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The Fortnightly Rant

Un-Conventional Politifare

When last we left the Party of Lincoln, its standard bearer was preparing to deliver his acceptance harangue. On the final day of the Cleveland convention, in a tone more often associated with junkyard dogs than presidents, the Republican nominee described America as a shattered hellscape whose only hope was to make him our ruler.



This modern-day would-be Cæsar made his bid for power in the most incredible — literally, incredible — infomercial of all time. Its authenticity, as an exemplar of that genre, was proven by the inclusion of the obligatory offer of “two for the price of one,” in the person of Donald J. Trump, Jr.

The previous day also borrowed from a specific variety of televised entertainment. At this critical stage of the nominating process, the victorious candidate generally allows his closest rival to make a ritual appearance at which, according to standard political etiquette, the defeated candidate signals his fealty by issuing an endorsement.

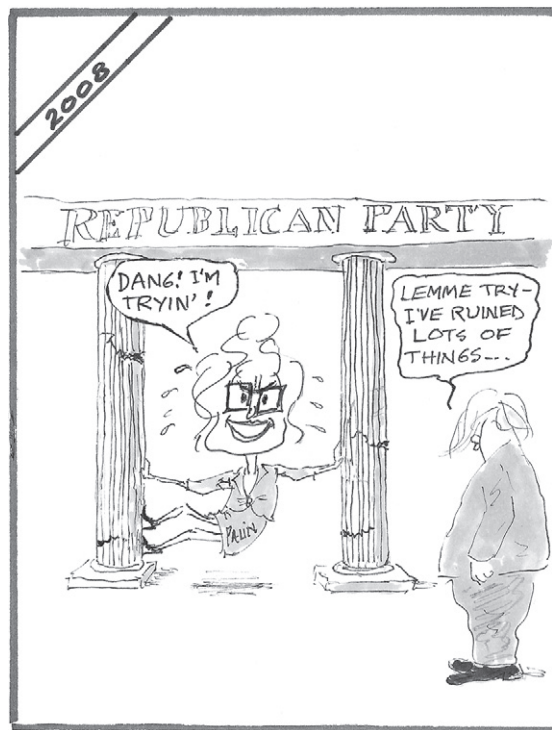
These days, especially on the Right, political etiquette or any other kind doesn't count for much.

No one understands that better than the Republican nominee. In Cleveland, Ted Cruz took the stage and basked in the voluble hatred of the assembled masses — something he actually seems to enjoy. In his speech, Cruz pointedly refused to endorse the nominee. In response to this blatant transgression, the arena erupted in boos. As it did so, Trump made his entrance, cheered on by his devoted followers.

Some veteran news nabobs expressed astonishment at all this commotion and suggested that it represented some kind of planning failure on Trump's part — a sign of a campaign in disarray. We'd bet it was anything but; both actors knew exactly what they were doing.

The whole charade came straight from the playbook of televised professional wrestling. Cruz was playing the role of the “heel,” who gets paid to play the villain. The chorus of boos redounded to the credit of Trump. Presuming that Trump loses, which is likely, Cruz will get his payoff in 2020, when he will appear to have been foresighted.

If the official, on-stage portion of the program was somewhat louche, the unscheduled entertainment was more so. The website *PornHub*, using data derived from Google Analytics, “set out to see how Cleveland's *Pornhub* viewership may have changed since the convention started on



July 18.” It found a four percent increase in traffic overall, and a 421 percent increase in searches for “gay hunks.”

These national shindigs are always replete with quirky local angles, but they're rarely so colorful as this one. Take, for example, the New Hampshire co-chairs of Veterans for Trump.

Unfortunately, Jerry Delemus, the husband of Rochester Representative Susan Delemus, was unable to attend the convention because he's in jail awaiting trial. He was arrested after rashly hauling his Barrett .50 caliber semi-automatic rifle out to Nevada to help Cliven Bundy threaten officers of the Bureau of Land Management.

