paid to do it. When videotape was available a repeating loop showed the body in question lying under a tarp in the background.

Missing from this coverage, more often than not — a corresponding look into the character, past behavior, and upbringing of the officer who pulled the trigger.

Equal Opportunity For All

This is post-Reagan America, though, where racism is ancient history and facts are no longer relevant. Sure, the Capitol building was built with slave labor at a time when the greatest single store of value in the nation was the sweating bodies of its



slaves, but hey — that was a long time ago. Can't we all just get along?

Maybe not. A paper just published in the December issue of the *American Sociological Review*, which studied Presidential voting records in 10 Southern states, found that counties in which active Ku Klux Klan chapters had recruited new members in the 1960s still have a statistically significant increase in Republican voting compared to counties with no established KKK chapter — even several decades later.

Invisible Man Meets Invisible Class War

A photo surfaced recently showing three white men demonstrating in support of the NYPD, wearing black T-shirts with white

lettering that read, “I Can Breathe.” It's blindingly obvious why American blacks are irate — what's bugging these white guys (beyond atavistic crypto-racism)?

When a lifeboat takes on water, everyone in it gets edgy. Today, that includes the whole middle class — the poor are not the only casualties in this class war.

Class war? Oh, yes. As New York state attorney general Eric Schneiderman has said, “The distribution of wealth is not determined by nature. It is determined by policy.” So what else could we call it?

And you can't successfully run a class war without pitting the lower classes against each other.

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Hail CRomnibus!

The 113th Congress officially concluded its business on Tuesday, December 16th. Its legislative processes are now history, its members have shuffled off stage, and the curtain has dropped on its final performance.

The Members of the 114th Congress will not be sworn in until January 3rd. Anyone anxious that the nation might suffer from the absence of a working legislature during this eighteen-day period will, we hope, be distracted adequately with seasonal chores like cleaning the chimney and setting out milk and cookies.

This Congress has been widely but erroneously criticized for its supposedly lackluster performance. To the contrary, it has

overachieved. It out-performed the 80th, which Harry Truman famously called the “Do Nothing Congress” — by doing even less.

With a commanding majority in the House, and the power to paralyze the Senate, Republicans have effectively dominated both Chambers. If that party has a single guiding principle, it is that government is an inherently bad thing.

“That government is best which governs least,” they say. They misappropriate Thoreau, our most ardent naturalist, whose disdain for modern, pollution-excusing Republicanism can scarcely be imagined.

For Republicans, a perfect government is one that does nothing

at all — except, of course, to fight wars and secure access to markets and cheap raw materials. To paraphrase an old blues song, if it wasn't for bad bills, they wouldn't pass no bills at all.

Nice Work If You Can Avoid It

American workers with full-time jobs — bless their lucky souls — enjoy median earnings of \$40,700 a year. For that sum they are expected to spend about 250 days on the job, which works out to \$163 per working day.

Members of Congress pull down \$174,000 a year — more than four times as much. But this year the Members only spent 133 days on the job. That's \$1,308 per day, or eight times as much as our full-time worker.

But, as anyone who has driven past a construction zone knows, jobs don't automatically get done just because people show up for work. On December 13th it looked as if the nation could once again be on the brink of either renegeing on its debts or hanging a “Closed” sign in the window.

Finally, with chaos looming, Congress got down to business on a bill to keep the government from going out of business. These days, they call that success.

Enter the CRomnibus!

House and Senate negotiators, after huddling in secret, emerged with a thing called The CRomnibus. The term is a portmanteau forged from Continuing Resolution and Omnibus; the thing itself

is an ungainly 1,603-page bundle of legislation which spends \$1.1 trillion and contains many obscure surprises.

House members had 48 hours to consider the bill; not a problem if you can stay alert working round-the-clock reading dense legislative jargon at the rate of 33 pages per hour.

In a rare display of bipartisanship, 67 House Republicans joined 139 Democrats in voting against the CRomnibus. It passed, though, 219 to 206.

Two days later it passed in the Senate by a similarly hurried bipartisan vote.

The Alleged News®
from page one

That angry shout of “Read the Bill!” is clearly no longer operative. Judging from what’s in the CRomnibus, maybe it’s time to retire calls for bipartisanship.

We’ll Find Out When We Pass It

Among its surprises were a provision, written by Citigroup, that will allow Wall Street to go back to gambling, with its losses guaranteed by the taxpayer.

Congress also raised by a factor of ten the amount of money the nation’s reigning oligarchs could spend hiring electing Members of Congress.

Also, in order to “protect” the futures of publicly-backed pension funds, Congress ripped the guts out of pensions some people receive today.

Going Out In Style

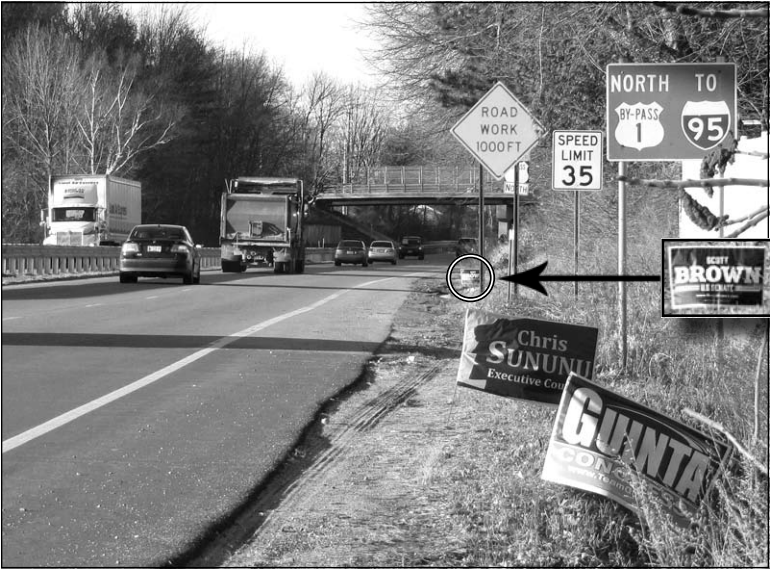
First District Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter, much to her

credit, voted against the CRomnibus. “[T]here was an alternative,” she wrote, “a Continuing Resolution, which would have kept the government open and funded while members who opposed the bill worked to take out the big-money giveaways.”

She’ll be replaced come January by Frank Guinta. A moment in a debate last October, though it has little to do with legislation, sums up for us an important difference in their character. Both candidates were asked with whom they would most like to have dinner.

Guinta replied, “George Washington,” — as if Washington would rise from the grave to eat dinner with a man former NH-GOP Chair Fergus Cullen famously said was, “one subpoena away from a full-blown scandal.” Shea-Porter said, “I’d love to have dinner with my parents again.”

Seacoast Helicopters [sic]*
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According to the relevant State statute, “All political advertising shall be removed by the candidate no later than the second Friday following the election,” i.e., November 14th. This photo shows the Northbound side of the Route 1 Bypass, just beyond Greenleaf Road, as it appeared on the afternoon of December 19th. Incredibly, all three of these blatant violations are attributable to members of the Party of Personal Responsibility.

