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The Fortnightly Rant

Hell of a Way to Run a Railroad

This is where we are right now: fully engaged in the momentous process of selecting, from among the most qualified figures of our time, two champions who will ultimately compete to determine which shall lead the Greatest Nation on Earth™ into a future fraught with peril. The hopes of our ancestors and the destiny of our children are at stake.

Speaking of familial matters, no — you may not crawl back into your mother's womb.

People say 2008 was unprecedented because we elected the nation's first President with black skin. Phfft — that was nothing. As Martin Luther King so eloquently made clear, the color of peoples' skin is an insignificant matter compared to the content of their character. Now we have a party that's on track to nominate a person whose is, character is ... call it tarnished.

If Americans agree about anything, it's that our Presidential campaigns are too long. This time, though, it's the other way around. With the election just 249 days off, time is too short to grow a new political party. We've got to make do with the ones we've got.

Making matters worse, we must face this ordeal through the only lens we've got: the national news media as they are presently constituted. This is a greater challenge that most people think. The

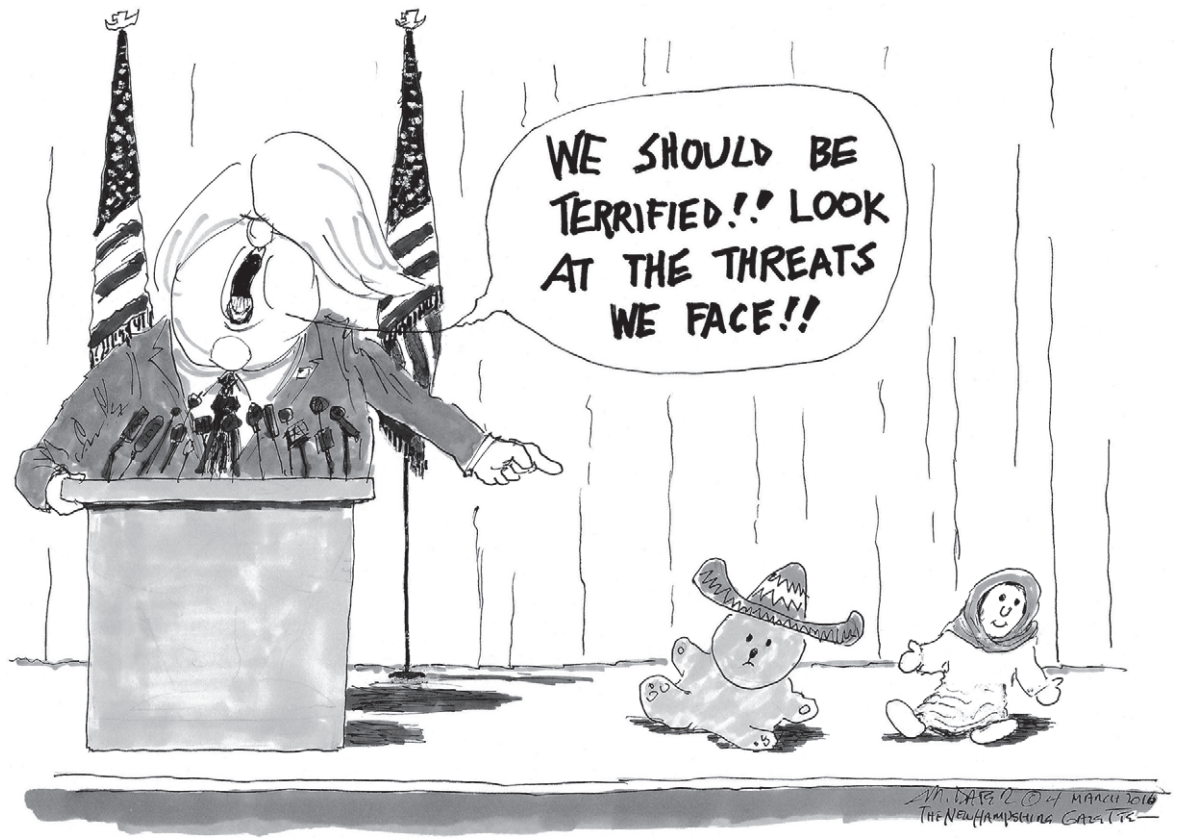
difficulty is best illustrated by a story David Foster Wallace told in 2005 to the graduating class of Kenyon College: "There are these two young fish swimming along and they happen to meet an older fish swimming the other way, who nods at them and says 'Morning, boys. How's the water?' And the two young fish swim on for a bit, and then eventually one of them looks over at the other and goes 'What the hell is water?'"

Under ordinary circumstances, political parties want all the media attention they can get. As the old saying goes, be careful what you wish for. This time around the media have been gaping, utterly transfixed, at the Republicans, as if their Party's leading candidate were one of the most preposterous yet terrifying figures in world history.

Now, why would they do that?

Perhaps because their leading candidate, far and away, is a seasoned performance artist with a running gag fixed to the top of his head, perfectly comfortable throwing around language on camera that used to get people thrown off busses. Nick Confessore, a *New York Times* reporter, was on MSNBC explaining that Donald Trump doesn't need to buy ads because he gets so much free media. His observation was interrupted when the network cut away — to cover a Trump rally.

A certain sector of the pub-



lic — made up largely of those who've only recently learned that the Party to which they've clung for years has been lying to them all along — finds his stream-of-subconsciousness pattern simply irresistible, and the rougher the better.

In Las Vegas Trump praised "the old days," when "guys like that" — someone who dared talk back to him — would be "carried out on a stretcher." In case the nuances of his point had gone over any heads, he added, "I'd like to punch him in the face."

That's how Reince Priebus and Mitch McConnell feel, too

— but about Trump. Their lineup of challengers gives them little hope, though. Ben Carson's candidacy was never going anywhere, and that's been the problem — he won't go away. He just hangs on, talking about picking a Supreme Court Justice based on "[t]he fruit salad of their life."

As Super Tuesday approached, and despite his recent tasteless descent into fourth-grade humor, Marco Rubio was still the Party's Great Hispanic Hope. Given the current state of man-the-lifeboats desperation, and the money that's been invested in him, he may remain such. It's a

bit of a stretch, though, to claim you're viable after losing fourteen out of fifteen races. That leaves the Party of Lincoln with one bulwark against chaos: Ted Cruz, the most-hated man in Washington, D.C.

Unless something changes drastically, we may actually get to see that long-rumored political unicorn, the brokered convention. Thanks to the internet and time travel, we've seen a preview: it bears a striking resemblance to a washing machine with a brick inside it, running on a backyard trampoline. It's very entertaining — but it's not governance.

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A Little Q and A on ASR

The iconic art deco 6th Street Bridge in Los Angeles, made familiar to millions by classic films such as *Point Blank*, *Repo Man*, and *Zombie Apocalypse*, was demolished in early February. Its replacement will cost a mind-boggling \$428 million.

Q - Why would a city go to such expense to destroy an 84 year-old art deco icon?

A - Because there is a 70 percent likelihood that it would have collapsed within the next 50 years during a major earthquake.

Q - Why was the bridge susceptible to collapse?

A - Because its concrete was undergoing alkali-silica reaction [ASR], a chemical process which causes cracks in concrete.

Q - Why does that term sound vaguely familiar?

A - Because in 2010 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission [NRC] determined that ASR was causing degradation of the concrete at the Seabrook Station Nuclear Power Plant. That determination solved a five-year mystery; the degradation had first been noted in 2005.

As it happens, 2010 was also the year when executives at NextEra Energy Resources, the plant's owner, applied to the NRC for a renewal of the plant's operating license. The existing license was good for another 20 years; clearly the executives are not the sort who leave things until the last minute.

NextEra's executives are not perfect, however. When they bought the plant in 2002, they failed to notice any degradation of its concrete. In 2010, when they applied for a license renewal, they failed to mention that the plant's concrete had problems.

If the NRC re-licenses the plant, it will be allowed to keep cracking atoms until 2050. That will be good for NextEra's executives, especially if they're thinking of selling: one piece of paper would tack 20 years of revenue onto the plant's sale value.

If the NRC does not re-license, it will be because of C-10 — the dogged bunch of citizens formerly known as Citizens Within a Ten-Mile Radius. Thanks to them, re-licensing is on hold "un-

til safety concerns are met."