That left his co-chair, Londonderry legislator Al Baldasaro,

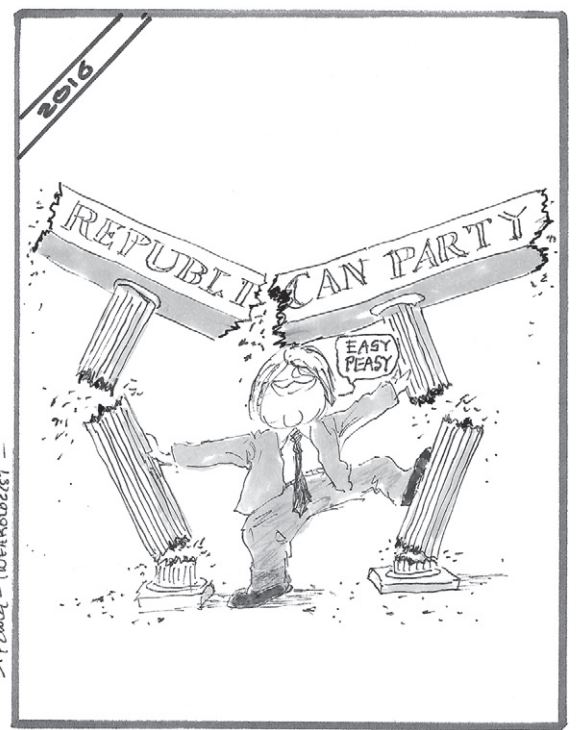
all on his own. As a former Marine, Baldasaro was undaunted. Hillary Clinton, he said, “should be put in the firing line and shot for treason.” New Hampshire Republican Party Chair Jennifer Horn, among others, called Baldasaro's comment appalling and condemned it “in the strongest terms possible.” Baldasaro, speaking to NHPR's Josh Rogers, said, “Only in my own state, do I got [sic] three idiots that have no damn clue on the Constitution and the laws of the land, and that's [Senator] Kelly Ayotte, Jennifer Horn, and [N.H. House Speaker] Shawn Jasper.”

Baldasaro is sticking to his guns regarding Clinton's execution, despite a Secret Service investigation. Former New Hampshire Governor John H. Sununu is less

resolute. Back in January, Trump had said that Sununu had been “fired like a dog ... fired viciously. He is such a dumb guy, he doesn't even know he was fired.” At the time, Sununu responded, according to the *Wall Street Journal*, by saying “The guy brags that he can't be bought and yet Putin proved the guy is the cheapest political buy in the game. Ten cents worth of flattery and he's got Trump sucking up his butt.”

Apparently Trump's dazzling infomercial had induced Sununu to haul out his American Express card: on July 27th, the *Union Leader's* Dan Tuohy reported that Sununu has flip-flopped, and is now “raising a proverbial glass to his party's nominee.”

What's in the glass, John? Hemlock, perhaps?



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Meanwhile, Back on Planet Earth ...

It is becoming increasingly difficult — nearly impossible, in fact — to bear in mind that there are some things which happen on this planet which do not revolve around ... you know where we're going with this, so we'll stop right there.

Tedious though it may be to recall — and we apologize for even bringing it up — there is a second political party in this country. It's not a very entertaining outfit, really, and it can't even pretend to have mastered the art of constantly dominating the news cycle by producing some bizarre, unheard-of spectacle every eighteen hours or so. In fact, its overall demeanor is so bland and predictable, you almost have to wonder if it's even trying. But, it did just have a convention, and it nominated a candidate: a woman named Hillary Clinton. Her husband was President once. She was head of the State Department for a while. Time was when that sort of thing might have generated some sort of interest, but it's pretty weak tea these days.

There was even a contest, of sorts, for that nomination, although you'd hardly know it. In retrospect, it seems all of that got lost in the shuffle, what with all the hoopla that was generated by a huge array of weird characters acting like overgrown three year-olds wearing suits, fighting over who got the biggest slice of birthday cake.