Gary Blake MOTORCARS

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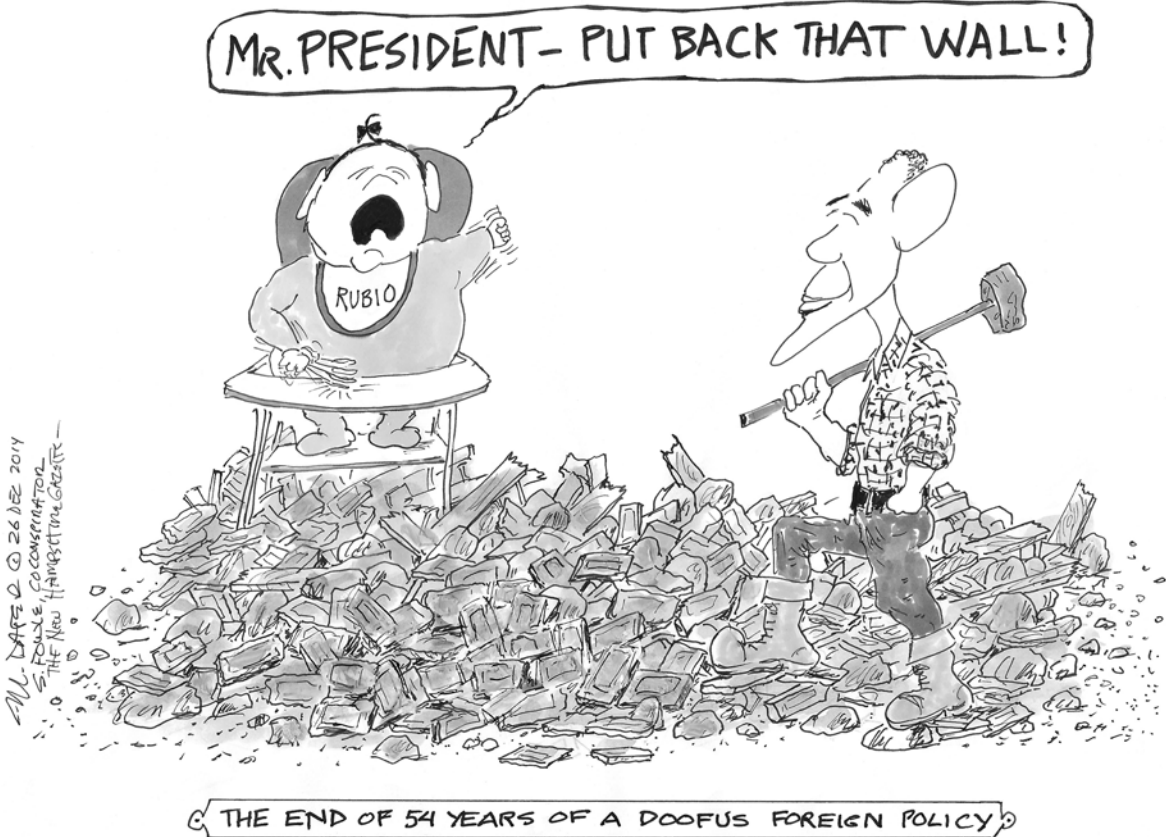
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Daily continues to let Bruce Cultrera, the owner of Seacoast Helicopters, play it like a cheap fiddle.

Page 3 of the December 6th edition devoted a banner headline, a three-column photo, and 430 fawning words above the fold to the aerial noisemaker, the alleged news hook being a three-figure contribution to the local food pantry.

According to Jeff McMenemy, who seems to have been permanently assigned by the Herald to the helicopter beat, the plan was hatched when an unnamed, unquoted “supporter” of Cultrera’s just showed up one day with “several T-shirts in hand.”

“I Support Seacoast Helicopters” is spelled out on the back, along with and an image of one such machine. It’s red, of course. On the front, above a Gadsden-flag-style coiled rattlesnake, is

* As reflected in our subhead, above, the typo on the company’s Twitter page, which we reported on October 31st, remains uncorrected. It still reads: Seacoast Helicopters.

the phrase, “Live Free and Fly!” Under the snake are the words, “Don’t Tread On Me.” Cultrera decided, the story goes, to print and sell the shirts and give away the proceeds.

According to McMenemy, Cultrera “expects the company will take in about \$7 or \$8 on each of the 100 T-shirts he had printed, resulting in a \$700 to \$800 donation if they all sell.”

The paper quotes Cultrera saying, “We’re not making any money off this.” Apparently he’s not losing any, either. Short-sleeve shirts are selling for \$15, and long-sleeve shirts for \$20. The shirt supplier gets paid and the Food Pantry gets a donation — and it all costs Cultrera approximately \$0.

Strip away the PR, and this is what we’re left with: for going to the trouble of getting 100 people to shell out \$15 or \$20 each for the privilege of advertising his business on their bodies, Cultrera got himself 36 column-inches of positive “news” coverage from

the local arm of New York-based GateHouse Media.

“But wait,” as the TV commercials say, “there’s more!”

In the December 23rd Herald, in the same high-value spot, above the fold on page 3, is a five-column headline, a four-column photo, and another 333 words on Cultrera’s benevolence.

This time the news hook is nearly absent. The shirts sold out and a check for \$1,000 has been handed over. Granted, that is exactly \$1,000 more than this newspaper has given to the food pantry. But how does that rate another 40 column inches, just 17 days after the first article?

This is especially so since one-fourth of the story consists of McMenemy repeating three of Cultrera’s responses to complaints against his company — responses which range from the feeble to the incredible.

Noise complaints? The PDA says what he’s doing is legal — as if legality muffled the racket.

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Downtown overflights? Cultrera says his tours “help promote the city” — to his two or three passengers, while hundreds of groundlings suffer.

Low altitude? “He also maintains that his helicopters fly above 1,000 feet.” That statement, frankly, we simply do not believe.

Perhaps this conundrum is explained by the half-page ad on the bottom of page 5 of the previous day’s *Herald*: Dream Flights and Aerial Tours, starting at just \$59 per person, blah, blah, blah. We can’t prove that the *Herald* is giving away news coverage in exchange for ad buys, but it surely does look like it.

As for Cultrera, we can’t help but wonder if these clever deals reflect skills that he developed while plying his earlier trade of representing defense contractors in their negotiations with the Pentagon. In other words, did he learn these tricks at the taxpayers’ expense?

Black Lives Matter Vigil

Occupy New Hampshire Seacoast and the Seacoast NAACP Youth Committee Advisory Board are co-sponsoring a Black Lives Matter vigil and protest on Saturday, December 27th, in Henry Law Park, Dover (at the intersection of Central Ave, Washington Street and Henry Law Ave.) from

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

“We can no longer stand by when black lives are discounted,” they write. “The absence of accountability in the recent deaths of Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, and Eric Garner, and the death of 12 year-old Tamir Rice, are a breaking point in humanity’s conscience and the inception of a new movement in America.

“The message of the vigil is that we no longer accept the systematic abuse of people of color, and that the militarized police forces’ racial profiling, and pattern of excessive force by police are unacceptable, as is all institutionalized inequality.”