In a world where all the regulators have been captured by the regulatees, the only ones looking out for the interests of the citizenry are the citizens. In this case, that's C-10. For more about them visit www.C-10.org.

Slow Walk at Sanders Poynt

Four score and seven fortnights ago Bill Binnie brought forth, within the right-of-way of State Highway 1B in Rye, a row of rocks, bushes, and rails conceived in egotism and dedicated to the proposition that, as the proprietor of an amusement park for adults, he had the hitherto-unknown right to prevent random people from reaching the waters of Little Harbor — said right formerly having been enjoyed since approximately 8000 BC.

Records of official, contemporaneous Rye board meetings make it clear that Binnie's original motive was to avoid personal injury lawsuits. Too many such lawsuits might have jeopardized his ability to obtain insurance indemnifying his golf course. Binnie quickly dropped that jus-

tification; subsequently he has focused more on dog feces.

Rye resident Robert Jesurum attempted to interest the state's Attorney General in this violation of the law and the natural rights of men, women, and dogs. Certainly hobbled by chronic and strategic under-funding, and perhaps by indifference, too, the AG declined to defend the peoples' rights.

Undeterred, Jesurum dragged Binnie into court. Two years after the Great Wall of Rye first appeared, the judge granted Jesurum a summary judgment, i.e., the bare, sworn facts, as presented, made Jesurum's case for him. There was no need to waste any more time holding a trial.

Binnie was instructed to remove his obstacle course and restore the site to its previous condition, gravel parking area included. Also, he got stuck with Jesurum's legal expenses. Burdened, apparently, with an abundance of funds and a deficit of sense, Binnie appealed the whole mess to the Supreme Court.

With an eye to someday

launching the editorial scow in Little Harbor to search for lingering evidence of the 1925 grounding of the *S-48*, we called the Court on Monday to ask when Binnie's appeal might finally happen.

Jesurum's brief on the matter is due at the Court next week, we learned. For reasons unknown to us, Binnie's brief is not due until April 21st — six weeks later. So, nothing can happen before late April.

In theory, the Supreme Court could act as the Superior Court did and just act on the briefs, without any oral arguments. If it were to do so, the result might be known sooner rather than later.

Binnie, however, has the option of requesting an extension. How long he can drag things out, we don't know. If he makes such a request, the Court staff warned us, there's no telling how long things might drag on. Furthermore, no oral arguments will be held in July or August.

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So, unless Binnie gets his brief in by April 21st and the Justices hop to it, a fourth summer is likely to pass with Sanders Poynt illegally blockaded.

If anyone is tempted to be optimistic on this matter, we offer the following bit of insight into Binnie's chronophagous legal strategy, taken from page 12 of a transcript which was prepared at Binnie's expense and forwarded to us by Mr. Jesurum.

Almost as soon as Jacob Marvelli, a lawyer for Jesurum, began questioning the first witness, Binnie's attorney Benjamin King objected.

"There isn't going to be a single witness in this trial who can testify as to the specific location of Sanders Poynt," King said.

"Nobody knows exactly where it's located. Yes, the town placed a sign there, but nobody knows exactly the area that is included

in the term Sanders Poynt. So I'll object to ... any ... witness testifying that they went to Sanders Poynt. ... they can testify that they went to the area where the sign is. But without testimony from a historian or a surveyor ... I don't think it's appropriate for anyone to be saying that they went to Sanders Poynt."

Our Exclusive Oscar Coverage

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences [AMPAS], the world's most-public secret society, held its annual award ceremony Sunday evening.

Through the strategic display of famous peoples' skin and teeth, the anonymous members of AMPAS have long exerted a certain level of subtle control over America's motion picture industry, movies being a major component of the broader national distraction sector of the U.S. economy.

The Big Short won the Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay. It was based on a book of the same



Some time during the past few months, without any noticeable fanfare, the new pier beside Memorial Bridge was completed. Neat, trim, and perfectly fitting its surroundings, it's the perfect capstone for a fine project — and the perfect location for wreath-laying, once Memorial Day comes.

name by Michael Lewis. Accepting the statuette, director and screenwriter Adam McKay said, "if you don't want big money to control government, don't vote for candidates that take money from big banks, oil or weirdo billionaires: Stop!"

We look forward to following the rest of McKay's career, should he happen to have one.

Its pale and secretive nature notwithstanding, AMPAS gave its Best Picture award to a movie about a newspaper, so it can't be all bad.

Spotlight shows how even an advertising-dependent newspaper run by a hedge fund investor can occasionally do the right thing. In a city where the 800-pound gorilla wears the robes of a Cardinal, it was a pretty gutsy move for the *Boston Globe* to expose — however belatedly — the Catholic Church's former policy of protecting perverted priests.

While the Academy was lauding one newspaper for its courage, another was making a fool of itself. AMPAS sent the *LA Times*, Hollywood's own Award-Winning Local Daily, half a dozen press passes to cover all the hoopla. Six *Times* executives misunderstood how things are supposed to work. They grabbed the tickets, leaving their journalists out on the sidewalk. A pleading email finally sprung two of the six tickets.

The First District Fight

You may say whatever you like about Rep. Frank Guinta [R-East Side Fish & Game Social Club] — for example, last May the state's largest paper said "Frank Guinta is a damned liar" — but the man is not a quitter.

For a lot of people, that's just one more reason to dislike him. A poll taken last October by WMUR found that 50 percent of First District voters thought he should resign. Fifty-six percent — including 33 percent of Republicans — said that if he's on the ballot, they'll be voting for someone else. He continues to

campaign for re-election, though, despite a burden of baggage that would kill Hannibal's elephant.

During the 2010 election Guinta borrowed \$355,000 from his parents, loaned it to his campaign, failed to report it (likely because the loan was in violation of campaign laws), and lied to everyone about the whole furshlug-giner mess for five years. He was eventually busted by the Federal Elections Commission, hit with a \$15,000 fine, and told to pay back his parents.

Now that he has done so — at least, so he claims — he's trying to raise money for what's sure to be a tough primary election. Plus, he's reportedly paying off his lawyers, at \$5,000 a month. Fortunately for Guinta, he still has at least one friend in the Capitol, Rep. Jeb. Hensarling [R-Texas].

Hensarling, the chairman of the Financial Services Committee, runs what *Bloomberg* called, in a report published Monday, "a little-known fundraising vehicle where lobbyists for Wall Street

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banks, insurance companies and accounting firms gather monthly to discuss literature with a Republican panel member. The designated lawmaker picks the book and pulls in the day's haul, which attendees estimate is often in the \$60,000 to \$80,000 range."

Guinta, displaying a dazzling lack of imagination, selected *The Conservative Heart* by Arthur Brooks, President of the American Enterprise Institute. Perhaps The Bible had already been taken. Not that it matters. Bloomberg notes that the group "doesn't operate like most literary clubs because members don't read the selection in advance, so often the only person who has cracked the book is the lawmaker hosting. And even that isn't always the case, say attendees."

The astute selection of reading material is hardly the point, of course. Hensarling's "book club" is an excuse for corporate lobbyists to shovel money towards people like Guinta — members of the Financial Services Committee who are in a position to do favors.

