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The Fortnightly Rant

“Get Me Re-Write!”

It's official now. On June 7th, the United States of America became a semi-scripted reality TV show: “Stalag Luft 2016.” The sound track begins with a cell door slamming shut.

Until that date, it still seemed possible that Bernie Sanders might take California and a few other states. A deflated Clinton campaign might then lose its grip on super delegates. At that point you could almost see it, off in the distance: a contest that held the promise of redeeming our miserable history since the year 2000.

What a campaign it could have been: in one corner, the foul-mouthed usurper of the Party of Lincoln; the personification of the GOP's corrupt, self-serving agenda, shockingly stripped, though, of all euphemism and camouflage. In the other corner, an iconoclastic interloper free from the dysfunctional platform of the Democratic Leadership Committee, and free, too, from the usual Republican calumnies: a candidate with a unique superpower — the ability to say, “Yeah, I'm a socialist. You wanna make something of it?”

But, no. American voters — and world history — will apparently be denied a head-to head matchup between Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump.

It is a waste of time to endlessly ruminate over lost opportunities, and it's unhealthy and feckless to lament one's sorry situation. Better to risk doing either or both, though, than lose sight of the vision briefly granted by that *rara avis*, the Sanders campaign.

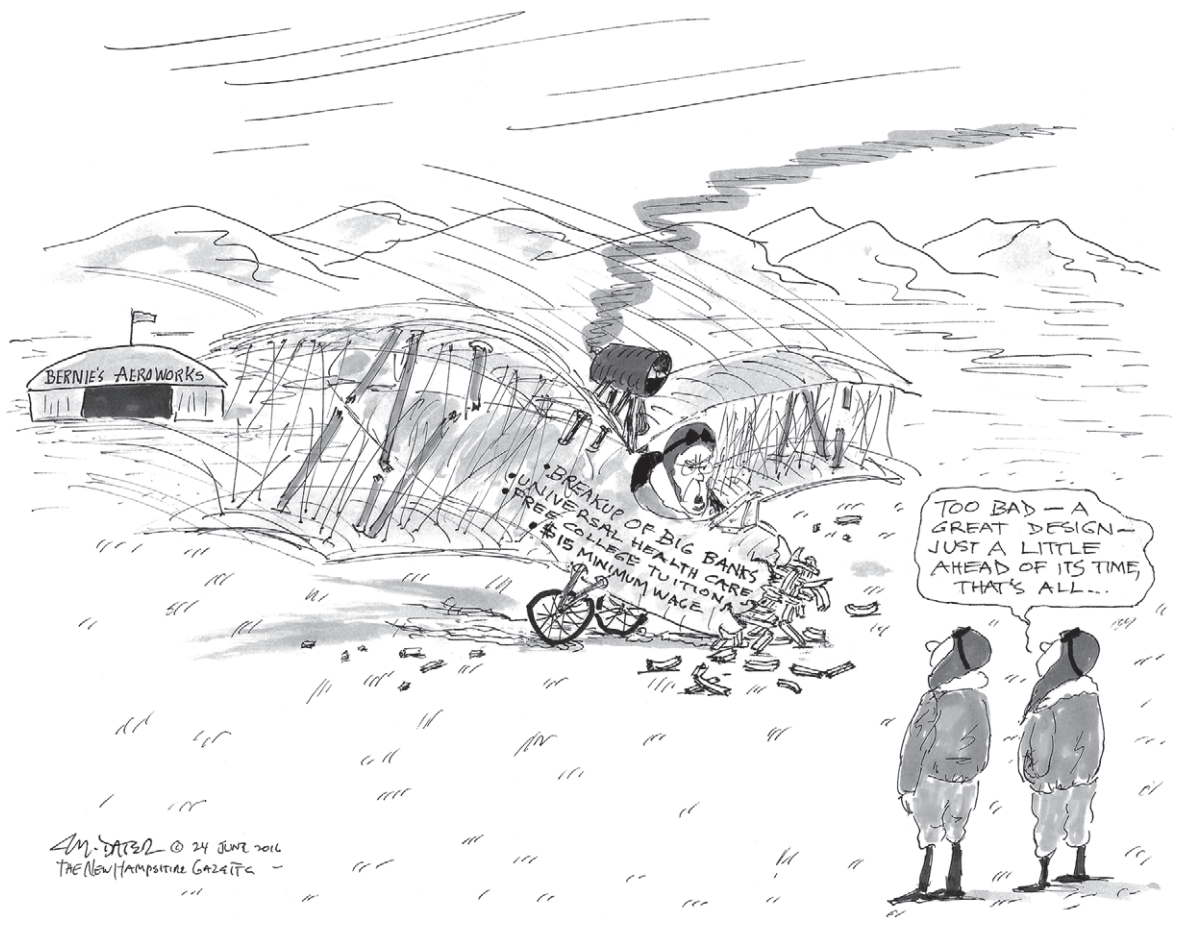
Sanders' America

There was a time in living memory when any young California resident with good grades could attend an excellent university at little or no cost. Sanders had a plan to make that possible again, nationwide. It was mocked by his opponents, of course. It was also treated as if it were magic or science fiction by the same news media which routinely falls for such Republican fictions as trickle-down economics and Iraqi weapons of mass destruction.

There are nations on this Earth — all of the civilized ones, in fact — where health care is considered a human right. It's not a big deal, it's routine; and, unlike our system, it's not exorbitantly expensive. Sanders proposed that we institute a similar system here, and he put forward a plan to pay for it. The result was more mockery, from the same quarters.

Sanders was so bold as to suggest that rather than continuing to let Wall Street bankers run the economy for their own amusement, ruining us all in the process, we should put prudent limits on their behavior and perhaps jail a few if they misbehave. He also proposed that people who work full-time shouldn't need to apply for food stamps: a novel notion based on the radical idea that consumer economies work better when consumers are not flat broke.

All this heresy made Sanders anathema in certain quarters. It's no accident he'd kept his distance from the Democratic Party.



Clinton's Carrion Baggage

The return to politics as usual leaves us with naught but a former Goldwater Girl with rising unfavorability ratings to defend the nation against the worst egomaniac since Nero.

Seven out of ten voters are worried about their future in an economy that was wrecked by the Wall Street banks that are Clinton's biggest supporters. She should be grateful she's got tepid support — it could be tar and feathers.

On Monday, Trump accused Clinton of taking money and doing favors “for regimes that enslave women and murder gays.” In her defense, that's the Secretary of State's job. Trump, though, was

probably referring to the Clinton Foundation, which is also guilty as charged. As if her campaign didn't present enough challenges, it now appears she'll have to defend herself against plausible charges that she ordered drone strikes from an unsecured BlackBerry.

Trumpian Tragedy or Comedy?

The last best hope of earth is the yuuge, spectacular, like-you've-never-seen self-destruction of the Trump campaign. Most Americans are hoping for that, but it's dangerous to underestimate a trickster. Trump is almost certainly not so rich as he claims, but he may be a smarter operator than his detractors think. The media recently discovered that he won

the nomination without bothering to build a campaign. They do not seem to have noticed yet that *they* were his campaign. Meanwhile, most of the expenses his non-campaign did pay went to Trump himself.

These days are rife with darkly comedic elements stemming from the ominous threat looming over us. Since few things are funnier than seeing self-importance deflate, it should be quite amusing if, on Election Day, Trump gets the votes he deserves on his merits. Throw in the joy that comes from being relieved of terror, and ecstasy might ensue.

The alternative is simply too horrible to contemplate.

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Mass Murder Thwarts Plutocrats' Tete-a-tete

The most-recent slaughter of the innocents may not result in any pertinent legislation, but at least it interrupted the plans of a pair of oligarchs. Bill Binnie, failed political candidate, would-be media mogul, and local beach access denier, was to have played host last week to international buffoon, mocker of the disabled, and Republican nominee for President Donald Trump, aka America's Top Goon. The Orlando massacre caused a cancellation.

Trump, who is also an importer of gaudy clothing manufactured in Chinese sweatshops, was called out by the Right Wing website *RedState* for his plan to meet with Binnie, whose 2010 Senate bid suffered from well-documented charges that his wealth was derived primarily from the export — specifically, of formerly-American jobs.

Binnie sold his plastics company to Tyco International in 1996. Tyco was then operating under

the tender ministrations of CEO Dennis Koslowski, whose grandiose spending habits later led to a six-year sentence for swindling the company out of \$81 million. Binnie has since founded a mini media empire called *NH1*.