Occupy NH Seacoast is a local group working to promote social and economic equality worldwide. For more information contact: David Holt at Davholt@aol.com, telephone (603) 781-8649, or visit <https://www.facebook.com/OccupyNHSeacoast>.

Two Takes On Torture

A truly remarkable editorial appeared in the *New York Times* on Sunday. It called for former Vice President Dick Cheney; his Chief of Staff, David Addington; former C.I.A. director George Tenet; Office of Legal Counsel lawyers John Yoo and Jay Bybee, and others to be prosecuted for war crimes.



Marauding skaters relentlessly terrorize Portsmouth’s South End.



The editorial was perfectly reasonable, of course. It was based on sound facts and arrived at its conclusion in a perfectly logical manner. It seems remarkable only because we so seldom see the powerful being held to account.

The only flaw in it that we saw was its failure to mention the *Times*’ own publisher, Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, Jr., and reporter, Judith Miller, who jointly allowed Cheney and his minions to use their paper as a megaphone for his lies.

[Note: Days after the *Times*’ editorial, this item arrived from Mike Richardson, JD, of Albuquerque, NM. — The Ed.]

Once upon a time not so long ago, in a land not so far away, there lived a great “Decider,” a hegemon among leaders and an überman among men, who issued a decree called the Nacht und Nebel Erlass. It dealt exclusively with (perceived) terrorists in occupied territories. Its expressly stated purpose was to seize persons “endangering Homeland security”

and make them vanish without a trace into the “night and fog” (hence the moniker) and do with them whatever they willed, including torture. Habeas corpus was among its first victims, preceded by the truth, enabling the Regime to disappear its enemies at will since they had to produce neither evidence of their accusations nor the accused themselves. In startling similarity to President Bush’s declaration, publicly relayed by his White House Counsel and other legal advisors, Germany’s Decider first declared they were not bound by the Geneva Conventions (a series of protocols and standards in international law for humanitarian treatment of the victims of war dating back to 1864), although he did not go so far as to denigrate them as “quaint.”

As General Keitel pointed out shortly before being hanged at Nuremberg (today he would be given a talk show and lucrative book deal instead), the decree’s main purpose was not punishment of, or the gathering of information from, terrorists,

but the state-sponsored terrorization of others: “Efficient intimidation can only be achieved either by capital punishment or by measures by which the relatives of the criminal and the population do not know his fate.” Keitel described Nacht und Nebel as “the worst of all” the war crimes he committed under orders.

The knowledge of history is not sufficient to prevent a recurrence in this case. It is too late to heed Santayana’s infamous admonition. No, it is instead recognition of the same exact evil that remains a cancer upon the collective American soul. As long as similar creatures, who sometimes committed exactly the same abominations against humanity, and their enabling apologists, continue to walk freely among us, we all suffer a tortuous association with their crimes against humanity and move a little further away from humankind each day, until one day we will be permanently removed as a threatening blight by a fearful world, or implode from the untreated festering malignancy within.

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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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Only Themselves to Blame
To the Editor:
Do the "Black Lives Matter" protest leaders and supporters actually care about saving or improving black lives or are they just pretending? Do they promote obeying the law and complying with police orders? Do they try to stop the thousands of annual black on black murders? Do they help blacks to escape poverty? No.

All lives, including black lives, matter to Tea Partiers because we know that policies that hurt some Americans can be re-directed at others, and right now we are hated by Washington leaders and special interests everywhere. We work for things that enable all Americans to be free, safe, and successful; things like school choice, stable families, increasing economic freedom to create good jobs, opportunities, and wealth, the rule of law applied equally to all, and the limited government defined by the U.S. Constitution which exists to protect the rights of the American people.

Where do the "Black Lives Matter" protest leaders, President Obama, most "progressive" politicians, Al Sharpton, Jessie Jackson, &c., stand on issues that would make blacks (and all Americans) safer, freer, and more successful?

They fight school choice, preferring to lock students in failing and dangerous schools.

They oppose reforming today's welfare programs that lock people

in poverty by penalizing marriage and efforts to escape welfare.

They support lenient law enforcement which creates victims and prevents the accumulation of the wealth needed to escape poverty.

They support open borders allowing illegal aliens to flood the labor market occupied by the least skilled Americans, exacerbating their difficulties in escaping poverty.

They deceive people to gain power. Minimum-wage laws depress black employment, hindering many young blacks searching for a first job to begin their path to success. Wealth distribution buys votes but it doesn't encourage success. After six years of President Obama's wealth distribution and blaming the rich, the rich are doing very well while most Americans are poorer.

Booker T. Washington said, "There is a class of colored people who make a business of keeping the troubles, the wrongs, and the hardships of the Negro race before the public. Some of these people do not want the Negro to lose his grievance, because they do not want to lose their jobs. There is a certain class of race-problem solvers who don't want the patient to get well." This describes the "black lives matter" leaders and supporters.

The only group truly working for every American, rather than some special interest(s), is the Tea Party; that is why both political parties and their supporters attack it. Join a Tea Party and help change our nation's leadership so all Americans are safer, freer, and more successful.

Don Ewing
Meredith, NH
Don:
Thanks for writing. Subscriber L.C., of West Newton, PA, recently wrote, "Keep those Don Ewing letters coming. He is hilarious!"
The Editor

Demagogues and Dupes
To the Editor:
Who has heard of Kelly Thomas, Dillon Taylor and Tamir Rice? And why not?

You see, unlike Michael Brown or Eric Garner whose encounters with the police ended tragically and set off a storm of worldwide protest, these men were killed by police not after unambiguous encounters that involved resisting arrest or attacking a police officer, these men were killed by police even though they offered no resistance and were innocent of any crime. They were murdered. And in these cases, too, the police were exonerated.

Protesting these deaths would make a stronger case for those who protest, as no counter argument defending the police can legitimately be made. Yet the news media, as well as the demagogues who use the poor and racial minorities as their power base, are silent. Could it be because two of these victims were white and that would destroy the agenda of making this problem only one of black victims versus white authorities, an agenda which elevates the prospects of the demagogues, and for of the controlled media keeps the story going, while diverting attention away from massive human rights violations that the news media not only neglect but support — invasions of sovereign nations to murder and plunder, the use of drones that kill more innocents than combatants, genocide in Gaza, and the whole of the Palestinian tragedy?

I only wish that anti-war, pro-Palestinian, anti-apartheid, anti-drone, and other human rights issues were pursued with such enthusiasm, and that people and the media would demand that Bush, Cheney, Bolton, and the neo-cons, and yes, Obama also face justice.

Until such a time as they can broaden their understanding and

Mash Notes, **HATE MAIL,**

focus away from just the racial issue forgive me if I see these protesters more as dupes and useful idiots for the media and the race hustlers to exploit.

John Dente
Wilmington, DE
John:
Seventy thousand dupes marching in New York City alone, solely at the behest of reverse-racist demagogues? That seems like a stretch.
The Editor

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President Piñata
To the Editor:
Next time you are subjected to Right Wing babbling about how terrible President Obama is, ask the babbler a few questions.