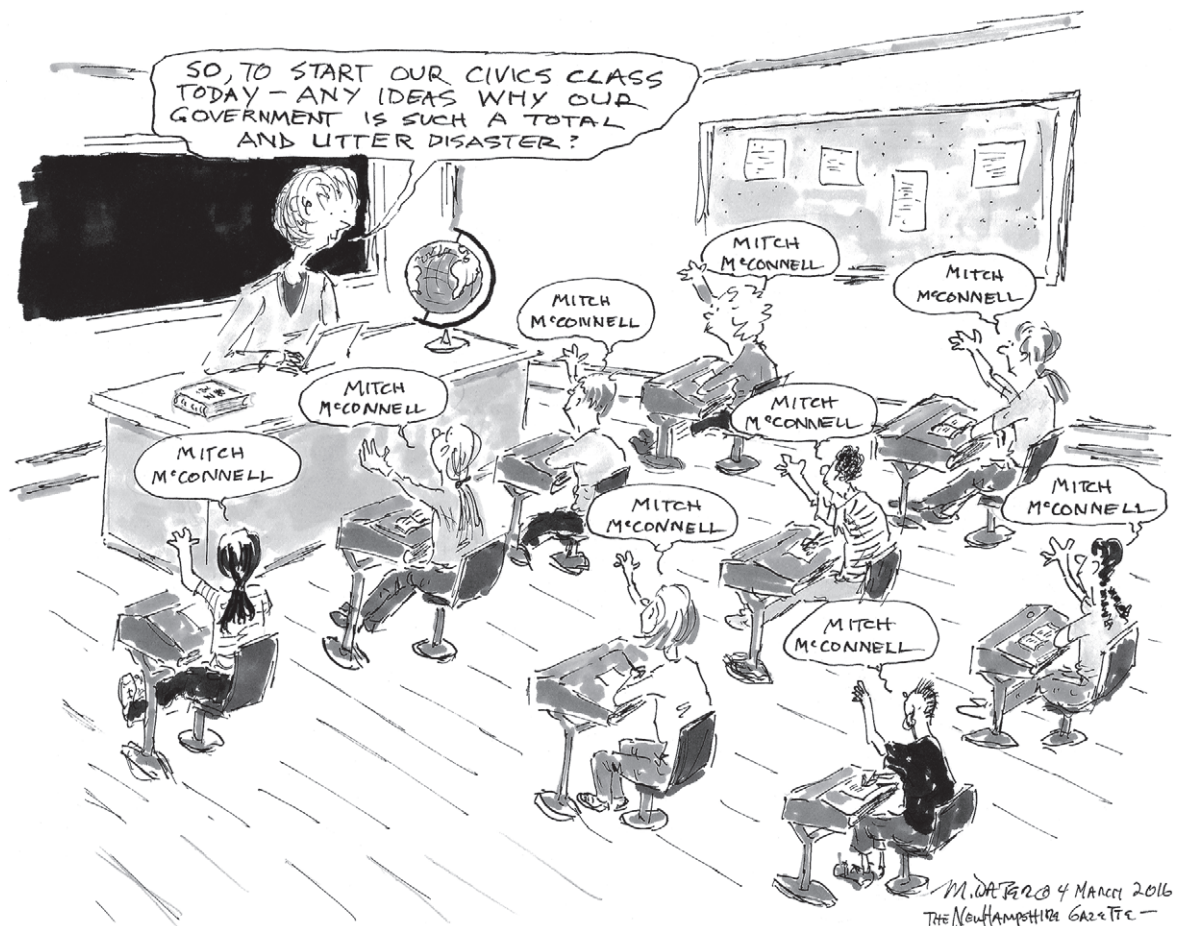
It's just business as usual in the nation's capital. In fact, the only reason Guinta's involvement raised any waves is that he seems

to have damaged the franchise. Attendance at Guinta's event was down by about half, presumably because of his soiled and tawdry reputation. This put Hensarling's nose out of joint. He reportedly looked over the paltry gathering and "declared he was taking note of who showed up and who did not."

On the face of it Guinta might seem to be doomed. His vulnerability might be his strongest asset, though, in the primary, at least. Rich Ashooh is now floating trial balloons. Pam Tucker and Dan Innis have already declared. They could split the anti-Guinta vote between them, leaving the Democratic nominee to deliver the well-deserved *coup de grâce*.

Remembering Robert Dunn

The life of Robert Dunn will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 22nd. Dunn, known as the Penny Poet of Portsmouth for the little books of poems he sold on the street for a penny, lived in this city from the 1970s until his death in 2008. From 1999 to 2001, he was the Poet Laureate of Portsmouth. A rare soul and a brilliant writer, Robert never owned a car, telephone, or computer. He was a fixture on our downtown streets for many years as he made his daily



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Robert Dunn, late Poet Laureate, in his natural habitat, i.e., the sidewalks of Portsmouth, more specifically Vaughan Mall, on October 23, 2000.

walks and stopped to visit with his many friends.

At the gathering, a group of his friends will share a reading of his poems, and Katherine Towler will read from her new memoir, *The Penny Poet of Portsmouth*. The memoir chronicles her friendship with Robert as she got to know this elusive man over many years, what he taught her about being a writer, and how the city he loved shaped him and he shaped it in an era when Portsmouth was rougher around the edges than it is today. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Katherine Towler is the author of the novels *Snow Island*, *Evening Ferry*, and *Island Light*. She teaches in the MFA Program in Writing at Southern New Hampshire University and has lived in Portsmouth since 1991.

"*The Penny Poet of Portsmouth* is one of the most beautiful and

touching books I've read in a long time. It is more than just the portrait of the author's unlikely friendship with Robert Dunn, a fabulously talented, wise, eccentric, and mysterious local poet; it is also the portrait of a small city in the midst of change, and of the art of poetry as it vitally and movingly exists outside the academy and the official avenues of recognition. And most of all, it's a portrait of the solitude and fellowship all artists need and seldom find. This book deserves a wide and enthusiastic audience," wrote Alan Shapiro, author of *Night of the Republic*, a Finalist for the National Book Award.

This event will be held at 3S Artspace at 319 Vaughn St. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m., the event will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$28 for a copy of the book and the reading, or \$8 for the reading alone. A portion of the proceeds

from this event will benefit the Portsmouth Poet Laureate Program. RiverRun Bookstore is sponsoring the event and handling book sales.

Some years ago, while Robert was still living, we happened to meet his brother Russ. Though they shared a fondness for language and tobacco, one would never confuse one brother for the other. Robert was born to wear brown corduroy and fade at will into a fall landscape. Russ seemed equally at home in his *habilliments*, but they were of a markedly different cut: jeans, shades, and pin-festooned black leather vest signifying his identity as a Harley-riding Vietnam veteran.

"Ah, yes," said Robert, who was arrested at least once for protesting the Seabrook nuke plant. "I think he has never forgiven me for having spent more time in jail."

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No Votes for Ayotte

To the Editor:
Senator Ayotte wrote that voters deserve a say in the Supreme Court nomination. We voters had our say when we elected our president. Those who voted for President Obama did so in hope that he could appoint Justices that like Sonya Sotomayor and Elena Kagen. Senator Ayotte wants to disenfranchise the majority of voters in the last Presidential election. Presidents are elected for four year terms, not three. Would Senator Ayotte be making this argument if Mitt Romney was President? Would any Republican Senator be making this argument? No.

Senator Ayotte is in her last year in office. If she believed in her own argument she would refrain from voting on this matter because the New Hampshire voters first need a say. In fact She should refrain from all votes and refund this year's salary until she is replaced in November.

Walter Hamilton
Portsmouth, N.H.

Kill the Death Penalty

To the Editor:
Two current bills before the New Hampshire legislature concern the death penalty. SB 463 suspends the death penalty until it can be ensured that it is not imposed on innocent individuals. Readers are asked to write to their State Senator and ask her/him to vote in favor of this bill. The other bill is HB 1552. It expands the

death penalty, is duplicative and unnecessary; among other disadvantages, this House bill might well bankrupt the state, as it is extremely expensive.
Here is a bit of background on the death penalty: Just since 1972, 156 death row inmates have been released in the U.S. because they were found innocent. Others were executed — several in Texas — but found to be innocent when it was too late. Recently, executions in the U.S. have been botched because of improper equipment and drugs being used. New Hampshire would have to spend almost \$2 million building a death chamber.
Worldwide, of the 196 countries that are UN members, only 37 retain and practice the death penalty. In Europe, only Belarus still has the death penalty; 11 African, 2 American (U.S. and St. Kitts and Nevis), and 23 Asian countries still execute people. Iran and Saudi Arabia (our “best friend”) even still execute minors.
Ilse Andrews
Exeter, N.H.