The other guy — the loser, you'd call him, in the parlance of the times — was a curious duck who's been saying the same thing for forty years: the tax system's screwed up, it lets rich people skate while working people carry the burden; corporations have too much influence, compared to human beings; greenhouse gasses are screwing up the atmosphere, we've got to do something or the climate's going to go to hell, but the corporations and the politicians they hire would rather protect the oil and gas industry than save the planet. Same old boring stuff. No pizzazz. No wonder he lost. He should have insulted somebody. Better yet, everybody.

The Farce Estate

Due, perhaps, to our advanced institutional age, we hold a nostalgic affection for the quaint ideas codified in the U.S. Constitution: you've got your three basic branches, yadda yadda yadda

The guys in the wigs with the quills came up with the three branches because — not being distracted by televised football — they had had the opportunity to study human nature and knew just how underhanded, duplicitous, and sneaky people could be. Travel back in time, show them the final, three-way cemetery standoff scene from *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*, and they'd say, “That's what I'm talking about.”

And then, of course, you've got, literally as an afterthought, the First Amendment. You can almost hear some bewigged guy saying, “Ooops.”

Sergio Leone's masterpiece did not, of course, include, off at the edge of the frame, some wisecracking guy with a press card stuck in the hatband of his fedora, yelling “Sweetheart, get me

rewrite” into a candlestick telephone. But the boys in Philadelphia most assuredly did.

That guy — think Cary Grant in *His Girl Friday* — is the Fourth Estate. He's supposed to be calling the action, letting the folks in the cheap seats know what's going on. Because ultimately — we know this sounds ridiculous, but bear with us, please — those are the people who are supposed to decide who gets to do what to whom.

When you think about that, in the context of our times, it all just seems plumb crazy: if the majority rules, why does the majority get screwed every time?

Is governing so hard that nobody can do it? If that's the case, we're really in trouble; we'll have to try even harder just to minimize the damage.

Are we all just masochists? That's hard to imagine, too — everyone we know is a hedonist, at least to some degree. Your mileage may vary, of course.

So, what's the deal here?

The Constitution can dictate —

or try to — how the three branches operate. The Fourth Estate? There are no rules. People in the news racket can do whatever they can get away with.

No problem as huge as ours can be laid at the feet of any one person, of course, but one person can represent — and infect — a whole industry. Which brings us to Roger Ailes, who once said, “If you have two guys on a stage and one guy says, ‘I have a solution to the Middle East problem,’ and the other guy falls in the orchestra pit, who do you think is going to be on the evening news?”

Laurie Luhn, a former Ailes employee who has accused her old boss of sexually blackmailing her for decades, said in an interview published in *New York Magazine* Saturday, “My job was to sell the [Iraq] war. I needed to get people on the air that were attractive and articulate and could convey the importance of this campaign. It was a drumbeat.”

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Here's Your New Normal

Permafrost is melting on the Yamal Peninsula in Siberia. Also thawing: carcasses of reindeer that died of anthrax 75 years ago. So far, one 13-year old boy and 1,500 reindeer have died of anthrax.

Scientists have now developed more accurate means of measuring the volume of the Greenland ice cap. Using those tools, they've been able to determine that the annual loss of ice over the past century used to be on the order of 90 billion tons a year. The amount lost annually over the past four years has been nearly three times that amount.

Thanks to the ongoing western drought, the fire season there is now more than 100 days longer than it used to be. The largest fire now burning, as of Wednesday, covered 275 square miles. That's three-quarters the size of Strafford County.

There's no drought in Maryland.

Six and a half inches of rain fell on Ellicott City in less than two hours last Saturday evening. Four and a half inches of that fell in a single hour. Videos of the event showed cars floating down streets that looked like white water rapids, some of them with people inside. Two people were later found, drowned, two miles downstream on the Patapsco River.