Do you feel intelligent? Do you feel strong? Do you feel superior? Do you feel happy?

The purpose of propaganda is to manipulate people into supporting political causes that are not in their own best interests. While the universal aspiration of all individuals is to be happy, the methods by which propaganda operates by necessity subverts that aspiration.

The goal of propaganda is to create an army of irritable complainers who will happily voice their complaints. By definition happy people do not complain, so their happiness is just an illusion. This, as we shall see, is just one of the gifts propaganda bestows on its victims: an illusion of happiness which is found in complaint.

Real genius propaganda never lies. It just avoids the facts and communicates on an emotional level. Most people are not gullible in the usual sense. We are always on the lookout for cons and are not easily lied to. However most people are very emotionally gullible. We tend to resent very easily. Our resentments give us a comfortable feeling of moral su-

periority and this feeling is very seductive. So rather than lie, what real genius propaganda does is to prey on the emotional gullibility to which most human beings are susceptible.

Most of us are prone to resentment because it freely gives us some things. While resenting we feel smart. "We caught him and are holding him to account." We feel strong. "They are not getting away with this now, are they?" We feel superior. "That despicable person is so far beneath me." The trouble with this is that nearly all of this is entirely in our own mind. Our righteous vengeance to just an illusion. Our happiness, too, is lost in the excitement of our moral outrage. Real happiness is not one of resentments free gifts.

Propaganda operates by stirring up resentment. The arch propagandist is not the author of most of the resentments the victims of propaganda enjoy. The victims themselves are very creative in this area. People like to think for themselves, and real genius propaganda uses this to its advantage. The main function of arch propagandists is to furnish the target and then let others hit that where and with whatever club they pick up on their own. "I give you President Piñata! Hit him with everything you got!"

So if you are feeling inadequate today, just take a whack at that ever-available source of illusionary superiority, President Piñata. Don't wonder if your limited intelligence is actually stupidity, just babble on and on about how terrible President Obama is — you will feel smart no matter how far your discourse is from being factual or relevant. Revel in and enjoy your moral superiority as you whack away at the awful, terrible and ever available President Piñata. You are sure to find happiness

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And Other Correspondence

in your next whack, even if that happiness is just an illusion.

Thomas J. Laperriere
Rochester, NH
Thomas:

We might quibble over additional purposes propaganda may serve, but the one you've cited here is certainly central to the maintance of our major malfunctions.

The Editor

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File Under "Delusional"

To the Editor:

The Cato Institute has released an updated 2013 study showing that welfare benefits pay more than a minimum wage job in 33 states and the District of Columbia. Yet, even worse, welfare pays more than \$15 per hour in 13 states.

The study showed welfare benefits have increased faster than minimum wage! Yup, it is now more profitable to sit at home than it is to earn an honest day's pay.

The biggest offender, where welfare recipients "earn" \$29.13 per hour, or a \$60,590 yearly salary, is Hawaii, all for doing nothing, but lets bring this closer to home.

Welfare recipients, not having a job receive a higher pre-tax equivalent "salary," really a dole in;

- 1. Massachusetts: \$50,540
- 2. Connecticut: \$44,370
- 3. Rhode Island: \$43,330
- 4. Vermont: \$42,350
- 5. New Hampshire: \$39,750

The average Middle Class annual income today is \$50,000, down from \$54,000 at the beginning of the Recession. Now you know why they stay home rather than look for a job.

It is time for a drastic change. Restore charity to the Churches, they know how to monitor who really has needs.

Rep. Dick Marple

Hooksett, NH

Dick:

Did you know that the Cato Institute has something in common with Bos taurus, aka, the bull? The intellectual output of the former is qualitatively indistinguishable from the digestive output of the latter.

The primary purpose of the Cato Institute is to produce wads of word salad which denigrate government and elevate business.

Government — at least our Government, at least statutorily — is accountable to the people, all of whom, under the principles of our Constitution, are equal.

Business is accountable only to those who are able and willing to pay — and that's on a good day.

Because only Government can restrain business, Cato won't be happy until there is no Government.

If Cato were really concerned about welfare cheats, it would go after the Waltons. Their wealth is unimaginable and the taxes they pay are miniscule. What's worse, their full-time employees are so underpaid that many of them are forced to rely on food stamps and other Federal and State benefits.

Besides, comparing Government assistance with jobs which cannot be had is a fundamentally dishonest enterprise.

The Editor

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The Scream

To the Editor:

Sixteenth-century Italian political theorist Niccolo Machiavelli, in his work, "The Prince," notoriously advises Lorenzo de' Medici, then-governor of Florence, that instilling a sense of fear is essential to achieving power and control of the people. History books are filled with episodes of rulers, or those that aspire to rule, resorting to fear to achieve their goals.

One would think the people of the world's greatest democracy

would not fall subject to such tactics, but we do! A major American political party (whose name begins with "R") apparently has no confidence in its ability to get elected (or to retain power) based on the merit of its ideas, positions, policies or governance. Hence, the Rs must: embrace unlimited money from powerful special interests to buy elections, do what they can to suppress and discourage voting, propagandize, spread negativity, manufacture crises and scandals and, yes, scare citizens!

I watch no television, but heard that Senators John McCain, Lindsey Graham, and Kelly Ayotte frequently grace the Sunday talk shows to share their assessments, typically dead wrong, on all things threatening and scary. I listened to Sen. Graham hysterically, like the character in Edvard Munch's, "The Scream," tell a Fox News Sunday interviewer, in regard to ISIS (a result of our Iraq invasion), "This president needs to rise to the occasion before we all get killed back here at home." Senator Jeanne Shaheen had to frequently remind Scott Brown, in response to his irrational fear-mongering about Ebola and ISIS stampeding our borders, that he is not a medical professional and that the U.S. has the world's largest and most capable military. Meanwhile, under the radar, four kids were killed in another school shooting in Washington and 10 people died in Buffalo's nine feet of snow. It also wasn't long ago that the Bush/Cheney Administration invaded Iraq based on false claims regarding Iraq's WMD and ties to al-Qaida and the Tea Party screamed about "death panel provisions" in the Affordable Care Act.

It would serve us well to heed the words of caution from President Franklin Roosevelt, "All we have to fear is fear itself."

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, NH

All-American Torture

To the Editor:

We all knew the CIA tortured prisoners during the Bush Administration, but the grisly details that were revealed in the Senate Intelligence Committee's report were horrifying. And now the discussion revolves around the effectiveness of the "Enhanced Interrogation Techniques," lovingly called EIT's for short!

What kind of people would defend torture by any name or for any reason?

Man's inhumanity to man continues to astound me. And will anyone be held accountable for this travesty? Remember the proverbial snowball in that very warm place? This is a disgusting and humiliating chapter in our country's history.

Cynthia Muse
Rye, NH

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Crime Without Punishment

To the Editor:

Sensational crime news has clarified the new rules on crime with and without punishment in the United States. Listening to the District Attorneys and Dick Cheney, I'm reassured it's all for the better.

But it's important to teach your kids and yourself the rules. Step out of line and who knows what might happen.