Trump Towers

To the Editor:
Like a real hero he stood his ground during the last Republican debate, in spite of the booing, as he challenged the neo-conservative Republican establishment, offering at different times observations that “...we have destabilized the Middle East.”; “...there were no weapons of mass destruction, and they knew it.”; “we’ve been in The Middle East for fifteen years and we haven’t won anything.”
He also went on to describe the cost of the wars, and seemed totally incredulous when Jeb Bush suggested a type of circular firing squad as a foreign policy where the United States will fight Assad and Isis, while both are fighting each other. And when Jeb stated that while Trump was involved in a reality show, George

Bush the second was defending the country, The Donald had to remind that fool that 9/11 happened on his brother’s watch.
Yes, he defied the boos and jeers of the establishment with his typical New York style honesty, as he gestured and smiled sure that he was right — and he was. He is a threat to the establishment as he does not need their dirty money, he is willing to run a third party candidacy, he is not afraid to speak truth to power, and does not apologize for it.
This campaign is one that will put forth a true choice between the neo-conservatives, both Democrat and Republican, who will expand the war in the Middle East, while challenging Russia in the Ukraine and Syria, bringing us to the brink of WW III; and Donald Trump who really does want to make America great again. The choice is clear, so people must make up their minds and be willing to accept the consequences of that choice.
People must ask themselves a vital question: do they want a continuation of the disastrous neo-conservative foreign policy or not?
The New Hampshire Republicans chose well.
John Dente
Wilmington, Del.

Ayotte’s All Wet

To the Editor:
Here’s Kelly Ayotte, carping that New Hampshire voters should have a “vote” in picking the next Supreme Court Justice. As an attorney, Ayotte knows perfectly well New Hampshire already cast their “vote” for the next Justice when they elected President Obama to his second term. Next November, we’ll get a new chance to “vote” for any vacancies that may open up within the new President’s term of office. In America, you don’t get to vote twice, even if you choose to distrust the judgment of a Con-

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stitutional scholar who just also happens to be a black man.
There’s really no doubt why Ayotte is presenting New Hampshire with her odd exercise in pretzel logic. Clearly, she’s acting under intense pressure from big corporate money to defend Citizens United, protect the excesses of Wall Street, and assist the Koch brothers in their coordinated effort to cripple government and suppress America’s middle class. A hell of a way for a so-called “public servant” to spend her time!
It appears Ayotte is now caught between her aspiring role as a Washington lobbyist and her sacred duty as a U.S. Senator sworn to defend the Constitution. As the Koch Brothers PAC ad suggests, we need to call right away and let her know what we think. In fact, we need to call, write, email, rally, and shout from the rooftops — and tell her just how politically repugnant and racist her “detached” behavior has become!
Rick Littlefield
Barrington, N.H.

Scalia’s Hide

To the Editor:
Upon learning of Antonin Scalia’s death, the words of a wise friend came to mind: “Every man has to carry his own hide to market.” Scalia has to tote his and it must be very heavy, weighted down by his morally bankrupt arguments based on deeply held primitive and cruel viewpoints, all camouflaged as “the product of a different reasoning,” hereby referred to as “Pure Applesauce”!
In 1994, Justice Harry Blackmun wrote a dissent questioning the Constitutionality of the death penalty, especially in cases involving mental retardation. Scalia castigated his colleague(s) with the following “Argle-Bar-

gle”: “This court has never held that the Constitution forbids the execution of a convicted defendant who has had a full and fair trial but is later able to convince a habeas court that he is actually innocent.” Simply translated, the Constitution is no barrier to executing a man who is innocent so long as the death sentence was obtained in a legal manner!
To justify this “Jiggery-Pokery,” Scalia chose a gruesome death penalty case, selecting Henry Lee McCollum’s case; he wrote “For example, the case of an 11 year-old girl raped by four men and killed by stuffing panties down her throat. How enviable a quiet death by lethal injection compared with that!”
Do you think he considered Mr. McCollum had the mental age of a 9 year-old? And DNA evidence proved his innocence! After 31 years Henry Lee McCollum walked off Death Row and out of prison. So much for your case example of your legal argument!
And now, to add insult to injury, we have to endure more “Argle-Bargle,” more “Jiggery-Pokery” and “Applesauce” from *all* our gutless politicians who can’t tell the truth about him — they are all vying to be the Head Hagiographer of Saint Scalia. I can only hope the Pope doesn’t compete in this disgusting competition! At moments like this, I listen instead to the wisdom of the famous civil rights lawyer, Clarence Darrow: “All men have an emotion to kill; when they strongly dislike some one they involuntarily wish he was dead. I have never killed anyone, but I have read some obituary notices with great satisfaction.” That is not argle-bargle, jiggery-pokery or applesauce!
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Remember in November

To the Editor:

I am not the first one to point out the irony in the Republican plan to replace a respected “originalist” on the Supreme Court by reinterpreting the Constitution, but it bears repeating: The president “shall (unless he is in his last year of office) nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate (unless they don’t want to play) shall appoint ... Judges of the Supreme Court.”

Kelly Ayotte has once again demonstrated her membership in the “my way or the highway gang” by joining Mitch McConnell and the other obstructionist Republicans in pandering to their base rather than respecting the majority of voters, the founding fathers and the Constitution. We won’t forget that in November.

Cynthia Muse
Rye, N.H.

Disingenuous at Best

To the Editor:

Republican leaders are offering all manner of blatantly false, not to mention unconstitutional, reasons why President Obama shouldn’t nominate a new Supreme Court Justice to replace Antonin Scalia. What really lies behind their arguments? They don’t want the Republican majority on the Court placed in jeopardy.

GOP leaders claim there is no precedent for confirming a Supreme Court nominee in a presidential election year. That is patently false. According to the Constitution, there is no point in time at which a sitting President cannot nominate a new Justice. In 1988, the last year of his Presidency, Ronald Reagan, nominated Anthony M. Kennedy who was confirmed just 65 days later. Overall, eight people have been nominated in the last year of a

Presidency.

Over 300 days remain in the Obama Presidency. That is more than enough time for the Senate to fulfill its Constitutional duty of providing advice and consent for any nomination. According to the February 13th *New York Times*, “The Senate has never taken more than 125 days to vote on a successor from the time of nomination; on average, a nominee has been confirmed, rejected or withdrawn in 25 days.”

New Hampshire Republican Senator Kelly Ayotte offers the misleading argument that, “the people of New Hampshire must have a say in this extraordinarily important debate.” The people have already had a role in this debate. Barack Obama was twice elected President by the people, once in 2008 and again in 2012. Under the Constitution, it is the elected President’s duty and obligation to nominate a replacement for a vacant Supreme Court seat. By their votes, the people entrusted him to make this decision.

Republican President Ronald Reagan said, “Every day that passes with a Supreme Court below full strength impairs the people’s business in that crucially important body.” In the case of 4-to-4 tie votes, which appear likely with this Court, the issue reverts temporarily to the decision of the Federal Appeals Court and a final decision is not reached. The people’s business is not done.

Republican Sen. Ayotte’s role in this matter has been particularly troubling. After carefully cultivating for re-election purposes, the illusion that she is a “moderate” Senator, Ayotte supported the far Right in opposition to any and all Supreme Court nomination procedures. Ayotte previously ignored the support

of 90 percent of her constituents for background checks preceding gun purchases and voted against them.

When an issue is of sufficient importance, Ayotte abandons her pretense of moderation and reverts to her far Right roots. Should she be re-elected, her pose of moderation will be abandoned as no longer necessary and Ayotte will regress to her natural home — the far Right.

Gary Patton
Hampton, N.H.

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**Concern-Trolling the Dems**

To the Editor:

Democrats claim to care about the importance of every vote. But, the results of the New Hampshire primary election show that the Democrat [sic] Party bosses don’t really care about the will of the voters; all they care about is that an election provides the results that the Democrat [sic] Party bosses want.

To make sure that the New Hampshire primary provided the desired result, the Democrat [sic] Party bosses established “super delegates” whose votes determine 8 of New Hampshire’s 32 delegates.

Thus, Bernie Sanders who trounced Hillary Clinton, 60 percent to 38 percent, is only getting the same number of delegates as Hillary. In fact, Bernie could get fewer delegates than Hillary if both undeclared superdelegates vote for Hillary.

Superdelegate Governor Maggie Hassan has committed her vote to Hillary Clinton, thus over-riding the votes of about 11,000 democrat [sic] voters.

Superdelegate Congresswoman Annie Kuster has committed her vote to Hillary Clinton, she knows better than about 11,000 democrat [sic] voters.

Senator Jeanne Shaheen and three other superdelegates have committed their votes to Hillary Clinton, ignoring the will

of about 44,000 democrat [sic] voters.

This is reminiscent of “Animal Farm”: all votes are equal, except some votes are more equal than others.

The New Hampshire Democrat [sic] Primary election result is another demonstration that the political class only cares about maintaining its own power not about representing the will and best interests of the American people.

Don Ewing  
Meredith, N.H.