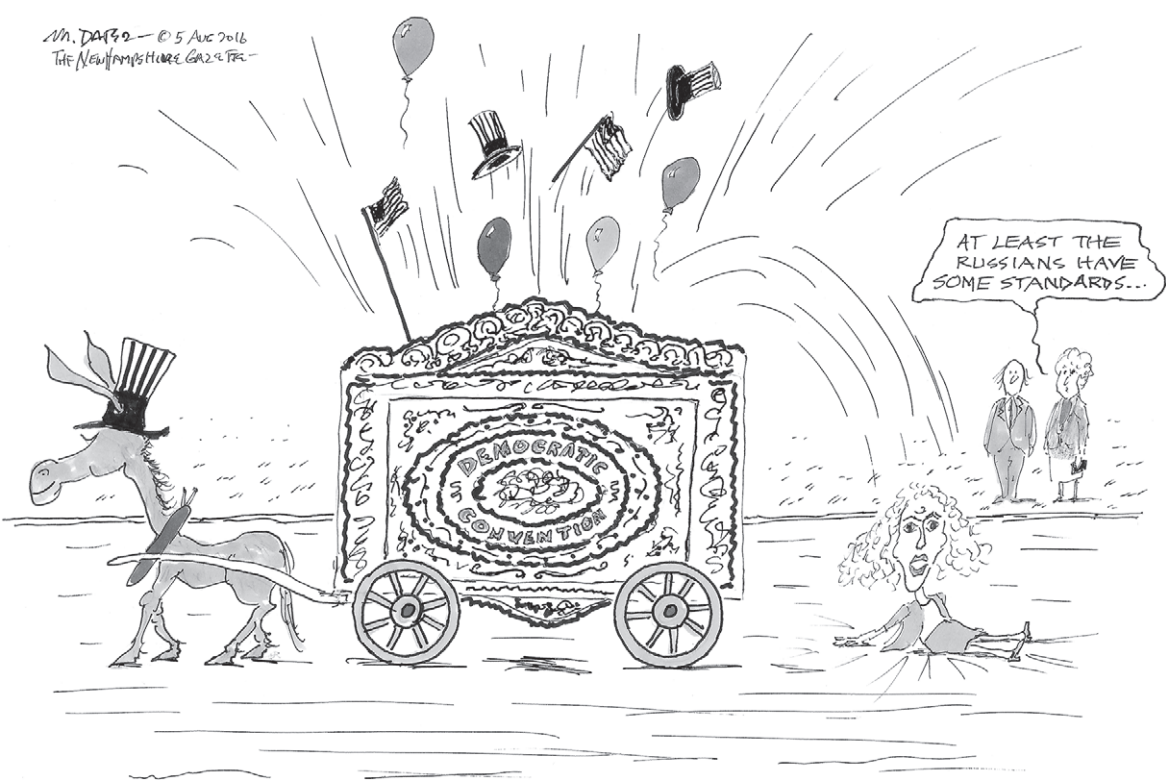
According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, "several symbolic mileposts" gauging heat, sea level rise and extreme weather were toppled in 2015.

"Bloody climate scientists U-turning again," joked a British climate observer. "Few months ago they said 2015 was warmest year — now they're saying 2016."

Extra Special

Piscataqua Oysterpalooza

Each year since 2010, the Coastal Conservation Association of New Hampshire has hosted the Piscataqua Oysterpalooza in order to raise awareness for the Oyster Shell Recycling Program,



and of course, eat oysters! During the event, oyster shells are collected and recycled in order to help re-establish depleted oyster beds in Great Bay.

The event hosts a multitude of different local farmers from Great Bay, as well as local restaurants that participate in the Oyster Shell Recycling Program. With live music, local food, and a family-friendly atmosphere, the Piscataqua Oysterpalooza draws a crowd every year. The 2016 Oysterpalooza will be held Friday, August 19th, from 5:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Redhook Brewery at the Pease Tradeport. Admission is \$5, children under 12 are admitted free. More information can be found at ccanh.org.