Among likely topics of conversation, had Trump and Binnie met: the twin difficulties of keeping peasants off golf courses and securing insurance against lawsuits filed by passersby injured by errant golf balls.

Binnie was born in Scotland, as was Trump's mother. Trump has golf courses in Scotland, and he used to have an honorary degree from Scotland's Robert Gordon University. It was revoked, however, after the candidate proposed a ban on Muslims. Trump is expected in Scotland on June 24 for a golf course ribbon-cutting.

Perhaps Binnie will take a cue from his pal, cut a ribbon, and re-open the beach he illegally blocked at Sanders Poynt in Rye?

Penny Wise, Pound Stupid

In what could prove to be history's worst-ever example of penny wise and pound foolish behavior, the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico may be demolished due to a bureaucratic dispute and an alleged shortage of funds.

In addition to serving as a gigantic wastebasket for the disposal of James Bond villains, the 1,000 foot dish Observatory searches for near-Earth objects. An example would be the Chicxulub impactor which slammed into the Earth 65 million years ago, landing just 1,500 miles west of Arecibo. The effects of its impact killed off three-quarters of all species then living.

The Observatory's budget recently ran at about \$12.3 million a year, two-thirds coming from the National Science Foundation, and the rest from NASA. Its budget has been contentious since approximately January 20, 2001. The NASA portion of the funding

was first reduced, then eliminated during the George W.[MD] Bush administration. It was then restored under President Obama.

Emily Lakdawalla, of The Planetary Society, described the budgeting situation as of 2007: “Arecibo has always been funded in part by the National Science Foundation. But NSF considers near-Earth objects to be NASA's problem and no longer wants to fund such observations. NASA, on the other hand, doesn't want to fund what it considers to be an NSF program. If neither agency ponies up the few million dollars a year necessary to keep it open beyond 2011, it will be closed.” The Planetary Society was co-founded in 1980 by Carl Sagan and two other equally eminent but less-famous scientists.

The Observatory would become dangerously unstable if it were simply abandoned, so if it isn't used, it must be dismantled. That cost has been estimated at

\$88 million; enough to keep it running for seven years.

Congress could end this squabble by transferring funds from elsewhere — carefully apportioning the money, of course, so as to avoid hurt feelings between the NSF and NASA's apparently seven-year old administrators. It isn't as if other money doesn't exist. The Pentagon is in the process of purchasing new Boeing KC-46 Pegasus™ refueling tankers, for example. If it bought 178 instead of the planned 179, the \$188.2 million saved could run Arecibo until Chelsea Clinton's re-election campaign in 2031.

Congress could also, in theory, simply raise taxes by some infinitesimal amount. The nation's oligarchs, however, say that is out of the question; and Congress is not about to argue with its masters. The oligarchy's disposable in-

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come is otherwise committed. Its members are engaged in a massive scheme to bid up the prices of art to stratospheric levels. With museums unable to afford them, these treasures will no longer be sullied by the eyes of the unwashed public. If thwarted in this project, they might choose to fire summarily those few of the nation's citizens who still have jobs.

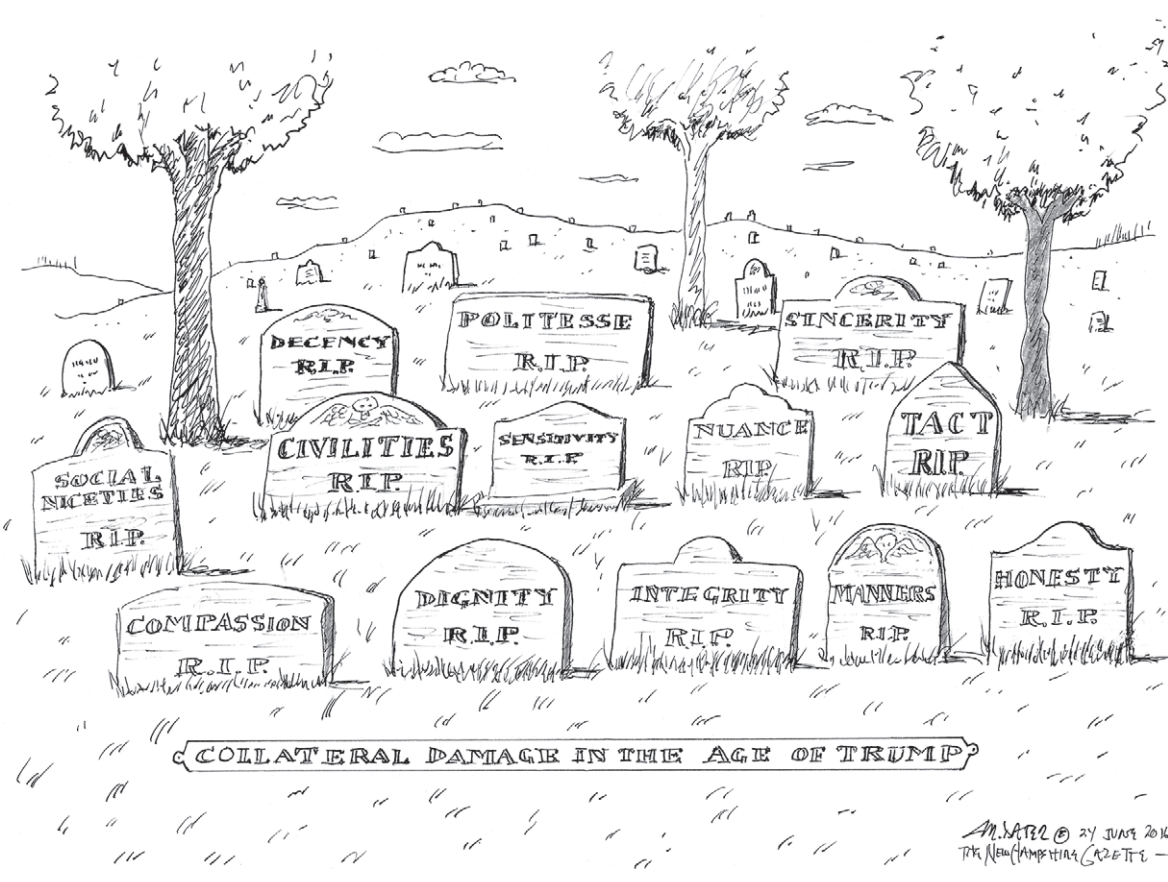
There is one other possible explanation for this impasse: Congress is simply crazy.

If a gargantuan asteroid does surprise us some day, the recriminations will be energetic. After a while, though, it'll all be sorted out: there'll be no one left to regret it.

Recent Robinson Crashes

Speaking of heavier-than-air objects moving through the atmosphere, we haven't reported on this town's least-favorite mode of transport, the helicopter — sometimes defined as “an assembly of forty thousand loose pieces, flying more or less in formation” — in a fistful of fortnights.

A Robinson R44 helicopter crashed in Chatham, Mass., last Friday. Although “[e]veryone said it was not a violent landing,” according to a report in the Quincy [Mass.] *Patriot Ledger*, which was quoting a member of the Chatham police department, the pilot suffered serious injuries and the lone passenger was critically injured. One of the two red helicopters frequently seen flying over downtown Portsmouth is a Rob-



In the wake of the June 12th massacre in Orlando, Governor Maggie Hassan called for flags in the state to be lowered to half-staff. Having determined that the downtown area was in compliance, the Flag Police sent a patrol out to Pease Tradeport. It determined that since the flag in front of the world headquarters of SIG Sauer — the company which manufactured the SIG MCX used by the perpetrator to murder 49 people and wound 53 more — was properly lowered, no citation would be issued. The following information was placed on file: the Orlando perpetrator, despite having been on the FBI Terrorist Watch List twice, bought a SIG MCX legally on June 4th, list price \$1,866; SIG Sauer reportedly donates between \$25,000 and \$50,000 annually to the NRA; last December Republican Sen. Kelly Ayotte, who is up for re-election, voted against banning the sale of guns to those on the FBI's terrorist watch list.

inson R44; the other is a Robinson R22.

The pilot, John Ryan, owned the downed machine. Although the website for his company, Ryan Rotors of Scituate, says the R44 is “well known for its reliability ... [and] safety,” the *Cape Cod Times* quoted a witness saying that the machine “didn't sound right” before the crash. CBS TV also reported that the engine was sputtering before the crash.

A Robinson R44 crashed on Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula in March, according to Sputnik News. The bodies of three people were recovered.