Don:

*Thanks for sharing your concern about the poor, downtrodden Democrats. Save some for the Republicans who’ve been force-fed a steady diet of toxic lies since Nixon slithered into the White House.*

The Editor

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Ayotte Goes Home

To the Editor:

The Republicans have drawn a line in the sand. In the sandbox, that is. They have threatened to take their shovels and pails and go home!

Kelly Ayotte, pail in hand, has tagged along. She isn’t going to play anymore either.

I left the sandbox, and my childhood, years ago. With maturity, I deal with politics by asking myself a question: How would I react if circumstances were reversed? I try to answer it honestly. In this case, how would I react if a sitting Republican President, at the beginning of the fourth year of his term, was faced with the prospect of replacing a Justice who had been appointed by Democratic president? Answer: I would be extremely unhappy.

But, here’s the difference: I wouldn’t make up phony precedent (in fact, many Justices have been brought forward and approved in the fourth year of Presidencies!). Nor would I appeal to lofty but clearly bogus ideals — “the people must have a chance to



vote on this appointment” — to cover raw partisan politics.

Kelly Ayotte needs to pick up her pail and start working for the people of this country, not just her party.

Michael Frandzel
Portsmouth, N.H.

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## Po’Town Rail Hazards

To the Editor:

Buried on page A8 of the February 27, 2016 *Portsmouth Herald* was an article regarding rail safety that should be of great concern to local and State officials.

The article referenced an audit of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), the agency responsible for insuring rail safety in America, by the Surface Transportation Inspector General. The report was scathing, and reflected very serious gaps in the enforcement of rail safety regulations, especially with regard to the transportation of hazardous materials including crude oil, propane and hundreds of other hazardous materials.

The report stated that the FRA applies “only modest civil penalties for hazardous materials violations.” The report further states that “As a result, penalties have little deterrent effect.” In response to this the FRA stated that it collected \$15 million in fines for violations in fiscal year 2015. This amount in fines for an industry as large as the railroad

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Daybreak

by William Marvel

Some years ago, after two decades of devoting all my spare time to projects in Civil War history, I felt like a brief respite. My interest in the period remained as obsessive as ever, and all the traveling for manuscript and field research provided enough variety to forestall any boredom, but producing endless descriptions of political animosities and military mayhem was a little wearing. I cast about for a lighter topic, but in retrospect I'd say I overshot the mark.

Abandoning the only epoch in which I could claim real competence, I undertook the biography of an artist renowned for paintings that varied between relentlessly peaceful and naïvely idyllic. Maxfield Parrish was still popular in my youth, although most of those who recognized his work probably never learned his name. Posters of his girls-on-rocks paintings adorned many an adventurous young lady's boudoir in the 1960s, and especially "Ecstasy," with its carefree, loosely clad blonde standing on a windswept crag. I last saw that poster in the bedroom of one notoriously peripatetic local transplant as late as 1999.

Popular authors from the '20s

to the '40s often mentioned Parrish, particularly for the cerulean-blue of his cloudless skies and for what F. Scott Fitzgerald called "Maxfield Parrish moonlight." His calendar landscapes involved homey but unlikely New England scenes, with farmhouses and barns perched on the banks of brooks that would flood everything at the slightest freshet. Farm scenes on moonlit winter evenings were a favorite of his, with one window of the farmhouse painted blazing yellow to suggest the warmth within.

I'm not sure what first attracted me to Parrish. One of his 1910 magazine illustrations, a version of which is called "Griselda," bore a slightly too hippy but nevertheless eerie resemblance to an old girlfriend of mine, depicting a dark-haired damsel in a medieval gown who was tucking flowers in her hair. That probably didn't spark the interest, because I think I first encountered it while working on the biography. It may instead have been the Parrish retrospective that traveled the country at the end of the second millennium: I caught the exhibition at the Currier Gallery.

There was nothing deep about Parrish's art. From an early age he demonstrated a remarkable tal-

ent for humorous caricature, and his designs could be astonishingly intricate, like the monogram he cut for Ethel Barrymore in the flyleaf of a book. For the most part he was famous for his illustrations in children's books, advertising posters, and calendars, all of which portrayed a fantasy world of perpetual wonder, coy courtship, and natural perfection. One of his most widely distributed paintings was a romantic reverie called "Daybreak," with a recumbent nymphet on a neoclassical portico being awakened by a naked child of indistinct gender; beyond them is an impossible landscape of mirror-smooth water, lush vegetation, and rocky, arid hills. That sort of stuff sold well in the '20s, during which he became the most highly paid artist in America. Norman Rockwell, who followed in his footsteps with equally saccharine popular illustrations, once had the gall to disparage Parrish for being "a commercial artist."

The Parrishes were Quakers from Philadelphia. They were not very active in the society, but Quaker culture seems to have imbued the Parrish men with unusually peaceful demeanors. Both Maxfield and his father moved to New Hampshire, spending the



Daybreak, by Maxfield Parrish [1920]

rest of their lives as artists in the Cornish colony, but the pastoral retreat and pleasant occupation did not assure tranquility within their homes. Maxfield's mother left the family soon after the Cornish move, and never returned, while for the better part of his own marriage his wife spent half of each year in Georgia.

During World War II many famous artists produced patriotic paintings, the best example of which may be Rockwell's Four Freedoms series, each immortalizing a supposed cornerstone of American liberty. Parrish tried his hand at it, but his pacifism and innate innocence confined his "war painting" to the allegorical hint of a New England landscape threatened by ominous thunderheads that none of his

other paintings ever included.

Publishing a book about the Civil War has never posed a problem; my main task is to find a sufficiently distinguished and generous publisher. The Parrish book has been another matter, largely because of copyright restrictions that inflate the cost of illustrating it; that was reflected in one university press offer that I refused. A coffee-table art book might repay such an expense, but not a 400-page biography of someone who was popular in the Roaring Twenties. Thanks to a copyright law passed primarily to benefit corporations like Disney, Parrish's later work is protected for 70 years after his death. He died half a century ago this month, so I have until March 30, 2036, to brush up the manuscript.

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is less than a slap on the hand. It represents a small cost of doing business, and is much cheaper than actually doing what is necessary to comply all safety regulations.

The report also stated that "the agency (FRA) doesn't have a complete understanding of the risks of rail shipments of hazardous cargo." This is because it

"looks narrowly at operations in specific regions, not the nation as a whole." The most serious criticism was that, "The regional evaluations also don't include an assessment of the risks of transporting highly volatile and hazardous materials like crude oil near cities and major population areas."

There was much more damn-

ing information that space prohibits me from including. However, it is clear that we have a serious problem with regard to rail safety in America, and right here in Portsmouth. The shipment by rail of hazardous materials through Portsmouth and residential communities will continue to increase. This is why we raised the safety concerns re-

garding the expansion of propane shipments through our City the past two years. Unfortunately, we cannot seem to rely on the agency most responsible for protecting us from rail accidents, the FRA. It seems to be much more interested in protecting the industry it regulates than the public.

It long past time for Congress to take action to clean house at

the FRA and to revisit the special legal federal exemptions granted the railroad industry. This report also should reinforce the need to consider pursuing the alternate rail route through Pease to avoid hauling hazardous materials through downtown Portsmouth.