First, you can be killed with impunity for the crime of walking while black, playing with a toy gun, or breathing while black. Even an indictment has now become a grave threat to the sanctity of law and order.

Second, if you are rich and part of a powerful financial institution, and commit control fraud, cook the books, bankrupt the world economy, and put millions out of work and into the streets, there will be no perp walk. You will no even lose a single mansion. A thousand bankers went to jail in the 1980s after the savings and



loan debacle. It's now too risky to enforce the law and make bankers nervous.

Third, the largest financial institutions responsible for the global financial collapse have been anointed as "too big to fail." This is likely to guarantee a forthcoming future collapse, since risk has been wisely removed from speculation. And if you are worried that the Dodd-Frank law unduly burdens the bankers, the Congress is taking steps to roll back the modest financial reforms.

Fourth, torture of terrorism suspects by the CIA and its contractors, reminiscent of methods of the Stasi and Gestapo, will go unpunished. The most we expect is that our torturers will be granted a pardon indicating what they did was technically illegal, violating the UN Convention Against Torture and the older Geneva Conventions on treatment of prisoners of war.

Fifth, non-judicial execution of Americans has been embraced. The President regularly attends meetings where votes are taken on who shall live and who shall die, usually though drone attacks that kill not just targets but any nearby unfortunates. This, we are to understand, is a crucial tool in the long war against terrorism.

Sixth, all information, conversations, telephone calls, emails, images, your face, your car, and

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A Message to Garcia

by William Marvel

Sending off the index of a new book marks the end of that project, and with me it usually ushers in a few weeks of floundering as I try to determine what to do next. My office gets a good cleaning, and I try to catch up on household projects that languished during innumerable months of research and writing. I'm at such an interlude now, transferring next year's firewood to the woodshed from beneath its igloo of crusted snow and thinking about the leaky tub faucet, but by the time I can attend to exterior painting I'm afraid another book will be under way.

Twenty-one years ago, at the end of another project, I contemplated a history of the Spanish-American War. That crucial episode had then gone without serious treatment for many years, and I always thought its repercussions for world history had been underappreciated. That it fell beyond my customary area of expertise troubled me little, because

even within that area I tend to tackle subjects that are new to me, as much from my own curiosity as from any anticipation of potential reader interest. The centennial of the war then lay five years away, and marketing departments love centennial histories.

Intensive training would have been necessary to improve my halting Spanish if I was to pursue Spanish government documents effectively, but it seemed feasible to undertake that while I gathered research material in this country. There was also the specter of another transatlantic flight — always terrifying — and the high cost of travel for researchers lacking the grants, sabbaticals, and stipends lavished on university professors. I had overcome such obstacles before, but one roadblock I thought I could not surmount was the closure of Cuba to American travel. Cuba was the scene of almost the entire land war, and my notion of writing history includes close attention to the geographic terrain and cultural landscape. The probable paucity of historical resources

in Cuba and the inability to move freely around the countryside promised to sterilize what should have been one of the more compelling passages in any history of the war, so I abandoned the idea.

The Spanish War, as my grandmother called it, loomed large during my childhood years on Key West. We lived in Sigsbee Park, named after the captain of the battleship *Maine*, which had sailed from there on its futile, fatal mission to Havana. The mainmast from that ship was incorporated into a memorial on Key West that we visited more than once. For a few weeks in 1953 my mother and I joined my father at Guantanamo, a half-hour drive from San Juan Hill.

The sinking of the *Maine*, which was ultimately attributed to an accident stemming from a known design flaw, gave the United States the excuse for what became "the splendid little war." It was the perfect fight for a bully: a far weaker opponent with no big friends and lots of lunch money. The loot included Cuba,

Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines, where American troops later butchered the independent-minded inhabitants with a savagery unseen since the massacres at Sand Creek and Wounded Knee. To reach the Philippines our fleets needed coaling stations, so we annexed Hawaii and Wake Island, much as Vladimir Putin annexed the Crimea. Our imperial reach caught the attention of Japan, with tragic and nearly disastrous consequences, and thousands of Americans died on each of those Pacific prizes.

Cuba has been less bloody for us, but no less troublesome. Had the American protectorate focused more on our professed principles of democracy and equality than on economic exploitation, there might have been no uprising under Castro. In 1898 our forces communicated and cooperated with rebel leader Calixto Garcia, and we won big in Cuba. With our own puppet serving as the oppressor by 1958, we vigorously opposed Castro's Marxist revolt and everyone lost — then,



and ever since.

Americans who went to war in '98 believed they were defending their country against insults and attacks that never happened. Most of them went to their graves without realizing their mistake, like the three boys from Hiram, Maine, named on the memorial pictured here — a memorial financed by the most prosperous of the three. Normalizing relations with Cuba now is too late for my prospective book on the American campaign there, but it may not be too late to start reversing the antagonistic course of global grasping on which we embarked nearly a dozen decades ago.

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everything to do with you, can be appropriated by the national security state and used at the discretion of the Director of National Intelligence and the President to prevent terrorism, or whatever else they decide in their infinite wisdom is a threat to their power, their fortunes, and their friends' fortunes.

Seventh, all information of all sorts can also be gathered and employed for commercial purposes by friendly corporations interested in providing services

for us.

Eighth, your location, and not just your communications, will soon be added to the data cloud from a network of sensors and cameras that identify you and track you and vehicle and everything else you own. What American with nothing to hide could possible object to being protected by our all encompassing security state?

Ninth, the role of elected government is now limited to passing blanket resolutions authorizing

for an indefinite period of time war that is limitless in time and space against our newly designated enemy. The government will be empowered yet again to take all steps necessary to protect the interest of freedom loving people.

I feel safer and more secure by the day.

I do have one reservation. Coming from a law enforcement family, I'm disgusted by the YouTube videos of police violence that reflect a combination of racism and cowardice. I'm similarly repulsed

by descriptions of CIA torture. It probably never occurred to our brave torturers that we are inviting abuse of captured American soldiers.

Otherwise, all hail Big Brother.
Roy Morrison
Newton, MA

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Well Done!

To the Editor:

For months I have been mumbling to myself, chanting even: "Sanders/Warren... Sanders/Warren... Warren/Sanders..."

Warren/Sanders."

For the first time, thanks to your publication, I've now seen it in legitimate print.

I've also added a new party name: "Back to America" (or some such). Most of us are painfully aware that the system is broken, bought, and bartered by big money.

It simply *doesn't work* anymore!

Let's get behind this ticket and this new party and recover what's been stolen from us.

Thanks, *New Hampshire Ga-*

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Merry Christmas, Right-Wingers, The Red Pope, and Jesus

by Jim Hightower

Here's a twist on Christmas that would make Jesus weep.

First, a right-wing faction in the U.S. has been wringing its hands over a hokey cultural "crisis" cooked up by the faction itself, namely that liberals, atheists, humanists, and — God Forbid — Marxists are waging a "War on Christmas." The infidels are not accused of lobbing bombs in this

war, but Words of Mass Destruction. Specifically, the right-wing purists wail that unholy lefties are perverting the season by saying "Happy Holidays," instead of "Merry Christmas."