We have been informed that at 5:30 p.m., Robert Jesurum will be honored with the Association's Conservationist of the Year Award, for his indefatigable efforts to restore public access to the sea at Sanders Poynt.

The award should help undermine local golf course owner

and would-be media magnate William "Bill" Binnie's appeal to the Supreme Court. As we understand it, that appeal is based in part on the always absurd, and now disproven, theory that Jesurum was acting only on behalf of himself and his dog.

Nice Try, Homophobe

Imagine the alleged editor's surprise when, upon answering his personal batphone, an insanely enthusiastic voice encouraged him to donate money — in the hundreds of dollars — to a Super PAC intended to support the Presidential candidacy of a noted buffoon whose name we will, for the moment, pretend we cannot recall.

This proposition was made by the Liberty Action Group, of Lynchburg, Va. It, in turn, is linked to Mat Stavers' Liberty Counsel, which supports homophobic laws in places like Peru, Uganda, and Kentucky.

Clearly this cabal's telemarketing practices are as inept as its theology is twisted.

Ride the Railway to the Moon

New Hampshire may fairly boast of many unique qualities, not least being a propensity for engendering lunatics. Notable, even among Granite State lunatics, was Sylvester Marsh.

A native of Campton, in the southern foothills of the White Mountains, Marsh was born in 1803. Imaginative, inventive, and peripatetic, Marsh made and lost fortunes in meat packing and grain before re-settling in his home state in his later years.

In 1852, after losing his way while attempting to climb Mount Washington, he resolved to make the mountain top accessible to anyone: he petitioned the state legislature for a charter to build a railway to the summit.

Presuming that such a railroad could never be built, and that therefore the measure was harmless, the legislature granted Marsh his charter on June 25, 1858. One wag suggested the state go several steps further, and permit Marsh to "build a railway to the moon."



For about six weeks, beginning around Market Square Day, Sheafe Street was adorned with the bit of ad hoc signage shown in the upper right of this photo: a framed drawing of an eagle, wings spread, clutching a banner reading "Sheafe Street." The little sign disappeared about a week and a half ago, as mysteriously as it arrived. The image, of course, brings to mind John Haley Bellamy, the famous carver of eagles, who died on April 16, 1914 (the day after his 78th birthday) in the Sheafe Street Inn, the white building in the left of the photo.

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Marsh's engineering triumph — only slightly overshadowed when, a century later, NASA beat the Cog Railway to the moon — was the inspiration for "Railway to the Moon," a Steampunk Festival to be held August 20th at the Base Station of the Mount Washington Cog Railway.

Steampunk is the practice of living in a world where corsets, top hats, and goggles never went out of style, and the rhythmic pulse of steam engines represents the height of progress.

Citizens of Antiford, a New Hampshire-based Steampunk community, will be in attendance.

Todd Cahill will demonstrate his amazing Steamachine Sculptures, and The Wheelmen will be riding bicycles distinguished by their classic designs.

The event is free and open to the public. Advance ticket purchase for the Cog Railway is strongly recommended; call (603) 278-5404. For more information, visit thecog.com.

It's a Gangplank, Not a Bridge

A new report released July 27th by Toxics Action Center, Frontier Group, Environment America, and more than a dozen community groups across New England maintains that burning gas for electricity is as bad for the climate as coal — or worse. The report, titled "Natural Gas and Global Warming: A Review of Evidence Finds that Methane Leaks Undercut the Climate Benefits of Gas," shows older claims that gas has a modest impact on the climate are wrong, as they fail to account for the greenhouse gas effect of methane and high rates of methane leaks from gas infrastructure.

"For years, communities on the frontlines of proposed pipelines,



power plants, compressor stations, and LNG terminals have been told by the fossil fuel lobby and politicians that gas is a low-carbon bridge to a clean energy future," Shaina Kasper of Toxics Action Center says. "Today, it's clearer than ever that this is not the case. New fracked gas infrastructure proposed across the region threatens our climate future, our health, and our neighborhoods. It's time to double down on clean local renewable energy sources right here in New England."