The red flags have been raised, and our community is at risk. The failure to act to prevent future

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What Happened To America's Train System?

by Jim Hightower

Why are we Americans stuck with an out-of-date railroad system, while nations with a small fraction of our resources are cruising on High Speed Rail (HSR) networks? Because our leaders sold us out to corporate hucksters who destroyed our once-great passenger train system by telling us that we Americans deserve the “independ-

ence” that comes from a glorious new doctrine of one-person/one-car. Yeah — the independence of being stuck in traffic jams! As early as the 1930s, giant corporate consortiums formed to buy out more than 100 of America’s networks of streetcars and inter-urban train systems. Not to run them, but to rip out the tracks and pave over the rail right-of-ways to make roads. The biggest of these consor-

tiums combined the enormous political and PR power of General Motors, Standard Oil, Firestone, and Mack Trucks. Likewise, corporate profiteers mounted a new offensive in the 1990s to undermine the higher-speed potential of Amtrak’s Acela trains, funding such Koch-headed front groups as Cato Institute and Heritage Foundation to push hokey “analyses” branding Amtrak as a slow train to collectivist

hell. They also bought trainloads of politicians, who’re still promoting the fabricated studies and talking points of the petro-cabal to wreck as much of Amtrak as they can and derail fast-train proposals. Railroad executives themselves, preferring the oligopolistic and very profitable freight business to passenger travel, play along. There is no economic, technological, geographic, budgetary, or

conceptual barrier to our country having the best, most effective, state-of-the-art HSR service in the world. The reality is the US is in the caboose of transportation innovation only because special-interest politics continue to thwart our national will, leaving us with a rail system that is a national embarrassment. Copyright 2016 by Jim Hightower & Associates. Contact Laura Ehrlich (laura@jimhightower.com).

catastrophes when the warnings have been sounded is nothing less than criminal negligence. Rich DiPentima Portsmouth, N.H. Rich: Thanks for sending this important information. The Editor

Justice Scalia's Opera

The late, conservative U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia was known to spend his off duty time on duck hunting expeditions with former Vice President Dick Cheney and on trips to the opera house with fellow Justice Ruth Bader-Ginsburg. A modern day composer actually created an opera about Scalia and Ginsburg’s shared passion for the opera, which helped bridge their ideological differences and maintain their friendship. Therefore, it is quite fitting that Justice Scalia’s sudden and mysterious passing at a hunting resort in West Texas has left America with an opera! No opera would be complete without intrigue and we’ve all been subjected to numerous right wing conspiracy theories surrounding the death of the justice. Honestly, the first thing that came to my mind was that Scalia must have been out duck hunting with former VP Dick [“Dick”] Cheney and was mistaken for a

very large duck by Cheney, who once shot a partner in the face after mistaking him for a quail! The ink on the Justice’s death certificate hadn’t even dried before the players started adding their voices to Scalia’s opera. The Founding Fathers actually chimed in over 2 1/4 centuries ago with Article 2, Section 2, Clause 2 of the Constitution which clearly lays out the roles and responsibilities of the President and members of the Senate: “The President shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls, Judges of the Supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States.” President Obama, justifiably rejecting the chorus of ridiculous demands from the Right Wing and Republican Senators like Mitch McConnell, Kelly Ayotte, Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio, that he leave Scalia’s replacement to the next President, has asserted, “I plan to fulfil my constitutional responsibilities!” Scalia’s opera also contains voices of reason such as those of Senators Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, who have correctly pointed out to the wrong-headed Republican Senators that the American people indeed expressed their will loudly

in 2012 when they reelected President Obama for four more years to make Supreme Court appointments! Wayne H. Merritt Dover, N.H. Let the Gov't Work for Us To the Editor: There has been a lot of talk this election cycle about getting big money out of politics and ending the corruption of our political system. You should know there is a bill in committee in New Hampshire right now addressing this. I attended the hearing in support of HB 1163 on Tuesday. An anti-corruption bill that relates to lobbying, campaign contributions, and political advertising. When an organization, many from outside New Hampshire has a goal, that entity and it’s operatives will do whatever they need to in order to accomplish their goals. The problem is that these goals may not be in the best interest of the people of New Hampshire and America. This bill is common sense, some of what it addresses includes. • Requiring Lobbyists to identify themselves as such to insure that our legislators know who they are speaking to. • The origin of any bill must be identified. Organizations which

take the time and expense to pay for these bills to be written will only do so for a reason. • Organizations cannot discuss employment with legislators. • Legislators must declare expenses reimbursed by any other entity. After leaving the hearing walking the 20 feet to the elevator I must have passed more than 20 people with the orange name tags identifying themselves as lobbyists, probably more than the number of concerned citizens in building the entire day. If you want a government working for us instead of for Wall St. let the House Legislative Administrative committee know you support this bill by emailing them at HouseLegislativeAdministration@leg.state.nh.us. Please be respectful, thanks! David Holt Somersworth, N.H. David: How about a special extra-large badge, with a flashing red light and a warning beeper, to be worn by Koch-funded lobbyists? The Editor No More Death Penalty To the Editor: Human error has been cited as a primary cause in disasters throughout history. An example of this was the Space Shut-