Floyd Vuncannon died June 12th when his Robinson R22 crashed in Jonesboro, Ky. According to several news reports, Vuncannon had been drinking and had been warned not to fly.

Only one person was injured when a Robinson R22 crashed at the St. Louis, Ill, airport on June 7th.

Sanders Poynt Non-Update

Now that summer is truly here, readers we encounter on our outdoor office — the sidewalks of old Po'Town — are asking more frequently when, if ever, will William “Bill” Binnie, proprietor of the amusement park for adults known as the Wentworth Buys the Sea Country Club, comply with the Superior Court's order to remove his obstacles and restore public access to the publicly-owned beach at Sanders Poynt?

The answer, of course, is not until he loses his appeal in the Supreme Court. We expect that to happen some time later this summer.

While we all wait, and wait, and wait — it's up to 43 months, now, and counting — we offer the following excerpt from Robert Jesurum's brief, submitted to the court on June 7th. It quotes Jesurum testifying during the trial about a conversation he had with Binnie, in which the latter re-

vealed his strategy:

“[Binnie] asked me why I was doing this, what I was trying to — what was in it for me, why did I care about the little guy and Sanders Poynt. And the little I said was I felt that it was wrong of him to block access, and he added further that I was wasting my time and money. It would be very expensive; that he would keep it in court forever, he would appeal it, and I was wasting my time and money.”

The brief then dryly notes, “Mr. Binnie testified after Mr. Jesurum and did not rebut Jesurum's account of the conversation.”

That Funny First District

The television station *NH1*, ubiquitous local multi-tasking multi-millionaire Bill Binnie's transparent attempt to achieve world dominance by means of the media, reported June 9th that the mercurial Shawn O'Connor was dropping his affiliation with the Democratic Party and would file

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as an unaffiliated candidate for the First Congressional District. O'Connor devoted several weeks this spring accusing the state Democratic Party of conspiring to destroy his candidacy. He was seen in Portsmouth on Market Square Day, collecting some of the 1,500 signatures he'll need to run as an independent. Somewhat at odds with his previous incarnation as a progressive Democrat, O'Connor said June 9th that he would "caucus with the majority party, whether that's Democratic or Republican." Since O'Connor's chance of winning in November is no better than the Democrats' chances of taking the House, we'll file that under meaningless promises.

Frank Guinta being a dead candidate walking, the First District race looks clear cut: incumbent Carol Shea-Porter *vs.* Rich Ashooh, retired agent of the military-industrial complex.

Hot Enough For Ya?

On June 9th, in Nuuk, Greenland, the temperature was 75° — four degrees warmer than New York City. From March through May, the temperature in Alaska

was ten degrees warmer than average, and two degrees warmer than the previous record.

These aberrations are now the norm: *Slate's* "Bad Astronomy" blog now recycles its "record heat" story: "For the sixth seventh eighth month in a row, we've had a month that has broken the global high temperature record. And not just broken it, but shattered it, blasting through it like the previous record wasn't even there."

On May 23rd, the last weather station on Earth recording CO₂ levels below 400 ppm crossed that threshold.

Juneteenth, 2016

Portsmouth's celebration of Juneteenth last Saturday made one thing perfectly clear: the inextricably intermingled nature of "American history" and "black history." In fact they are one and the same. The illusion of separateness and the undeniable dominance of one over the other arise from many sources. When the facts are on — or at — the table, they cannot be denied. The revelation of such truths is just one reason for Juneteenth.

Juneteenth is the celebration of



the emancipation of the last enslaved people of African descent in the United States, which took place in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865. "Coming to the Table: A Journey of Discovery Between Descendants of Slaves and Slave Owners," was organized by the Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail.

A panel discussion at South Church was one of five events that day [see photo, left]. Among those at the table were Sheila L. Reed Findlay and John Langdon Marsh.

Findlay is a Portsmouth native and the great-granddaughter of Samuel Arthur Reed, who came to Portsmouth in 1865 as a formerly enslaved young man. Through genealogical research, she has learned that she is also descended from Revolutionary War veteran Uriah Williams of South Berwick, making it possible for her to join Portsmouth's Ranger Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Further research, using DNA,

revealed an even less-intuitive connection: a living relative who is a leader of his local unit of the KKK. Findlay said that when he learned of the connection, he said he "wanted his DNA back."

John Langdon Marsh is a descendant of John Langdon, one of Portsmouth's most distinguished citizens during the American Revolution, a signer of the Constitution — and an owner of enslaved people. Marsh spoke about the generally-unacknowledged burden borne by white people who live in denial or ignorance of the role of black Americans in their own lives.

Meet Primus X

This newspaper provides an example of how easy it is to miss or undervalue that role. Since resuming regularly-scheduled publication here in Portsmouth in 1999, we have proudly listed on our masthead the name of our founder, Daniel Fowle. He deserves that honor as a correct, industrious, and pioneering printer, and as a

fervent, if somewhat selective, advocate for liberty. His clash over that issue with the authorities in Massachusetts led him to become the first printer in this state.

For thirty years — since first discovering his story and this newspaper — our editor has been aware that Daniel's pressman was enslaved. It has taken this long for him to see that that pressman's name deserves to be on the masthead, too.

That brought up a difficult question, though: what name should we use? Historically he has been referred to as Primus Fowle. That given name is not a problem. Assigning to him, though, the family name of his purported owner, would be to support his continued enslavement.

A brief conversation on Juneteenth with Valerie Cunningham, founder of the Black Heritage Trail, gave us the perfect answer. Daniel's enslaved pressman now appears in our masthead on page six — as Primus X.



Seated side by side at a table in the South Church last Saturday — Juneteenth — were Sheila L. Reed Findlay, at left, and John Langdon Marsh. These two individuals, whose ancestors played distinctly different roles in America's shared slave economy, came together to share their histories. Standing, at left: JerriAnne Boggis, Director of the Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail. Also seated at the table, at right, Dr. Melinda Salazar.

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Ali Was Right

To the Editor:

The monumental stature of Muhammad Ali has been well covered in the media since his death on June 3rd. Recognition of his championship boxing achievements, his personal risks taking activist stances, his humanitarian energy and his courage in dealing with Parkinson's disease are a fitting testament to his greatness.

Through all of this, I'm particularly drawn to Ali's 1-A draft classification in 1966 and his refusal to be inducted into the U.S. Army the following year. During that period the Vietnam War was rapidly escalating, and America was in dire need of youthful fodder. Conscription was the route taken to drastically increase the numbers.

I received my 1-A draft classification and induction notice in late 1965. I immediately joined the Marines. This was very early in the war, and I naively believed that America's leaders wouldn't lead us astray in the threat they claimed was eminent in Southeast Asia and elsewhere.

Coming from rural white New Hampshire, military culture positively broadened my experience with racial diversity. By the summer of 1966 I was in Okinawa training with others destined for Vietnam, many of African American and Hispanic origin. An assault ship took us to Quang Tri Province, the northernmost of then South Vietnam. Our bonds became especially close in the war

zone. We became Brothers (capital B). One of my closest Brothers was a Black PFC from Kentucky, not far from Ali's hometown, who the Selective Service had nabbed. He was the same age and rank as me.

During 1967, a few months after I was seriously wounded by a Vietcong landmine, I learned of my Kentucky friend's death from a mine explosion in an area close to where I had been medevaced. His presence has remained with me through the decades, and his needless loss still haunts. I have visited him at The Wall in Washington, DC. Him and so many others.

Putting it mildly, most Vietnam vets I know became disillusioned with the war soon after landing in-country. Some before deployment! As the war dragged on, the futility of U.S. intervention became increasingly obvious to young men about to be drafted and to much of the general public. Even to some politicians.

Today the life of Muhammad Ali is recalled and celebrated following his passing. I believe he was ahead of his time in refusing to be drafted. I admire the fact that he stood by his strong anti-war convictions, as did so many others. In those turbulent war years there were no good choices.

This respect I hold for Ali in no way extends to those who were cheerleaders for the war but found devious ways to elude the fray and save their chickenhawk skin.

Paul Nichols
Loudon, N.H.

Paul:

Knowing how grating it can sound on the receiving end, we will not "thank you for your service."

We will, however, thank you for relating so clearly what it was like, for a young New Hampshire man, to be cannon fodder in a misguided, unwinnable war for Empire.

As with Jews and the Holocaust: as long as we live, we must continue telling the story. It's a shame that

the truth is so often drowned out by chickenhawk lies.