The report emphasizes that methane is a much more powerful greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide, trapping 86 to 105 times as much heat as CO₂ over a 20-year period. Making these findings even more concerning, the report authors found flaws in studies that reported very low rates of methane leakage, finding evidence instead of high rates of methane leaks from gas infrastructure.

"Methane can leak during every stage of natural gas production — during drilling, processing, and even from the pipeline," said Elizabeth Ridlington of Frontier Group, the report's author. "Our

review of the evidence suggests that these leaks may have an annual global warming impact equivalent of up to 250 coal-fired power plants, enough to nearly or completely offset any other climate benefits of natural gas."

Generating electricity from natural gas is bad for the economy, too. "We know the smart investment dollar is investing in our homes, municipal buildings, local businesses and people — not expanding utility pipelines whose costs will be passed on to the ratepayers but the profits never get socialized as well. This is real money with real benefits that will address climate solutions, employ local workers, keep our money in our state economy, and save money for the consumers," said Cathy Corkery, Chapter Director and Senior Regional Organizer for New Hampshire Sierra Club. "This is our moment to get this right and leave something better for our kids."

These thoughts were echoed by community leaders in New Hampshire: "I'm an educator: a+b=c," said Julia Steed Mawson of Pelham Pipeline Awareness

Outreach Subcommittee. "This report shows that a) methane leaks are substantial, b) methane is just as potent a pollutant as coal, so that means c) natural gas is not a bridge fuel; it's a gangplank."

The report also made clear the connection between the increasingly evident urgency of a regional transition to clean, renewable energy sources and localized opposition to a surge of proposals for new gas infrastructure across all six New England states.

"My daughter and I spend as much time outside in this beautiful summer weather as possible. A gas pipeline would have devastated everything we love about living in New Hampshire," said Kaela Law of Pelham Pipeline Awareness. "I'm very glad to be standing here today having worked hard and successfully driven off the Northeast Energy Direct, an export pipeline project proposed by Kinder Morgan. In stopping this project, I helped to protect my daughter, my community, our resources and beautiful New Hampshire."

The report is available at <http://goo.gl/eJcJ8N>.



The little pocket park on State Street dedicated to the late Jay Smith is undergoing some practical beautification. For quite some time, inconsiderate dog owners have been not just trampling through the flowers, but leaving behind malodorous souvenirs. It is hoped that this low stone wall, being built by Allan Spier (a Portsmouth native now residing in Barrington), will serve to discourage such rude behavior.

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The Founding Fathers of ISIS
To the Editor:

The recent Republican National Convention convinced me that the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) couldn't ask for a better recruiter and public relations department than what they currently have with the Party of Trump.

ISIS, which takes delight each time it's referred to as a Radical Islamic Terrorist group (or when Trump makes one of his draconian policy proposals against Muslims), no longer even needs to commit an atrocity or an act of terror to receive the credit, publicity and legitimacy that it seeks thanks to individuals like Trump who insists on playing the politics of fear.

Republican fearmongering was extremely effective prior to the convention as evidenced by a letter to the editor in which the writer from Rye unequivocally stated, referring to the attack on the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, "We have suffered yet another attack in our homeland, once again by a confirmed Radical Islamic Terrorist.... This attack was a result of Radical Islamic Terrorism, and ISIS has already claimed responsibility."

I'm sure that ISIS was more than happy to accept responsibility for such a sensational attack but I'd be very interested in hearing where our friend from Rye received his "facts" as there has been no such "confirmation" to date. Most leaked information I've heard has intimated that the

Orlando shooting massacre had all the hallmarks of a homophobic hate crime.