tle Challenger disaster; although caused by hardware failure the human decision to launch was, in itself, flawed. The American Judicial System has not been spared from the devastating effects caused by human mistakes. Presently we have 156 death row inmates who have been exonerated after evidence surfaced proving they were wrongly convicted; 6 of these exonerations took place in 2015. On February 16th the Executive Committee of the New Hampshire Judiciary Committee voted in support of SB-463. This bipartisan bill suspends the death penalty until it can be ensured that it is not being imposed on innocent people. Within the next week SB-463 will be voted on by the full New Hampshire Senate, I urge you to voice your support of this bill. Following the Challenger Disaster NASA did the right thing and placed the space shuttle program on a hiatus until problems could be corrected. The Citizens of New Hampshire need to do the same to the Death Penalty. Donna Coriarty Dover, N.H. Donna: The Right's support for the death penalty is the clearest evidence we have of its fundamental hypocrisy. The Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| <p><b>2007</b>—A jury finds Dick “Dick” Cheney’s Chief of Staff I. Lewis “Scooter” Libby guilty of perjury and obstruction of justice.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—George W.[MD] Bush claims Saddam Hussein’s operatives have “biological and chemical agents” they are moving “to different locations every 12 to 24 hours, or placed in vehicles that are in residential neighborhoods.”</p> <p><b>1991</b>—President George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush claims that his defeat of Saddam Hussein has created a “new world order.”</p> <p><b>1981</b>—After 19 years as anchor, Walter Cronkite casts off from the “CBS Evening News.”</p> <p><b>1975</b>—Tech. Sgt. Leonard Matlovich openly challenges the Air Force’s “no gays” rule.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—The same day the FCC bans songs that “promote or glorify the use of illegal drugs,” unsuspecting Lawrence Welk singers perform “One Toke Over the Line.”</p> <p><b>1964</b>—Cassius Clay adopts the name Muhammad Ali.</p> <p><b>1944</b>—The U.S. Army uses napalm for the first time, in Berlin.</p> <p><b>1896</b>—Charles B. King (1868-1957) demonstrates the first automobile ever seen in Detroit.</p> <p><b>1857</b>—The Supreme Court rules in <i>Dred Scott v. Sanford</i> that “the unhappy black race [never possessed] rights which the white man was bound to respect.”</p> <p>8:40 9:15</p> <p>2:19 2:58</p>    | <p><b>1981</b>—A stabbed 18 year-old is Disneyland’s first murder victim.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—Six blocks into a 50-mile march, 600 people are attacked by police on the Edmund Pettus Bridge.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick says legalize the spitball.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—Pentagon builders are told double the restrooms to accommodate Virginia’s segregation laws.</p> <p><b>1932</b>—Detroit police fire on Ford hunger marchers; four die.</p> <p><b>1911</b>—Twenty thousand U.S. troops are dispatched to the Mexican border to protect “American interests.”</p> <p><b>1908</b>—In Cincinnati, Mayor Mark Breith announces that “women are not physically fit to operate automobiles.”</p> <p><b>1906</b>—In Finland, the Senate approves of universal suffrage—except for the poor.</p> <p><b>1876</b>—Alexander Graham Bell gets a patent for the telephone without having submitted a working model. It is remarkably similar to Elisha Gray’s previously-submitted design.</p> <p><b>1850</b>—New Hampshire native Daniel Webster, representing Massachusetts in the U.S. Senate, argues in the Senate that slaveholders are entitled to be secure in their ownership of their slaves.</p> <p><b>1799</b>—In Bethlehem, Penn., John Fries and a mob of four hundred free 19 property tax protestors from a federal marshal and 13 deputies.</p> <p>9:31 10:02</p> <p>3:12 3:47</p> | <p><b>1983</b>—Ronald Reagan runs the phrase “evil empire” up the flagpole.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—The Citizens Commission to Investigate the FBI breaks into the Bureau’s Media, Penn. office, obtaining 1,000+ documents revealing illegal suppression of dissent. The Bureau fails to find the perps.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—Radio Hanoi plays Jimi Hendrix’s “Star-Spangled Banner.”</p> <p><b>1968</b>—The Soviet sub <i>K-129</i> sinks in the Pacific. The CIA later retrieves part of it.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—In Dublin, fifty years after the Easter Rising, an IRA bomb destroys Nelson’s Pillar. Within days the song “Up Went Nelson” tops the Irish charts.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—As the first U.S. combat troops—U.S. Marines—hit the beach at Danang ready to fight, they are welcomed by Vietnamese girls offering leis.</p> <p><b>1958</b>—William Faulkner says American schools have “degenerated to become babysitters.”</p> <p><b>1950</b>—The USSR announces it’s got an A-bomb.</p> <p><b>1913</b>—The IRS begins collecting.</p> <p><b>1906</b>—Winchester, N.H. native Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, 45, views the result of his illegal order: in the Bud Dajo crater lie 900 dead Moros (Muslim Filipinos, men women and children). Teddy Roosevelt calls the massacre “a brilliant feat of arms [that upheld] the honor of the American flag.”</p> <p>10:20 10:49</p> <p>4:04 4:34</p>                                                              | <p><b>2007</b>—Newt Gingrich, running for President, admits he committed adultery while impeaching Bill Clinton.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—Donald Trump files his second bankruptcy in eight months.</p> <p><b>1986</b>—U.S. Navy divers locate the sunken crew compartment of the Space Shuttle <i>Challenger</i>.</p> <p><b>1982</b>—The <i>Washington Post</i> reveals that \$19 million in covert aid has gone to the Contras.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—After his ex-commander arrives in the Philippines and gives him the order, Japanese Lieut. Hiroo Onoda finally surrenders. He is pardoned for killing 30 Filipinos after WW II.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Afraid of the consequences of even the mildest sedition, CBS-TV cancels “The Smothers Brothers.”</p> <p><b>1954</b>—Edward R. Murrow takes Joe McCarthy apart on CBS-TV. The network makes sure nothing like that happens again.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—WMUR-TV in Manchester begins broadcasting.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—Britain hangs Timothy J. Evans for murder. He’s posthumously pardoned in 1966 because he was innocent.</p> <p><b>1932</b>—Ford Motor Co. makes its first production Flathead V-8.</p> <p><b>1920</b>—Gen. Leonard Wood, the hero of Bud Dajo [see 3/8/1906], wins the N.H. Presidential Primary.</p> <p><b>1916</b>—Pancho Villa and 1,500 guerrillas raid Columbus, N.M. and kill 17 Americans.</p> <p>11:09 11:35</p> <p>4:52 5:20</p>                               | <p><b>2004</b>—Pres. George W.[MD] Bush finds out simultaneously that: 1) his Terrorist Surveillance Program expires that day; 2) his lawyers won’t renew it; and 3) Atty. Gen. John Ashcroft has been in the ICU for a week. He sends Al Gonzales racing to Ashcroft’s hospital bed, to no avail.</p> <p><b>2000</b>—The NASDAQ index hits 5,132.52, its highest until 2015.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—Injected with poison by Okla. state workers, Robyn Lee Parks gasps &amp; gags for eleven minutes before dying.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—The Pa. Crime Commission says police corruption is “systematic at all levels” in Philly. Mayor Rizzo tries to block an investigation.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—U.S.A.F. Major Bernard Fisher, seeing a fellow A-1 pilot make an emergency landing at a Special Forces camp at A Shau, lands, picks him up, and flies him to safety despite intense fire from the two NVA battalions which were overrunning the camp all the while.</p> <p><b>1951</b>—Genial old Ike declares America’s willingness to launch a first-strike nuclear attack.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—U.S. bombers drop 2,000 tons of incendiary bombs on Tokyo, killing 100,000 civilians and leaving 1,500,000 homeless.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—A Japanese firebomb balloon lands on electric wires in Hanford, Wash., temporarily shutting down a nuclear reactor making plutonium destined for “Fat Man,” the Nagasaki A-bomb.</p> <p>11:57 12:35</p> <p>5:42 6:07</p> | <p><b>2011</b>—The most powerful earthquake in its history hits Japan, causing a tsunami that kills 15,850 and sets off three nuclear meltdowns.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—Pres. George W.[MD] Bush knuckles under. He’s forced to suspend an illegal surveillance program to dissuade his top three Justice officials from quitting.</p> <p><b>2008</b>—SEC Chair Chris Cox says “We have a good deal of comfort about the capital cushions at these firms,” three days before Bear Stearns collapses.</p> <p><b>2005</b>—Pentagon documents reveal that some Abu Ghraib prisoners were as young as 11.</p> <p><b>1958</b>—A B-47 accidentally drops a Mark 6 A-bomb, minus its core, on Mars Bluff, S.C. On the ground, 6 are injured by a non-nuclear explosion and a house is destroyed.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—The U.S. Army says Sen. Joe McCarthy &amp; aide Roy Cohn used threats to get special treatment for Private G. David Schine.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—At Corregidor, “Dugout Doug” MacArthur bugs out.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—Baghdad falls to an Anglo-Indian force.</p> <p><b>1847</b>—Death of John “Johnny Appleseed” Chapman, Daniel Fowle’s 3rd cousin twice removed.</p> <p><b>222</b>—Fed up with Emperor Elagabalus prostituting himself in taverns and brothels, and egged on by his grandmother, the Praetorian Guard cut off his head.</p> <p>12:22 12:47</p> <p>6:31 6:54</p> | <p><b>2009</b>—Self-professed expert Frank Gaffney asserts that Saddam Hussein may have been involved in the Oklahoma City bombing.</p> <p><b>2006</b>—In Fordland, Mo., Matt Suter is sucked out of his house trailer by a tornado and dropped, alive, in a pasture 1/4 mi. away.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—<i>The Guardian</i> reports that Halliburton is still paying VP Dick “Dick” Cheney up to \$1 million a year in “deferred compensation.”</p> <p><b>2002</b>—Homeland Security Tsar Tom Ridge unveils a Homeland Security Advisory System which never went below “Elevated.”</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Eugene McCarthy places 2nd in the New Hampshire Democratic Primary, inspiring President Lyndon Johnson to drop out.</p> <p><b>1947</b>—Piper pilot Carmen Onofrio of Milan, N.H. makes the first of 43 landings atop Mt. Washington, delivering ice research equipment.</p> <p><b>1928</b>—Hours after a personal inspection by its builder Wm. Mulholland, L.A.’s St. Francis dam collapses killing 600 people.</p> <p><b>1912</b>—Captain Albert Berry becomes the first man to jump out of an airplane and live.</p> <p><b>1888</b>—The New York Weather Bureau predicts “light snow” just before a blizzard kills hundreds.</p> <p><b>1804</b>—Federal district judge John Pickering is impeached by the U.S. Senate for “drunkenness, profanity, &amp; violence” on the bench.</p> <p>1:10 1:38</p> <p>7:23 7:43</p> |