The Editor

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### More Parties [and Cowbells?]

To the Editor:

The 2016 presidential election cycle has been one huge lesson in civics and has also substantiated many of my long held beliefs about American politics.

One of my biggest takes from this year's sweepstakes is the realization that America has an immediate need for more plurality in its politics and indeed has room for at least 2-3 more political parties to provide adequate representation for our extremely large and diverse population.

The American people are clearly and completely fed up with the two major parties and their current duopoly on power with their perpetuation of the status quo and establishment politics and economics.

The mere fact that Senator Ted Cruz, whom former Speaker of the House John Boehner aptly labeled, "Lucifer in the flesh," could surpass all Republican candidates, except Trump, and last so long into the race, running on a platform of "Brave Christian Conservatism," indicates that there are millions of Americans in the GOP voting base that need a sizable party of their own that promotes the theocratic form of government that they desire and wish to impose on America.

The emergence of Trump as the GOP nominee, from a very large Republican field, despite his being neither qualified nor a pleasant human being (practicing the politics of anger, division, hatred, prejudice, bigotry and misogyny), has more than demonstrated that the 35-38 percent of its base (millions of citizens on whom the GOP has relied so heavily but whom they now claim to disavow), who easily gave Trump the nomination, are also deserving of a sizable separate party.

## Mash Notes, HATE MAIL

Despite tremendous odds and zero support from the corporate media and the Democratic Party (with its rigged debate schedule and primary system, including closed nominating contests and Superdelegates), the success of Senator Bernie Sanders and his political revolution, which promotes a truly progressive approach to governing and problem solving, proves that the Democratic Party either needs to embrace its very large progressive wing (including disaffected Independents) and grow, now, or soon witness, before its eyes, the formation of a huge "People's Progressive Independent Party," which will become America's majority party!

Wayne H. Merritt  
Dover, N.H.

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Open Letter to O'Connor

To the Editor:

Mr. O'Connor, I saw you on WMUR's "Close Up" on a recent Sunday. You pretended to be mystified as to why the New Hampshire Democratic Party [NHDP] has prevented you from speaking at the Party's convention.

You know darn well why. If I were threatening to file or had filed a lawsuit against an organization, as you have against the NHDP, I would have zero expectation of an invitation to speak at their convention. I would be shocked if anyone spoke to me at all.

You falsely attacked a lot of good Democrats, tried to get the NHDP to pay you money to get out of the race, lied about the Puritan Restaurant having rats (the Manchester Health Department said that was false), got into Twitter fights with *Union Leader* reporters, and generally conducted yourself as if you were Donald Trump.

Of course, you were a Republican, so filing as an Independent

and saying that you will caucus with the "Majority" (Republicans) is really like coming home — after being a Republican, a corporate Democrat, and for the past six months a so-called Bernie Democrat.

You can now try to be a spoiler for your Republican challengers, but I'm guessing their voters won't want you either.

Lew Henry
Gilmanton Iron Works, N.H.

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### Trust Trump? Um, No.

To the Editor:

Trustworthiness seems to be a big issue for voters this year. Let's talk about trust.

Donald Trump insults women calling them "fat pigs" and "disgusting animals" and then says "I love women!" He brags about his affairs, "If I wrote about my love life, the world would take serious notice. Beautiful, famous, successful, married — I've had them all, secretly, the world's biggest names ...." Women, especially his various wives, can't trust him. Nor can other women's husbands, obviously.

Trump's business model includes not paying small contractors last bill when the project is finished, knowing they can't afford to sue him. People in the business who know him call it the "Trump discount." Business owners can't trust him. Now he suggests that we can reduce the national debt, by just not paying it. Under a President Trump, creditors around the world would not be able to trust the U.S. government.

Trump admires Vladimir Putin, suggests a withdrawal from NATO, threatens longtime allies with removal of security assistance and displays a shocking lack of understanding of the complexity of maintaining world stability. Our allies can't trust him.

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# And Other Correspondence

On issues of immigration, entitlements, and trade Trump inconsistently supports the Republican agenda, depending on his mood or what is expedient. Even Republicans can't trust him. He has flip-flopped on other issues multiple times since 1999 — abortions, taxes, health care, the invasion of Iraq, gun control — we never know what he is going to say next. No one can trust him.

Trump brags, lies, insults others, shows poor judgement and doesn't keep his commitments. How can voters trust him to be President of the United States?

Cynthia Muse  
Rye, N.H.

## An Apology

To the Editor:

I must apologize if you misinterpreted my previous letter. If I wanted to call the you a hypocrite I would have done so. I realize that you read a prepared statement. I meant only to add to the well expressed sentiments that properly honored those who made the supreme sacrifice.

The entire Liberty affair remains a national disgrace, and each year that passes without proper recognition of the crew's sacrifice and accountability by those cowards who attacked, and the equally craven politicians and Navy Command that participated in the cover-up detracts from the Memorial Day activities.

I just wanted to add the memory of that heroic crew to the otherwise fine remarks you expressed.

John Dente  
Wilmington, DE  
John:

*Let's just call it a misunderstanding — no hard feelings.*

*Actually, we should thank for your reminder about the Liberty. It caused us to realize that next year will mark the 50th anniversary. Now we have it in mind to prepare*

*a more comprehensive look at that criminal act.*

The Editor

## The Consequences of Hate

To the Editor:

During election years each party pushes new laws to attract voters. Democrats push for raising the minimum wage, money for education and closing the gun show loophole. The GOP is pushing bathroom bills, gay discrimination laws, killing Planned Parenthood, and giving everyone the right to carry a concealed weapon.

The American who slaughtered 49 mostly Latino individuals at an Orlando night club loved the second amendment while expressing hate for gays, blacks and Latinos. If he had not been a Muslim he would have been an ideal Donald Trump supporter and target of the GOP this November.

Donald Trump and other Republican politicians can try to blame this tragedy on radical Islam, but they have been stoking hatred of Latinos, gays, and blacks for all of President Obama's time in office. They have championed access to semiautomatic weapons with massive magazines. A party that campaigns on hate and easy access to weapons should take responsibility for the consequences. The blood of Orlando is on their hands.

Walter Hamilton  
Portsmouth N.H.

## It Was Painful ...

To the Editor:

I had the painful duty to listen to Donald Trump's speech on Monday, June 13, 2016, the day after the massacre in Orlando. I must admit, that even as a fervent opponent to Donald Trump, I could not believe that he was able to reach such new lows with regard to the truth, decency, respect,

rule of law, and bigotry.

However, there was one comment during Trump's speech that really got my attention, and demonstrated how dangerous Mr. Trump really is. This comment, which has not received as much attention as his immigration positions, and his attacks on President Obama, is truly one of the scariest things Mr. Trump has ever uttered. While speaking of guns, Mr. Trump stated, that he was going to meet with the NRA "to discuss how to insure Americans have the means to protect themselves in this age of terrorism." Can you imagine what type of recommendations the NRA will suggest to Mr. Trump to "insure that Americans have the means to protect themselves?" An assault weapon in every home? No more need for gun permits or any background checks? Guns allowed in every school, house of worship, sports stadiums, or anywhere else people gather? Open carry everywhere and anywhere? Remove firearm regulation from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms? Will these and other radical NRA suggestions become part of Trump's policy initiatives? Is Trump now suggesting that the NRA is a national security/law enforcement agency, and no longer a gun lobby organization? Is Trump proposing that America become a vigilante state where we no longer depend on the law enforcement professionals to protect our society?

The idea that Trump is going to consult the NRA on matters of national security and protection of the public is an affront to all the real law enforcement and national security agencies in the country, whose members often put their lives on the line to protect us. Once again, Mr. Trump has demonstrated that he totally lacks the judgement, temperament and self control to be President. His reactionary response to a crisis is based on anger and fear, not

the emotions that lead to sound and rational decision making. Imagine if JFK had reacted like Trump reacts to a crisis during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis? Thank God he did not.

Rich DiPentima  
Portsmouth, N.H.

## More Gun Lies

To the Editor:

The other day, I heard a pro-gun shill on the Diane Rehm Show insist the AR-15 is no more dangerous than a Glock 9. Baloney!