Second, some ultra conservative members of this same faction have launched their own war — against Jesus! How twisted is this? They say no one should mess with the word "Christmas," yet they're messing with the guy Christmas

is supposed to be about.

Okay, technically they're not going directly at Jesus, but at a key part of his message — and, and in particular, at a key messenger of Christianity: Pope Francis! They've decided that the Pope is a "Marxist," pointing out that Francis speaks often about "the structural causes of poverty," the "idolatry of money," and the "new tyranny" of unfettered capitalism. Obviously, say the Pontiff's pious

critics, that's Commie talk.

The clincher for them was when Francis wrote an official Papal document in which he asked in outrage: "How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points?" See, cried the carpers, that's proof that Francis is the Red Pope!

But wait — that was a very good question he asked, one ripe

with the moral wrath that Jesus himself frequently showed toward the callous rich and their "love of money." Indeed, the Pope's words ring with the deep ethics you find in Jesus' sermon on the Mount. Was he a Commie, too?

Could it be that the carpers are the ones lacking in real Christmas spirit?

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Gerald Rooney

Corvallis, OR

Gerald:

Legitimate? Who you callin' legitimate?

The Editor

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Vote in Haste, Repent at Leisure

To the Editor:

Angered by the failure of government to solve problems, voters unfairly scapegoated Democrats in the last election. One fallout of their decisive victory was the return of Republicans to the majority in the New Hampshire House. Bill O'Brien was the Speaker the last time the GOP held the House majority. At that time, his dictatorial and confrontational style created incivility, animosity and disorder.

Now, as Republicans return to power, the question is: "Has the GOP learned its lesson? Would progress, compromise and cooperation between the parties be the order of the day?"

Not in the least. The *Nashua Telegraph* (December 10th) writes in an editorial, "It's doubtful that voters who gave back control of the House to Republicans in November expected or intended this result — a party that has so turned on itself with venom that the prospects for a constructive

biennium border on hopeless."

Bill O'Brien again ran for Speaker, promising this time to be a chastened, wiser, kinder and gentler leader. He immediately violated that pledge by seeking a public vote for Speaker (i.e., a roll call vote), rather than the traditional private one. O'Brien apparently reasoned that Republicans would not dare oppose him publicly because they feared his retribution once he was Speaker. O'Brien overplayed his cards, however. His proposed amendment to the rules was handily defeated. In addition, enough House members were offended by O'Brien's heavy-handed tactics to give the victory to fellow Republican Shawn Jasper.

Ah, peace and tranquility were restored, right? Not so. Newly-elected Speaker Jasper appointed Gene Chandler as his Deputy. So what? Jasper had once tried to have Chandler thrown out of the House for ethical violations.

Meanwhile, instead of accepting defeat gracefully, O'Brien launched an attempt to become a competitor to Jasper for leadership in the Republican Party. Angry O'Brien backers argue "the party's bylaws say its executive committee includes the Republican Leader of the New Hampshire House of Representatives,

selected by a majority vote of the Republican Caucus. That puts O'Brien in charge, not Jasper." (*Nashua Telegraph*, December 10th).

Sounds like unhappy days are here again as the GOP resumes chaotic control over the House. What lesson do we learn from this debacle? Voters shouldn't scapegoat during elections; that is, try to oversimplify things by pinning all the blame on one person or party. Certainly, Congressional Republicans' total and consistent refusal for the past six years to compromise and cooperate with Democrats and President Obama created gridlock and prevented federal government from solving problems. And, as we now see, New Hampshire Republicans are perfectly capable of creating dysfunctional government on their own at the state level.

Gary Patton

Hampton, NH

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A GOP Christmas!

To the Editor:

During the Christmas season we're told that giving is more important than receiving. Of course, this is easier for some than others especially when certain politicians really mean giving up is best — for others.

So much for the Republican's

Christmas spirit. No partridge for the poor but they did flip the bird to the long-term unemployed. This is on top of their demands for drastic cuts in food stamps, the denial of Medicaid to thousands, the dashing of any hope for immigration reform and multiple efforts to restrict voting rights and women's rights.

They actually believe that asking others to give up rather than receive is a gift they should appreciate. Too bad they won't apply this sentiment to million dollar tax breaks for hedge fund managers and the billion dollar subsidies for the oil industry. After all it's Christmas every day for these special interests.

Who needs Scrooge and the Grinch to ruin Christmas, when we have the GOP?

Dave Potter

North Hampton, NH

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We Need a Voters Revolution!

To the Editor:

I enjoy reading the variety of viewpoints in the *New Hampshire Gazette*, I just wish that more readers would learn from the history published on the back page each edition!

Ever since President Eisenhower warned us to beware of the influence of the military-industrial complex, our Nation has been the

world's leader of wars, invasions, and arms peddling. Read *War is a Racket*, by General Smedley Butler, if you haven't figured it out. Our troops and the victims of war are sacrificed for the greed of the rich ruling elite.

The Wall Street Empire, like empires before in history, is using military might to expand its power and profits. Both the Democratic and Republican Parties are mere puppets who work for them and don't represent the 99 percent! The stock market is at record highs while the majority of citizens are struggling to survive from month to month.

We the People need a voters revolution to flush Congress and get us out of the Two-Party crap trap. The movement to get special interest money out of elections can unite millions of people who see that the system is corrupted so therefore everyone in it is corrupted.

Please get involved as every person counts!

Peter A. White

Nottingham, NH

Peter:

We have the numbers. What we lack is organization. Our primary obstacle is the widespread notion — encouraged by the oligarchs — that nothing effective can be done.