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| <p><b>2003</b>—Iraq’s dreaded pilotless drone looks “more like something out of ... Rube Goldberg ... than anything that could threaten Iraq’s foes,” reports <i>The New York Times</i>.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—George W.[MD] Bush says of Osama bin Laden, “We haven’t heard much from him ... I don’t know where he is ... I truly am not that concerned about him.”</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Nerve gas drift from the Army’s Dugway Proving Grounds in Provo, Utah, poisons 6,400 sheep in nearby Skull Valley.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—Kitty Genovese is stabbed to death in Queens as thirty-seven aural witnesses do nothing.</p> <p><b>1962</b>—The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, signs a Top Secret memo authorizing Operation Northwood—a “terror campaign” on U.S. soil to build support for an attack on Cuba.</p> <p><b>1957</b>—Georgia’s General Assembly votes to impeach five U.S. Supreme Court justices.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—Viet Minh forces besiege French troops at Dien Bien Phu.</p> <p><b>1921</b>—The “Mad Baron” Roman von Ungern-Sternberg becomes dictator of Mongolia — briefly.</p> <p><b>1881</b>—Russian nihilists use bombs to assassinate Czar Alexander.</p> <p><b>1877</b>—Chester Greenwood, 18, of Farmington, Maine, receives the first of his 130 patents, this one for earmuffs.</p> <p>3:01 3:32</p> <p>9:16 9:35</p> | <p><b>2002</b>—The Justice Dept. charges accounting firm Arthur Andersen with obstruction of justice for shredding Enron documents.</p> <p><b>1984</b>—<i>New York Times</i> headline: “Youth robs woman trapped underneath bus in Trenton of \$2,000.”</p> <p><b>1965</b>—“Except for Vietnam,” the AP reports Richard Nixon saying, “U.S. foreign policy is in a shambles.”</p> <p><b>1964</b>—We still don’t know who killed JFK, but on this day a jury decided Jack Ruby killed Lee Harvey Oswald.</p> <p><b>1961</b>—A B-52 carrying nuclear weapons on a routine training flight crashes in California.</p> <p><b>1927</b>—Birth of Edward Abbey, writer and anarchist.</p> <p><b>1912</b>—In Lawrence, Ma., strikers win both “Bread and Roses.”</p> <p><b>1891</b>—A mob of twenty thousand xenophobes in New Orleans lynches 11 Italian immigrants recently acquitted of murder.</p> <p><b>1888</b>—James “Honest Dick” Tate, Kentucky’s State Treasurer, vanishes with \$247,000 of its money.</p> <p><b>1883</b>—Karl Marx, 64, dies in London, impoverished.</p> <p><b>1879</b>—Birth of Albert Einstein.</p> <p><b>1757</b>—British Admiral John Byng, convicted of not “doing his utmost” at Minorca, is shot.</p> <p><b>1471</b>—Sir Thomas Malory, author of <i>Le Morte d’Arthur</i>, dies in Newgate Prison.</p> <p>3:55 4:31</p> <p>10:13 10:31</p>                                              | <p><b>2008</b>—JPMorgan and Federal Reserve auditors inspect Bear Stearns’ books and turn pale.</p> <p><b>2005</b>—Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) says the White House hid an audit showing a \$108 million overcharge by Halliburton in Iraq until after the presidential election.</p> <p><b>1989</b>—To flatter veterans without incurring actual additional expenses, the Veterans Administration is elevated to Departmental status.</p> <p><b>1982</b>—CIA-trained forces in Nicaragua blow up commie bridges.</p> <p><b>1982</b>—Donald Trump gets a New Jersey casino licence—normally a months-long process—in hours.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—A <i>Boston Globe</i> editorial about a speech by Pres. Jimmy Carter appears under the headline, “Mush from the Wimp.”</p> <p><b>1962</b>—A Lockheed Constellation carrying 96 U.S. Army Rangers to Vietnam disappears between Guam and the Philippines.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—Col. Tom Parker takes over as Elvis’s manager.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—Czar Nicholas II abdicates the Russian throne under duress.</p> <p><b>1916</b>—President Woodrow Wilson sends 16,000 soldiers into Mexico to catch Pancho Villa. They fail.</p> <p><b>1874</b>—A French “protectorate” takes over in Annam (Vietnam).</p> <p><b>1869</b>—The first bill granting women the right to vote is introduced to Congress, where it dies, naturally.</p> <p><b>44 BC</b>—Caesar gets the shiv.</p> <p>4:54 5:35</p> <p>11:14 11:32</p> | <p><b>2008</b>—JPMorgan buys Bear Stearns, but only because the Fed puts up \$30 billion.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—On “Meet the Press,” Dick “Dick” Cheney claims that Saddam Hussein “has, in fact, reconstituted nuclear weapons,” and that “we will, in fact, be greeted as liberators.”</p> <p><b>1993</b>—“The Storm of the Century” kills 318 on the East Coast.</p> <p><b>1990</b>—On his deathbed, Lee Atwater claims to repent; sadly, there are no lie detectors present.</p> <p><b>1988</b>—Kurds in Iraq are gassed with ingredients Saddam Hussein bought from the U.S. and Europe.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—Senator Roman Hruska (R-Neb.) defends G. Harrold Carswell’s nomination to the Supreme Court by saying, “there are a lot of mediocre judges and people and lawyers. They are entitled to a little representation, aren’t they?”</p> <p><b>1968</b>—GIs in Vietnam kill hundreds of civilians at My Lai.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—Alice Herz, 82, self-immolates in Detroit to protest the Vietnam War. She dies 10 days later.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—In Montgomery, Ala., police attack civil rights marchers.</p> <p><b>1926</b>—Robert Goddard demonstrates a practical liquid-fueled rocket in Auburn, Mass.</p> <p><b>1912</b>—During a raging Antarctic blizzard, Captain Lawrence Oates tells the other members of the Scott Expedition, “I am just going outside and may be some time.”</p> <p>5:58 6:43</p> <p>12:21 12:39</p> | <p><b>2013</b>—Two men hijack a tourist helicopter and break two convicts out of a Quebec prison.</p> <p><b>2008</b>—The nocturnal habits of New York Governor Eliot Spitzer cost him his day job.</p> <p><b>2007</b>—<i>The Navy Times</i> reports that Fox News guest and U.S.M.C. Corporal Matt Sanchez had an earlier career as a gay porn star.</p> <p><b>2005</b>—[B]ased on a review of the video footage [Terri Schiavo] certainly seems to respond to visual stimuli,” says Sen. [Dr.] Bill Frist [R-Fla.] on the Senate floor. An autopsy later reveals she was blind.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—Local narcs and off-duty cops celebrate St. Patrick’s Day by duking it out in the parking lot at Paddy’s on the Pease Tradeport.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—George W.[MD] Bush tells Saddam Hussein that Iraq isn’t big enough for the both of them, and gives Hussein 48 hours to get out.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—Disgruntled tobacco farmer Dwight Watson drives his John Deere into a pond on the Mall, paralyzing Washington D.C.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—“Dick” Cheney and two other members of G.H.[H.]W. Bush’s cabinet admit they had written rubber checks on the House bank.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—Dita Beard, hospitalized by Nixon goons, is forced to recant a statement she’d made linking an ITT campaign contribution with the settlement of an anti-trust suit.</p> <p><b>1776</b>—The Brits bug outta Boston.</p> <p>7:06 7:52</p> <p>12:39 1:29</p>        | <p><b>2004</b>—Narcs and off-duty cops begin a second round of fisticuffs at Gilley’s in Portsmouth.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—“Why should we hear about body bags and death and how many?” Barbara Bush asks Diane Sawyer. “It’s not relevant...why should I waste my beautiful mind on something like that?”</p> <p><b>1992</b>—Bizarre Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot says he’ll run for President if his supporters get him on the ballot in 50 states.</p> <p><b>1990</b>—A dozen paintings are stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—A Congressional study says income inequality has doubled since 1952.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—Country Joe McDonald is convicted and fined \$500 for leading a Massachusetts crowd in the infamous Fish Cheer.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—The U.S. begins secretly bombing Cambodia.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—The Supreme Court rules that states must provide lawyers for indigent defendants.</p> <p><b>1953</b>—The State Dept. orders overseas libraries cleansed of books by authors of “suspect” loyalty.</p> <p><b>1925</b>—The Tri-State Tornado kills 695 along a 235 mile path from Missouri to Indiana.</p> <p><b>1741</b>—Fort George, the center of colonial government in New York, is torched as part of a conspiracy among blacks and poor whites.</p> <p>8:13 8:55</p> <p>1:47 2:34</p>                         | <p><b>2006</b>—Former Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi says his country is in a civil war.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—<i>USA Today</i> admits that its Pulitzer-contender Jack Kelley ought to have competed in the fiction category.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—George W.[MD] Bush kicks off his new war by sending 40 Tomahawk missiles into a residential neighborhood in Baghdad killing innocent civilians instead of his nemesis, Saddam Hussein.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—Scientists report “alarming” melting of the Larsen Ice Shelf.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—The Pentagon’s top Cuba expert admits she spied for Cuba.</p> <p><b>1983</b>—Appearing on NBC’s “Diff’rent Strokes,” Nancy Reagan tells “a true story” about “a boy we’ll call Charlie.” “Burned out on marijuana” at 14, Charlie “brutally beats” Sis when she won’t steal money to feed his weed habit.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—The U.S. government burns books by Wilhelm Reich.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—Off Japan, Kamikaze attacks kill 800 sailors on the <i>U.S.S. Franklin</i>.</p> <p><b>1937</b>—Birth of Clarence “Frogman” Henry.</p> <p><b>1935</b>—Over 100 are injured in a riot in Harlem. A study later blames police brutality for causing the riot. Fiorello LaGuardia suppresses the report.</p> <p><b>1916</b>—Eight U.S. Army biplanes go after Pancho Villa.</p> <p>9:14 9:51</p> <p>2:51 3:32</p>                                                                   |

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