Training as an Air Force medic in 1970, my classmates and I learned about hydrostatic shock and the devastating tissue damage caused by high-speed projectiles fired from assault rifles such as the Viet Nam era M16 and modern day AR-15. Striking at three times the speed of sound, the ballistic impact of the NATO .223 round turns body mass into a wave machine that instantly macerates flesh and destroys blood vessels well beyond the margins of the wound site. In addition, the shockwave can induce a momentary spike in blood pressure sufficient to cause brain damage and destroy organs in other parts of the body. Compared to wounds inflicted by a much slower moving 9-mm handgun round, the complex pathology accompanying high-velocity wounds makes survival more challenging and normal healing virtually impossible. For Orlando's dead, the nightmare is over, but for some of the seriously wounded, it's only just beginning!

The AR-15 MCX used in the Orlando slayings was manufactured by New Hampshire's own Sig Sauer, Inc., and fires the same high-velocity full-metal-jacket tactical round commonly used in military combat. It also fires a lead-tipped "hunting" round that is even more deadly — as well as a higher-mass "penetrator" round. Equipped with a 30-round magazine and rapid-fire semi-automat-



ic action, the MCX has very little recoil to disrupt accuracy and can become an unbelievably efficient killing machine in the hands of even a novice shooter.

To stop terror attacks, Donald Trump says we should ban Muslims from entering the country "until we know what's going on." Following this line of scapegoat logic, it makes even more sense to ban all domestic sales of firearms and ammunition "until we know what's going on." After all, not all mass killers are Muslim, virtually all have been U.S. citizens, and most preferred the AR-15 as their tool of choice.

Such a ban would, of course, inconvenience thousands of violent street criminals, mentally ill predators, drug dealers, poachers, white supremacists, angry spouses, and potential suicide victims — all in addition to the tiny handful of "homegrown" terrorists it might dissuade. It's a strategy emergency room trauma teams everywhere would embrace, regardless of how Sig Sauer's board of directors or their puppet Wayne LaPierre might feel about it.

Under ATF rules, we in America are free to own machine guns, tanks, and god knows what else as long as we get a license and demonstrate competency to operate them without posing a public threat. With a civilian pilot's license plus a couple FAA endorsements for high-performance

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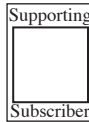


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The Northcountry Chronicle

Racing to North Conway

William Marvel

Common sense dictates that the residents of tourist towns stay home on three-day weekends. That was my original plan for Memorial Day, but on Monday we drove to Dover for a rare day with our favorite millennial. The trip down reminded me that it's worth your life to drive anywhere between North Conway and Massachusetts on such an occasion. Local tourist promoters, including those we have sent to the legislature, are continually pressing for wider roads and higher speed limits to inundate us with more people who can get here faster than ever, and the result is highway mayhem. The recklessness of numerous Massachusetts and faux-New Hampshire motorists on that holiday Monday gave me a better understanding of (and appreciation for) the gunmen who were teaching freeway etiquette in Los Angeles some years back.

The chamber-of-commerce mania for velocity and volume carries an old concept to its ridiculous extreme. When the fastest way to reach northern

New Hampshire involved riding behind horses all the way from Boston or New York, agriculture far overshadowed tourism, and the White Mountains remained a getaway only for those few with sufficient money and leisure to make the trip. The 1861 completion of a railroad to Union, N.H., combined with the attraction of a carriage road up Mount Washington, marked the first major step in transforming White Mountain tourism from an appealing amenity into an annoying addiction.

Once the rail kings saw the number of travelers patronizing the stage lines running between Union and Conway, they began to contemplate a railroad right into the mountains. The Civil War discouraged immediate action, but in 1865 the Portsmouth, Great Falls, & Conway Railroad came into corporate existence, with an obvious intended terminus in Conway. In 1867, the Portland & Ogdensburg Railroad, which had hopes of reaching upstate New York, obtained a charter from Portland through North Conway to Carroll, but it was still a few more years before either company

broke any new ground.

The race between those two lines began in 1870. The P&O had cars running to Baldwin by the end of that year, and had already graded its road to Fryeburg. In their pitch to sell bonds the directors promised that by July 1, 1871, the line would be completed to "Conway" — meaning North Conway. Good weather made for good progress, and by spring the rails had been laid to Fryeburg. In mid-April trains were coming as far as Hiram, and by the end of the month they reached Brownfield, and Lemuel Davis opened a stagecoach route from there to Bridgton. Brownfield residents were not pleased with the location of the depot, too far from the village, but they talked for a time of creating a new county, with Bridgton as the seat. The railroad had begun taking so much freight and so many passengers from the stage line connecting Waterford and Lovell that it stopped running in May.

The Portsmouth, Great Falls, and Conway RR fell somewhat behind. Samuel Archer King, a

Pennsylvania balloonist, took several passengers on the first aerial traverse of the White Mountains on the afternoon of October 5, 1871. Starting from Plymouth, they passed south of Mount Chocorua at the height of a mile.

As they drifted between Ossipee Lake and Walker's Pond, one of his passengers detected the graded roadbed of the PGF&C below them, somewhere in Madison. The rails stopped in West Ossipee.

By then the race had been won. The P&O advertisements for July had announced that New Yorkers could reach North Conway in 24 hours, while Bostonians could board a 7:30 a.m. train and arrive by 3:30 p.m. — if they went through Portland. North Conway's P&O depot was finished by then; it stood near Depot Street, as one might guess, alongside what is now imaginatively called North-South Road.

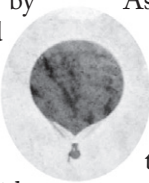
The competition had encouraged hasty construction in difficult spots, as extensive flood damage soon proved. October of 1873 brought heavier rains than

old-timers had seen since the disastrous slides of 1826, and the Saco River rose to record levels, completely washing out the P&O culvert over Mill Brook in "Conway Centre." At least the summer season was over, and thank goodness no tourists were inconvenienced.

The PGF&C seemed to be in no hurry once the race was over. Not until 1873 did that line build its depot in Conway Village, and the one in North Conway went up in 1874. That delay saved the line much damage from the flood of the previous autumn, and in the end it was this route that became the central corridor to North Conway for tourists and those who prey on them. Since the completion of that transportation improvement, neither creature has ever been satisfied with how quickly they could get here — or get out.

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[Inset: Detail from a stereopticon view showing aeronaut Samuel Archer King's balloon "Buffalo," taken July 4th, 1874, during an historic 500-mile flight in which it traversed five states.]



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aircraft, we can even legally purchase and fly our own jet fighters! Try that in Europe.

So, why not downshift similar standards of personal competence and responsibility for owners of firearms that fire high-velocity rounds? Or, better yet, extend mandatory training and licensure to all firearm owners?

On thing is certain. If the gun lobby stays on their current track and fail act responsibly, they probably won't like the late-night

knee-jerk solutions our duly elected officials in Washington will impose once the NRA's prophylactic influence fades and lawmakers face the imminent threat of hot tar and feathers.

Rick Littlefield
Barrington, N.H.

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**Let's Not Repeat 2000**

To the Editor:

It is now very clear now that Hillary Clinton will be the Democratic nominee for president.

However, unless the Sanders supporters support Clinton, the presidential election of 2016 is ripe for repeating the disastrous mistake made in the 2000 Presidential election.

For those too young to remember or have forgotten the consequences of that fateful election, please take heed, so as not to repeat the same mistake.

In 2000, Gov. George W. Bush was nominated by the Republicans, and V.P. Al Gore was nomi-

inated by the Democratic Party. Also running in 2000 was the third party candidate, Ralph Nader. It was very clear from the outset, that Mr. Nader had no chance of winning the election, however driven by his ego and idealism, he remained in the race to the very end.

Unfortunately, the idealist voters who supported Mr. Nader cast enough votes to allow the man most contradictory to their idealism to win the election, George

W. Bush. Mr. Bush narrowly won New Hampshire, thanks to the votes Mr. Nader took from Mr. Gore to give Bush the victory. If New Hampshire had been carried by Gore, there never would have been the Florida voting debacle or the Supreme Court anointment of Mr. Bush. There would never have been the disaster that was the eight years of the George W. Bush/Dick Cheney presidency.