The Editor

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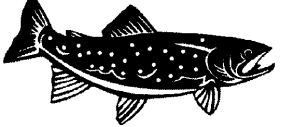
The Piscataqua's ferocious current is caused by the tide, which, in turn, is caused by the moon. The other player is a vast sunken valley — Great Bay — about ten miles upriver. Twice a day, the moon drags about seventeen billion gallons of seawater — enough to fill 2,125,000 tanker trucks — up the river 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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Jolly-Bellin knocks over a lamp and invents dry-cleaning. 1832—Vice President John C. Calhoun resigns to fight for “a perfect good”—slavery.	2006—The UK pays the last \$100,000,000 of its WW II debt to the U.S. 1989—Vaclav Havel becomes President of Czechoslovakia. 1975—Eleven people are killed and 74 wounded when a bomb explodes in storage locker at LaGuardia Airport. The crime remains unsolved. 1972—Operation Linebacker II, which R. Nixon will call “my terrible personal ordeal,” ends. U.S. losses: 15 downed B-52s, 12 other aircraft, 43 KIA, & 49 POWs. 1930—Fred Newton arrives at New Orleans after swimming 1,826 miles down the Mississippi. 1916—After being poisoned, stabbed, beaten, shot three times, and thrown unconscious into the freezing Neva River, the Russian Tsarina Alexandra’s favorite faith-healer Grigori Yefimovich Rasputin dies by drowning. 1890—At Wounded Knee, the Seventh Cavalry use artillery on the Oglala Sioux, kill 300, and win 18 Medals of Honor. 1876—In Ashtabula, OH a bridge collapses under a passenger train killing 92. 1837—In Buffalo, NY, Canadian militiamen burn the <i>U.S.S. Carolina</i>, which has been caught running guns to revolutionaries. 1835—Cherokees ink the Treaty of New Echota, to their chagrin. 1813—The Brits burn Buffalo, NY.	2009—A Jordanian MD turns suicide bomber, killing 7 CIA officers and two others at FOB Chapman, named for the first American to die in the Afghan war. 2006—Saddam Hussein’s inelegant demise is captured by cellphone. 1995—In Brookline, MA, John Salvi lives out his “pro-life” creed by killing two health care workers. 1978—The House Select Committee on Assassinations concludes that conspirators “probably” helped kill JFK and MLK. 1971—Dan Ellsberg is indicted for releasing the truth. 1952—The Tuskegee Institute reports the end of the first lynching-free year since 1881. 1947—Irgun fighters kill six Arabs and wound 42 in a grenade attack at a Haifa oil refinery. Arabs retaliate by beating 39 Jews to death. 1936—The GM sit-down strike spreads from Cleveland to Flint. 1935—Italian bombers, two piloted by sons of Il Duce, drop mustard gas on a Red Cross unit in Ethiopia. 1924—Edwin Hubble announces that there are other galaxies. 1922—The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is established. 1912—Lee Humiston, riding an Excelsior, becomes the first man to achieve 100 mph on a motorcycle. 1905—Idaho’s former Governor Frank Steunenberg is assassinated with a bomb.	1997—Quaker Oats pays \$1.8 million to settle a lawsuit sparked by their secret feeding of radioactive oatmeal to retarded kids. 1995—Bill and Monica enjoy their third tryst in a White House study. 1970—Congress repeals the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution. 1970—Associated Milk Producers, Inc. gets lower milk import quotas in exchange for a promised \$2 million bribe to the Nixon reelection campaign. 1969—Brothers Dwight and Karl Armstrong steal a twin-engine Cessna in a failed attempt to bomb the Badger Army ammunition plant in Wisconsin. 1947—The Israelia paramilitary Haganah kills 20 to 70 Arabs in retaliation for the previous days’ Arab retaliation against the Irgun attack against Arabs at a Haifa refinery. 1929—“I see nothing in the present situation that is either menacing or warrants pessimism,” says Treasury Secretary Andrew W. Mellon. 1904—At midnight in Times Square, the first ball drops to mark the New Year. 1901—End of the worst year for lynching in the 20th century; score: 105 blacks, 25 whites. 1879—Edison demonstrates the electric light bulb. 1761—Lydia (Hall) Fowle, wife of Daniel Fowle, dies in Portsmouth, aged 36.	2006—Speaking to amputee veterans of his Iraq War, George W. Bush says “I have an injury myself [from] combat with a cedar. I eventually won. The cedar gave me a little scratch.” 1996—An undertaker in the mortuary of the Hinchingbroke Hospital in Cambridgeshire, England is surprised to hear Daphne Banks snoring—ten hours after she had been declared dead. 1995—A laser sensor on an oil platform in the North Sea proves the existence of rogue waves over eighty feet high. 1984—Ma Bell is broken up into 22 smaller units. It seemed like a good idea at the time. 1975—Nixon cronies H.R. Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman, John N. Mitchell and Robert C. Mardian are convicted in the Watergate cover-up trial. 1971—From a makeshift broadcast studio in a Saigon brothel, Dave Rabbit’s pirate station Radio First Termer goes on the air. 1959—Batista flees, and Fidel Castro takes over in Cuba. 1781—Mutinous Pennsylvania troops at Morristown, NJ, seeking back pay, seize artillery, and march off to confront Congress. 1300—Pope Boniface VIII’s Jubilee is such a popular success that dozens must be executed to bring the mob under control.	2008—For the first time, the price of oil hits \$100 a barrel. 1996—At Bill Clinton’s invitation, Monica Lewinsky drops by the Oval Office. They violate his marriage vows in the bathroom. 1970—The Supreme Court nixes Gen. Hershey’s effort to reclassify draft protestors 1-A. 1967—In Florida, 72 men are arrested, thwarting an invasion of Haiti which had been financed by CBS in exchange for exclusive rights to film the landing. 1962—Outnumbered 4 to 1, vastly outgunned, with no helicopters or armor, 350 Viet Cong defeat U.S.-advised ARVN at Ap Bac. 1946—King Zog of Albania, the only head of state to have fired back at a would-be assassin, abdicates. 1923—Interior Sec. Albert Fall resigns as evidence of his corruption mounts. President Harding offers him a spot on the Supreme Court. 1920—U.S. Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer has thousands of alleged subversives arrested. 1905—The International Workers of the World, a.k.a. IWW or Wobblies, “organize” in Chicago. 1882—The Standard Oil Co. is re-organized as a trust, allowing John D. Rockefeller to keep control of 90 percent of the nation’s oil supply despite laws to the contrary. 1872—Brigham Young is arrested for having 24 wives too many.	2006—Hotshot Republican lobbyist Jack Abramoff pleads guilty to 3 felony counts for defrauding Indian tribes and bribing officials. 1990—Manuel “The Pineapple” Noriega, formerly The Panamanian Strongman™, surrenders to the forces of <i>El Jefe</i>, George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush. 1967—Jack Ruby dies in prison while awaiting retrial. 1966—Announcing his candidacy for the Governorship of California, Ronald Reagan erroneously asserts unemployment there is 40% higher than the national average. 1961—In Idaho, three military technicians are killed in a steam explosion of a nuclear reactor. 1955—The U.S. government announces that over 3,000 federal employees have been sacked to quell Joe McCarthy’s fears. 1943—Ball turret gunner Alan Magee escapes from a doomed B-17 without a parachute, falls 22,000 feet, and crashes through the roof of a St. Nazaire railroad station. He lives to be 84. 1924—Grave robber/archaeologist Howard Carter gloms onto Tutankhamen’s gold coffin. 1892—J.R.R. Tolkien is born in Orange Free State, Africa. 1891—L. Frank Baum, writing in the Aberdeen (SD) <i>Saturday Pioneer</i>, calls for the “total extermination” of Native Americans.
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2008—Five Iranian small boats approach three Navy warships in the Gulf of Hormuz. The Navy mistakes a crazed ham radio operator’s “You will explode” for a real threat. 1987—Tom Stevens becomes the 1st man to bike ‘round the world. 1971—In Vietnam, soldier George Mellendorf mails a letter to the White House complaining of slow mail delivery. It arrives in 1978. 1965—The Free Speech Movement holds its first legal rally. 1960—An automobile provides an answer of sorts to Albert Camus’s big question. 1958—Ex-Commie, former McCarthy aide, and ex-editor of <i>Confidential</i>, Howard Rushmore shoots his wife and then himself in a New York City cab. 1958—Sputnik burns on re-entry. 1955—The U.S. agrees to pay Japan for nuking the Marshall Islands. 1945—An anti-draft revolt begins in Raguse, Italy. 1933—Farmers in Primghar, IA, throw a rope around a banker’s neck and threaten to lynch him unless he promises to end foreclosures. 1903—Looking to fraudulently undercut his competitor Westinghouse, Thomas Edison films the public electrocution of Topsy the elephant at Coney Island. 41 BC—The Roman Emperor Caligula is murdered by his own troops, angry over unpaid wages.	2011—Shortly after Rep. Frank Guinta [R-NH] is sworn in, David Koch [asks] him to confirm that he will be attending a party that Koch is hosting for Republicans ... Guinta said he would....” 1987—President Reagan produces the first trillion dollar budget. It includes a \$147 billion deficit. 1970—Mine Workers Union presidential candidate Joe Yablonski is killed on orders of incumbent president “Tough” Tony Boyle. 1968—Feds indict Dr. Spock for expressing concern about the health of his ex-patients now in uniform. 1942—Mutual Broadcasting’s John B. Hughes begins an anti-Japanese-American radio campaign that results in the establishment of U.S. concentration camps. 1937—The Abraham Lincoln Brigade is formed to fight fascism—“prematurely,” some say. 1914—Henry Ford establishes the 8 hour day and \$5/day pay. 1895—Stepping onstage in response to cries of “Author, author,” after the first performance of his play <i>Guy Dornville</i>, Henry James finds himself jeered off. 1825—Young Alexander Dumas, <i>père</i>, fights his first duel during which his pants fall down. 1781—Former American General Benedict Arnold assists the British in the burning and plundering of Richmond, VA.	2006—George Bush signs a DoD appropriations bill including \$20 million for a celebration of “success” in Iraq and Afghanistan. 1986—One dies, 100 are injured in an accident at Kerr-McGee’s nuclear fuel plant in Oklahoma. 1970—The Supreme Court upholds the suppression of an anti-war underground newspaper at Fort Bragg, NC. 1946—Thousands of active-duty GIs in the Philippines attempt to storm Headquarters in protest of slow re-deployment back to the U.S. 1944—RIP Ida Tarbell, muckraker, in Bridgeport, CT. 1927—Freelance executioner R. Elliot electrocutes three convicts in Charlestown, MA, then three more in Sing Sing, NY. 1927—U.S. Marines invade Nicaragua. Again. 1920—Birth of future Man-O-God Rev. Sun Myung Moon. 1919—Appointed Britain’s Foreign Secretary, George Curzon complains bitterly that the supplied inkpots are made of glass and brass rather than crystal and silver. 1895—Former Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii is arrested following a failed coup against the government of Sanford Dole. 1864—U.S. Army captures 11,000 Navajos, later force-marching them to Ft. Sumner, killing hundreds.	1999—Congress begins the impeachment trial of Bill Clinton for threatening the Constitution with a cigar. 1998—<i>The Washington Post</i> reports that George H.[H.]W. Bush’s repeated denials notwithstanding, the Veep was in fact present at meetings about arms sales to Iran. 1980—San Francisco honors the 100th anniversary of the death of Emperor Norton I with a party. 1970—Woodstock, NY farmer Max Yasgur is sued by his neighbors for damages resulting from his entertaining over 500,000 guests. 1969—<i>Look</i> magazine calls Jimi Hendrix a “menace to public health.” 1943—Nicola Tesla dies in obscurity in New York City. 1929—The comic strip “Buck Rogers” makes its debut. 1927—The Harlem Globetrotters play their first game. 1920—Five socialists are expelled from the New York Assembly. 1903—Birth of Zora Neale Hurston, famous black female writer during Harlem Renaissance, maid in the 1950s. 1806—Cherokees in Tennessee and Alabama cede 7,000 square miles of land to whites, in return for which they are not killed. 1400—For plotting to kill King Henry IV of England, the Duke of Surry is relieved of his head.	2008—Hillary Clinton wins the New Hampshire primary. 2007—The sub <i>U.S.S. Newport News</i> collides with an oil tanker in the straits of Hormuz. 2003—“The war on terror involves Saddam Hussein,” explains George W. Bush, “because of the nature of Saddam Hussein, the history of Saddam Hussein, and his willingness to terrorize himself.” 1992—At a formal dinner in Japan, Bush #41 turns his head to Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa and vomits in his lap. 1982—The Reagan White House announces a new policy: granting tax-exempt status to racially-segregated colleges. (It lasts 4 days.) 1973—The Watergate Burglar trial begins. 1966—In the largest single operation of the Vietnam War, 8,000 U.S. troops seek VC HQ in the Ho Bo Woods. They don’t find it. 1965—Sen. Everett Dirksen proposes adoption of the marigold as America’s national flower. 1958—An accident at Chelyabinsk plutonium plant in U.S.S.R. kills hundreds. 1956—Hoaroani Indians in the Ecuadoran rainforest register their annoyance with missionaries by spearing five to death. 1946—Over 10,000 GIs in Saipan, Guam, and France protest slow re-deployment back to the U.S.	2002—Future Attorney General Alberto Gonzales writes that parts of the Geneva Conventions are “obsolete” and “ quaint.” 1980—On orders from King Saud, 63 participants in the 1979 seizure of the Grand Mosque at Mecca are beheaded with swords in the public squares of eight Saudi cities. 1964—Panama suspends relations with U.S. after U.S. troops kill 21 anti-American protesters. 1956—“Dear Abby” begins dispensing advice in newspapers. 1952—In Phenix City, AL, anti-vice crusader Hugh Bently’s house is destroyed by a bomb. 1939—In Missouri, 1,700 tenant farmers and their families stage a sit-down strike in the middle of Highway 60. 1913—Richard Milhous Nixon is born in Yorba Linda, CA. 1805—Ohio passes “Black laws” prohibiting blacks from giving testimony in court. 1793—In Philadelphia, President Washington observes the first hot-air balloon ascension in the U.S. 1776—In Philadelphia, <i>Common Sense</i> is published, by Thomas Paine, who eschews all royalties. 1766—In Portsmouth, NH, stamp master George Meserve is forced to surrender his commission by “a grand mob,” which then raises the first “No Stamp” flag in the colonies.	2006—“You took an oath to defend our flag and our freedom,” George W. Bush tells members of the VFW, “and you kept that oath undersea and under fire.” 2002—George W. Bush denies that he has ever met Ken Lay, his largest campaign donor. 1984—Crewmen at Warren AFB, near Cheyenne, WY, responding to a false alarm about an accidental missile launch, park an armored car atop the silo. 1967—Lester Maddox, high school dropout turned <i>restauranteur</i> who gave pick-ax handles to customers to prevent integration, becomes Governor of Georgia. 1957—Four black churches and homes of two black leaders in Birmingham, AL are bombed. 1946—“I hate war as only a soldier who has lived it can, only as one who has seen its brutality, its stupidity,” traitorous U.S. Army Chief of Staff Dwight D. Eisenhower reveals in Ottawa, CA. 1920—Victor Berger (Socialist-WI) is refused a seat in Congress for opposing WW I. 1914—The double murder for which Joe Hill will be hanged is committed in Salt Lake City. 1880—The funeral of Emperor Norton I draws 20,000. 1855—The last 88 Clackamas Indians sign away the best timberland in Oregon for \$500 and some food.
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