The similarity, while not exact, between 2000 and 2016, is too

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Why Bill Clinton Should Just Go Away

by Jim Hightower

What’s past, as Shakespeare told us, is prologue. So let’s flash back only two decades to that defining achievement of President Bill Clinton’s presidency: “[The] end of welfare as we know it.” He was awfully proud of teaming up with Republican ideologues to reverse FDR’s historic commitment of providing “Aid to Families With

Dependent Children.” While there were problems and abuses with this poverty-alleviation program, Clinton signed-on to the Right Wing’s fantasy that simply gutting it would magically make welfare recipients self-sufficient through “the dignity, the power, and the ethic of work.” But his faith in the work ethic lacked any actual ethics. Where were the jobs — much less decent-paying jobs — that were

supposed to empower poor people? Bill had no plans for that, except a feeble request that major corporations commit to hiring a number of former-welfare recipients. Surprise — they didn’t! Now, fast-forward 20 years, with millions of poor people — especially single mothers — having no jobs, no cash earnings, and no social safety net to protect them. Clinton’s empty promise of jobs for the poor totally dis-

appeared in the smoke of Wall Street’s 2008 crash of our economy. Plus, he had handed the remains of our national poverty program over to states that are now run by Right Wing politicians who’ve shriveled the benefits to Dickensian levels. Thus, the United States of America — the wealthiest country in the history of the world — now has a “poverty program” that largely consists of the poor being

homeless, selling their blood plasma for income, and scrounging our alleys and highway medians for aluminum cans. But now, Hillary Clinton says she would put Bill in charge of fixing our economy. Hello — he “fixes” our economy the same way a veterinarian fixes your dog. ~~~~ Copyright 2016 by Jim Hightower & Associates. Contact Laura Ehrlich (laura@jimhightower.com).

close for comfort. Now we have Mr. Donald Trump, probably the most dangerous, unsuitable man ever to run for president on a major party ticket, running against Hillary Clinton. The possible apathy, anger, and reluctance by the supporters of Bernie Sanders may cause some of them to not vote or worse. These actions could well result in the election of Donald Trump. This would be a disaster of such a magnitude, that it would make the Bush presidency look benign. Bernie Sanders ran an incredible campaign against all odds. While he did not win the nomination, he did not lose either. Much of what Bernie stands for will be incorporated into the Democratic Party platform, thanks to his efforts and the strength of his supporters. However, it is time for the Sanders supporters to grasp the reality of what could happen on election day 2016. Would you prefer a President who is considered a racist even by members of his own party, does not respect women, human rights or the Constitution, thinks women receiving an abortion should be punished, cares little about the environment, and supports more wars? The answer is an obvious no. I urge all Bernie Sanders supporters to seriously consider their actions this election. Please do not permit a repeat of the 2000 election, allowing a totally unprepared, and unqualified man, who represents a clear and present danger to our nation and the world, to become President. Once was one time too

many. The lasting legacy of Ralph Nader is that he gave us George W. Bush, do not let Bernie Sanders’s legacy be that he gave us Donald Trump. Rich DiPentima Portsmouth, N.H. ~~~~ No Debating Bernie To the Editor: New Hampshire State Senator Martha Fuller Clark, Vice Chairman of the New Hampshire Democratic Party and Superdelegate to the upcoming Democratic Convention, deserves a big thank you and a huge amount of praise for the political courage she just exhibited by bucking the Democratic establishment and standing up for strong Progressive values with her endorsement of Senator Bernie Sanders for President. Senator Clark’s support for Bernie is just one more major indicator that Senator Sanders is still in the thick of the race for the nomination despite all the obstacles (rigged Primary system with closed Primaries that disaffect Independent leaning voters, a media which has given him little to no attention or respect, a restricted debate schedule for minimum exposure, and a general lack of support from the DNC) set up against non-establishment candidates like himself. The Senator, just like myself and many millions of my fellow citizens who are making history with our people powered political revolution, must have recognized that Bernie stands more than a reasonable chance at emerging

victorious, in a big way, at the upcoming delegate rich California Primary, which could propel him past Secretary Clinton in the pledged delegate count for the nomination. Our Senator must also be seeing and weighing the same national polls which suggest that Bernie is considered more electable and would beat Donald Trump, which is an imperative with so much at stake for our country and the world, in a double digit landslide as he stands to receive far more votes (including millions of Progressive Independent voters disaffected by closed Democratic Primaries like NY) than his current Democratic opponent in a General Election. More evidence that Senator Clark is on to something big is the fact that Secretary Clinton, along with her husband, have scheduled 30 events in a five day period in California and has cancelled a promised final debate on the major issues with Bernie. Trump even proposed and then cowardly backed out of a mano y mano debate with Bernie on the issues, demonstrating which candidate he fears the most and chooses not to face in November. Wayne H. Merritt Dover, N.H. ~~~~ Celebrate Independents Week! To the Editor: Seacoast Local’s Independents Week, July 1st through the 7th, reminds us of the connection between healthy communities and healthy democracy. Boston’s local

merchants weren’t just protesting against King George III when they tossed tea into Boston Harbor; they were also protesting tax loopholes, the influence of money in politics, and global corporate power. This week, with the support of the American Independent Business Alliance, thousands of independent businesses across the U.S. are celebrating a legacy of strong local economies in their hometowns. That includes more than 20 towns on the Seacoast, where Seacoast Local works to build strong local economies year round. These proudly independent entrepreneurs provide a robust diversity of goods, services, time, talent and knowledge. They also provide the bulk of our jobs, add local character, and support our community because it’s their home, too. They even have a widespread impact on health and well-being — places with a greater proportion of small businesses even vote in higher numbers. On July 1st through the 7th, Seacoast Local encourages everyone “Think Local First” with every choice to eat, drink, shop, gather and celebrate throughout the week. Have great adventures, take pictures, and post support at #IndieWeek. Unique local deals in town and around the Seacoast are offered online at www.seacoastlocal.org. Karen Marzloff Portsmouth, N.H. ~~~~ False Equivalency To the Editor:

Some of my favorite things about the New Hampshire Gazette are the political cartoons. However, the one on page 2 of the June 10th issue seemed more appropriate for Fox News which you excoriated in the “Rant” in that same issue. The cartoon implied that both major party candidates were equally burdened by “baggage.” While Ms. Clinton is not an ideal candidate, she could be a great leader or, at worst, would be a stable caretaker. The Donald, however, by his public comments and record is a “narcissistic con-man” who would pose an existential threat to our democracy. The cartoonist’s attempt to equate their negatives copies the strategy of the conservative media and apologists to confuse the public about the worth and validity of competing values, proposals and candidates. I urge you to avoid such false equivalencies but, rather, explore and report the significant actual differences between these candidates. Jim Quick Chicago, Ill. Jim: We won’t take it back but we will give you the last word. The Editor ~~~~ “Discredit the Right Wing nuts: wrong about Iraq, wrong about Viet Nam, wrong about the economy, military, health ... Challenge them to name the sources of the false “statistics” they use to con their supporters.” — H.B., York, Maine

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ADMIRAL FOWLE’S PISCATAQUA RIVER TIDAL GUIDE (NOT FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES)

Portsmouth, arguably the first town in this country not founded by religious extremists, is bounded on the north and east by the Piscataqua River, the second, third, or fourth fastest-flowing navigable river in the country, depending on

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

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

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

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

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

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

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<b>2015</b>—The Supreme Court puts an end to marriage discrimination.   <b>2006</b>—With no legit prescription for his stash, Rush Limbaugh's Viagra is confiscated on his return from the Dominican Republic, a popular sex tourism destination.   <b>2002</b>—A federal court declares the words "under God" render the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional.   <b>1995</b>—In Golf Manor, Mich., EPA workers dismantle a homemade nuclear reactor in the suburban backyard of David Hahn, 17.   <b>1987</b>—Denying that President Reagan is senile, Sen. Alan Simpson says, "I even saw him do a cowboy doodle the other day. He used to do that when he was in his prime."   <b>1985</b>—In Clearwater, Fla., a bad call by ump Keith O'Connor inspires organist Wilbur Snapp to play "Three Blind Mice." O'Connor ejects Snapp.   <b>1976</b>—Gov. Kit Bond rescinds a predecessor's "Extermination Order" banning Mormons from Missouri.   <b>1959</b>—Rather than comply with desegregation, Prince Edward County, Va., closes all its schools.   <b>1954</b>—Bao Dai, the feckless puppet Emperor of South Vietnam, appoints Ngo Dinh Diem as premier.   <b>1947</b>—Boston Mayor James Curley reports to federal prison following a conviction for mail fraud.   <b>1863</b>—The Secretary of War promises a Medal of Honor to any soldier in the 27th Maine who re-enlists.	<b>2006</b>—Gutless pinko bastards in the Senate block a Flag Protection Amendment® by one vote.   <b>2003</b>—On the first day it's possible, more than 735,000 people sign up for the "Do Not Call" list.   <b>2000</b>—"Until I'm the President," says George W.[MD] Bush, "it's going to be hard for me to verify that I think I'll be more effective."   <b>1986</b>—The International Court of Justice rules the U.S. was out of line in funding the Contras.   <b>1972</b>—Five MiG 21s shoot down five U.S. F4s over Vietnam.   <b>1971</b>—Col. David Hackworth, that war's most decorated soldier, wrecks his career by saying on TV that the U.S. cannot win in Vietnam.   <b>1954</b>—CIA-sponsored rebels overthrow Guatemala's democratically elected government, napalming a British cargo ship in the process.   <b>1905</b>—Russian sailors mutiny aboard the battleship <i>Potemkin</i>.   <b>1905</b>—The International Workers of the World forms in Chicago.   <b>1898</b>—<i>Spray</i> sails into Newport Harbor; Joshua Slocum has single-handedly circumnavigated.   <b>1874</b>—The first Transatlantic Cable is completed from Balinskelligs Bay, Ireland, to Rye, N.H.   <b>1863</b>—"A bullet has not yet been molded that will kill me," says Confederate Brigadier General Martin E. Green, moments before a sniper's bullet kills him.	<b>2005</b>—Exeter's Daniel R. Healy is among 16 killed when a Special Ops Chinook is shot down in Afghanistan's Korengal Valley.   <b>2005</b>—Sheriff's deputies pull Gary Moody, 45, from beneath a women's outhouse on the Kancamagas Highway in Albany, N.H. and charge him with criminal trespass.   <b>2004</b>—The U.S. grants "limited sovereignty" to the Iraqi "government," assuring a rapid return to normalcy. U.S. death toll so far: 971.   <b>1994</b>—The U.S. Department of Energy admits that hundreds of U.S. citizens were unwittingly used for radiation experiments during the Cold War.   <b>1975</b>—Rod Serling enters another dimension.   <b>1972</b>—Richard Nixon cleverly announces that no new draftees will be sent to Vietnam, further eroding the anti-war movement already weakened by the lottery.   <b>1971</b>—The Supreme Court overturns Muhammad Ali's conviction for draft evasion.   <b>1969</b>—Gays and lesbians violently resist a police raid at the Stonewall Inn in N.Y.C.   <b>1968</b>—LBJ OK's a bill from a Democratic legislature converting Memorial and Veterans Days into three-day weekends.   <b>1957</b>—New York Ciy's last known opium den, at 295 Broome St., is busted.	<b>2006</b>—"It was not always certain," says George W.[MD] Bush, "that the U.S. and America would have a close relationship."   <b>2002</b>—George W.[MD] Bush invokes the 25th Amendment, making Dick "Dick" Cheney President while Bush's colon is inspected.   <b>1992</b>—A Robinson R22 helicopter falls apart 2,000 feet above San Pablo Bay, Calif., killing a flight instructor and a student.   <b>1989</b>—<i>The Washington Times</i> reports that high officials in the Reagan &amp; Bush I administrations are under investigation for involvement in a homosexual prostitution ring. The story quickly and conveniently evaporates.   <b>1987</b>—"We don't care," declares Attorney General Ed "Meese is a Pig" Meese, "about the political or ideological allegiances of a prospective judge." His audience bursts out laughing.   <b>1966</b>—U.S. starts bombing major oil facilities in Hanoi and Haiphong harbor.   <b>1956</b>—The U.S. Federal Highway Act OK's 42,500 miles of new highway so the Pentagon can move stuff around if the Cold War turns hot.   <b>1940</b>—The Smith Act, requiring aliens in the U.S. to register with the government, is enacted.   <b>1897</b>—The Chicago Cubs score 36 runs in one game against Louisville.   <b>1620</b>—Tobacco growing is banned in England, giving the Virginia Company a monopoly.	<b>2009</b>—Oil futures prices hit an eight-month high when an unauthorized trader buys 7 million barrels during an epic drunk.   <b>2003</b>—<i>The Army Times</i> reports that the Bush administration wants to cut combat and family-separation pay for troops in combat zones.   <b>2001</b>—Surgeons find a little black thing in Dick Cheney's chest and attach a pacemaker to it.   <b>1973</b>—Dwight E. Stone, a black, 24 year-old plumber's assistant from Sacramento, is the last man drafted into the U.S. Army.   <b>1971</b>—Richard "I am not a crook" Nixon orders his "Plumbers Unit" to break into the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.   <b>1971</b>—A leaking valve in Soyuz 11 results in three Soviet cosmonauts being asphyxiated upon reentry.   <b>1956</b>—Two airliners collide over the Grand Canyon, killing 128 and leading to the creation of the FAA.   <b>1908</b>—A mysterious 40 megaton explosion flattens a huge area around Tunguska, Siberia.   <b>1882</b>—Charles Guiteau goes to the gallows for assassinating President Garfield, chanting "I am going to the Lordy, I am so glad."   <b>1864</b>—N.H.-born Treasury Sec. Salmon P. Chase resigns, charging speculators are plotting to prolong the War for monetary gain.   <b>1704</b>—Pirate John Quelch is hanged in Boston, without a jury trial.	<b>2002</b>—Two America West pilots with nearly three gallons of beer in them are thrown out of a Miami bar about 4:45 a.m. Slated to fly Flight 556 to Phoenix, they are busted instead.   <b>1991</b>—George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush nominates Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court.   <b>1973</b>—The U.S. military draft ends, in favor of economic coercion.   <b>1968</b>—South Vietnam officially takes over the Phoenix Program.   <b>1968</b>—A chartered DC-8 carrying 214 U.S. soldiers to Vietnam strays into Soviet airspace lands in the USSR.   <b>1956</b>—On the Steve Allen Show, Elvis sings "Hound Dog" to a basset hound dressed in formal wear.   <b>1946</b>—The U.S. Army detonates the world's 4th nuclear explosion at Bikini Atoll. U.S. Navy sailors board radioactive target ships the following day.   <b>1943</b>—Willem Arondeus, an openly gay man who blew up Amsterdam's Public Records building to hinder Nazi oppression, says "Let it be known that homosexuals are not cowards" before being executed by firing squad.   <b>1917</b>—In Boston, 8,000 march against the Great War.   <b>1916</b>—On the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 19,240 British soldiers die and 35,493 go missing.   <b>1884</b>—Allan Pinkerton, founder of the strike-breaking, union-busting detective agency, dies from an infected tongue after biting it accidentally in a fall.	<b>2003</b>—George W.[MD] Bush says, "There are some who feel that the conditions are such that they can attack us [in Iraq]. My answer is, bring 'em on."   <b>1982</b>—Vietnam vet Larry Walters, 33, ascends to 16,000 feet in a lawn chair buoyed by 45 helium-filled weather balloons.   <b>1976</b>—The Supreme Court rules it's not cruel or unusual for the government to kill certain selected people.   <b>1967</b>—On their worst day in Vietnam, U.S. Marines suffer 84 KIA, 190 WIA, and 9 MIA in Operation Buffalo near Con Thien.   <b>1932</b>—After predicting highway speeds of 100 m.p.h. would soon be common, Fred Duesenberg rolls his Duesenberg at high speed. He dies three weeks later.   <b>1917</b>—After a carload of white males conducts a drive-by shooting in black East St. Louis, Ill., the worst U.S. race riot of the 20th century begins.   <b>1894</b>—Attorney General Richard Olney (an ex-railroad director) issues an injunction against striking Pullman workers.   <b>1881</b>—Charles Guiteau, a "Stalwart" Republican, shoots President Garfield, a "Half-Breed" Republican, in the back.   <b>1822</b>—Charged with plotting insurrection, former slave and co-founder of Charleston, S.C.'s Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church Denmark Vesey is hanged after a secret trial.
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**1993**—Native son G.G. Allin is laid to rest at the St. Rose Cemetery in Littleton, N.H. The infamous punk rocker is clad only in a leather jacket, dog collar, and jockstrap.

**1988**—The *U.S.S. Vincennes*, confusing an Iranian airliner for an F-14, shoots it down; 290 civilians die.

**1960**—George Lincoln Rockwell leads an American Nazi Party rally on the Mall in Washington, D.C. It devolves into a riot.

**1894**—President Grover Cleveland sends Federal troops to Cleveland to break up the Pullman Strike, citing the indispensibility of mail delivery as justification.

**1890**—Idaho becomes the 43rd state, its supposedly Shoshoni name a hoax concocted by one George M. Willing.

**1863**—Portsmouth-born Benjamin F. Falls captures a flag at Gettysburg. He subsequently receives the Medal of Honor in recognition of his valor.

**1850**—Australian newspaper publisher James Harrison dooms New Hampshire's then-thriving ice-exportation industry by demonstrating the first mechanical refrigeration plant.

**1847**—To celebrate the Fourth of July, Portsmouth hooligans in Market Square set a stagecoach on fire.

**1754**—French forces, enraged by the recent killing of a French officer in Lieut. Col. George Washington's custody a month earlier, capture Fort Necessity and force Washington's surrender.

**2004**—Joe Frost makes the final sale ever at The Book Guild on State Street in Portsmouth.

**1994**—Nye County, Nev., Commissioner Dick Carver re-opens a Federally-closed road with a bulldozer, reigniting the Sagebrush Rebellion.

**1991**—"Nam Vets are applauded 17 years after Saigon fell during a Portsmouth parade for Desert Storm vets.

**1961**—The Soviet sub *K-19* lives up to her nickname, "*Hiroshima*."

**1951**—Baltimore's fireworks display is preceded by a mock "atomic bomb" explosion complete with two collapsing houses, burst water and gas mains, and evacuation of the "wounded."

**1947**—The Boozefighters, a subset of "The Greatest Generation,®" take over Hollister, Calif. Three days of debauchery inspire *The Wild One* and spawn a generation of poseurs.

**1924**—Thousands of Klansmen meet in New Jersey to burn crosses and celebrate the Democratic Party's failure to condemn the KKK.

**1911**—The temperature in Nashua hits 106°; still the record for N.H.

**1898**—At Hampton Beach, N.H., a tornado kills 3 and injures 120.

**1857**—New York City's two rival police forces stand down due to a feud as the Dead Rabbits and the Bowery Boys begin an unrestrained gang war.

**1835**—A mob of 70 men gather in Canaan, N.H. carrying torches, clubs, and axes, but are dissuaded from destroying the bi-racial Noyes Academy.

**1992**—A Robinson R22 helicopter falls apart 400 feet above Phoenix, Ariz., killing a traffic reporter.

**1989**—Lt. Col. Ollie North gets his wrist slapped for trampling on the Constitution.

**1968**—The Marine base at Khe Sanh, defended through a 78-day siege ending three months earlier at a cost of 737 lives, is abandoned.

**1950**—Shipped out in haste, ill-equipped, lacking a battle plan, and outnumbered ten to one, Task Force Smith is decimated by North Korean troops at Osan. The blame is put on the troops, rather than their commander, Gen. MacArthur.

**1946**—In Paris, Micheline Bernardini models the first bikini.

**1943**—A lost B-17 drops six training bombs in the town square of Boise City, Okla., at 12:30 a.m.

**1934**—During a dock workers' strike in San Francisco, Joseph Roush, a Federal Laboratories sales rep, fires a long-distance tear gas shell at strikers. Hit in the skull, one later dies. Roush writes to his boss, "as he was a Communist, I had no feeling in the matter and I am sorry that I did not get more."

**1894**—A massive fire, probably set, destroys six buildings at the World's Columbian Exposition, including Machinery Hall, where Daniel Fowle's printing press was last seen.

**1861**—Abraham Lincoln suspends *habeas corpus*; 18,000 subversives and peace activists are arrested.

**2013**—A runaway fuel train derails and burns, destroying half of downtown Lac Megantic, Quebec.

**2006**—Riding a bike in Scotland, George W.[MD] Bush takes a hand off the handlebars to wave at police.

**2003**—A *New York Times* op-ed by Joseph Wilson accuses George W.[MD] Bush of "twisting" intelligence to justify a war against Iraq.

**2001**—Ex-FBI Special Agent, devout Catholic, patron of strippers, and exhibitionist Robert Hansen pleads guilty to selling U.S. secrets to the U.S.S.R., then to the Russians.

**1971**—President Nixon sets up a "Plumbers Unit" to stop leaks.

**1959**—A C-124 crashes at Barksdale AFB, La. Fortunately the nuke on-board is without a fissile core.

**1933**—In the first All-Star Game, played at Comisky Park, Babe Ruth hits the first homer.

**1916**—The U.S. Army adopts dog tags to better account for dead GIs.

**1907**—The Irish Crown Jewels are found to be missing. Several theories are put forth; none proven, all sordid.

**1894**—U.S. troops land in Nicaragua to "protect U.S. interests."

**1892**—Pinkerton "detectives" and striking miners begin fighting it out in Homestead, Pa.; 20 die.

**1887**—Hawaii's King Kalakaua signs away his power when he inks the "Bayonet Constitution" at gunpoint.

**1967**—General Nguyen Chi Thanh dies of a heart attack after excessively celebrating the Politburo's approval of his Tet Offensive plan.

**1954**—As puppet Premier Diem arrives in Saigon, U.S. Gen. John W. O'Daniel, says "the war in Vietnam can be won without bringing in one single American soldier to fight."

**1950**—FBI Chief J. Edgar "Mary" Hoover proposes the permanent detention of 12,000 people he deems "potentially dangerous to the internal security of the country."

**1924**—President Coolidge's son Calvin Jr. succumbs to blood poisoning resulting from a blister he got playing tennis with his brother on the White House lawn.

**1905**—Kentucky hangs Robert Mathley, but he's six feet tall and the rope stretches. Officials with shovels dig until his feet don't touch the earth.

**1844**—In Philadelphia, nativist Protestants and Irish Catholics armed with cannon fight it out at the Church of St. Philip Neri.

**1863**—The U.S. begins exempting men from the draft, provided they cough up \$100 cash.

**1826**—In Frankfort, Ky., Jereboam O. Beauchamp, Esq. is hurriedly hanged for murder before he can bleed to death from a self-inflicted knife wound. Beauchamp and his wife Anna are then buried, embracing, in the same coffin; her end of the suicide pact succeeded.

**1976**—The State of New York yanks Richard Nixon's law license.

**1969**—The U.S. begins withdrawing troops from Vietnam.

**1962**—The U.S. detonates a nuke 250 miles up, knocking out phones in Hawaii, 900 miles to the east, and crippling seven satellites.

**1959**—Viet Cong forces attack Bien Hoa air base, killing two U.S. advisors as they watch a movie.

**1947**—Radio reports say a UFO has crashed at Roswell, N.M.

**1945**—At a POW camp in Salina, Utah, Army Pvt. Clarence V. Bertucci machine guns 29 Germans; nine die.

**1932**—The Dow-Jones average bottoms out at 41.22 points.

**1911**—Nan Jane Aspinwall arrives in New York City having left San Francisco 310 days earlier, traveling more than 4,500 miles on horseback.

**1876**—In Hamburg, S.C., 100 white men attack 40 black militiamen, capturing 25, of whom they murder five. None are ever convicted.

**1853**—Commodore Perry convinces the Japanese it's better to trade with Americans than get shelled by them.

**1835**—The Liberty Bell tolls upon the death of Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall. Legend says it cracked this day, but that's been disputed.

**1776**—In Philadelphia, the as yet unnamed Liberty Bell summons citizens to hear the Declaration of Independence read for the first time by Colonel John Nixon.

**2004**—"I trust God speaks through me," says George W.[MD] Bush to an Amish group. "Without that, I couldn't do my job."

**1986**—Ed "Meese is a Pig" Meese publishes a 1,960 page report on pornography meticulously listing 100 pages worth of obscene movie, magazine, and book titles.

**1982**—Unemployed and barefooted Englishman Michael Fagan, 31, climbs a drainpipe, enters Buckingham Palace, and wakes Queen Elizabeth in her bedroom.

**1958**—Fourteen thousand U.S. troops, equipped with nuclear-capable rockets, invade Lebanon.

**1958**—A landslide falling into Lituya Bay, Alaska, causes a megatsunami over 1,700 feet high.

**1951**—The House Un-American Activities Committee sentences tubercular *Maltese Falcon* author Dashiell Hammett to six months in prison for reticence.

**1937**—Oliver Law, a battalion commander in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and the first African-American to lead white troops, is killed in action in Spain.

**1918**—Two trains collide head-on in Nashville killing 101 and injuring another 171. It is the deadliest train wreck in U.S. history.

**1846**—Marines of the *U.S.S. Portsmouth* row ashore and raise the flag at Yerba Buena (now San Francisco) claiming California for the U.S.

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