It is obvious that the Republicans are extremely confused over the threat of ISIS. But, one thing for certain is that ISIS was conceived as a direct result of the U.S. disbanding the Iraqi army after the ill-advised U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003, the subsequent homegrown Iraqi insurgency and the marginalization of Sunni Iraqis by the Shiite-dominated government under the stooge appointed by the U.S. The leaders of ISIS are almost all former military and intelligence officers who served under Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and are angry and fit to kill.

The time has come to build a statue in front of the Hague International Tribunal which recognizes the Founding Fathers of ISIS: George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, Paul Wolfowitz, *et al.*

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, N.H.

Wayne:
Your proposal is historically well grounded, logically sound, and perfectly reasonable. We not only endorse it, we propose an additional refinement: surround it with a large cage housing a few hundred well-fed pigeons.

The Editor

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**The U.S. War on Black Men**  
To the Editor:

Violence, yes. Killings, yes. Murder, yes. War, yes. In the United States, law enforcement is perpetrating a war against young black men. I don't like to trivialize war, though. Media and popular culture do that quite enough as it is, whether it's the newest installment of Call of Duty or Godwin's Law. Yet, based on my study of race, racism, and policing, I can come to no other conclusion than that there is a war against young black men. But it's quite a bit more than that. Young

black women are also increasingly victimized by law enforcement. It's also the case, and Professor of Law Dean Spade has made this clear, that queer, trans, and gender non-conforming peoples are often racialized and subject to violence by law enforcement. No one is safe. We are in dire times.

But I want to step back and consider war, which I find a particularly useful lens through which to view the current state of affairs. Carl von Clausewitz, the Prussian military theorist, famously declared that war was the "continuation of politics by other means." Clausewitz can fruitfully be applied to police violence today as killing people of color is the continuation of systemic racism and structural inequality not through housing restrictions, social welfare reforms, economic discrimination, and racial preferencing, but through systemic, state-sponsored violence, or war.

This war looks like other wars. There is a heavily armed and organized force, sponsored by the state, and with an obvious but undeclared enemy. Perhaps the War on Black Men is the continuation of the War on Terror by other means. The increasing use of #SayHerName and #SayHisName on Twitter is a testament to the ways in which righteous rebels have sought to outdo official discourses that seek to cover up and dehumanize the victims of police violence. It's important to consider the ways in which this silence, this inability to name the war's victims, is part of the war's success.

This war has been conducted for a long time. We must recognize that we are not far removed from the killing of slaves and the lynching of blacks in the U.S. South. It seems like a long time ago, and that these subjects are discussed in history texts more so than politics texts seems to suggest that somehow racial violence is discontinuous. Quite the op-

posite. The impunity and unimpeachability of law enforcement killers share clear historical affinities with the racialized violence of the last several centuries. That this violence's visibility has increased and that social media speeds up and expands its effects should not dissuade people from considering the historical continuity of violence against people of color. This is an ongoing war that was never stopped and seems to only be intensifying.

So rather than talk about war as a metaphor, it behooves us all, whether wage worker, politician, academic, or other toiler in the world, to recognize the war for what it is: material, structural, and systematic. Black men and women, and all other people of color, are in danger, and will continue to be in danger absent radical political change. Today, tomorrow, and well in the future we must #SayTheirNames and say no to war.

Nick J. Sciallo, Director of Debate and Forensics, Illinois College  
Jacksonville, Ill.

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Trump and Saddam Hussein
To the Editor:

Donald Trump praised Saddam Hussein for his treatment of terrorists. Saddam Hussein used torture, which Donald Trump says he will use. He also attempted to kill everyone in a village using chemical weapons. These were Kurds who did not want to be under Saddam's rule. Donald Trump is praising the use of chemical weapons to kill opponents plus everyone else in a village. This is a war crime and against U.S. laws as well as international ones.

Even after hearing Donald Trump state he would use torture, and praise Saddam Hussein, plus the dictators of Russia and North Korea, our Senator Kelly Ayotte is still supporting him. She is

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still refusing to vote on President Obama's nomination for Supreme Court Justice because she wants Donald Trump to pick the next justice.

Donald Trump is not qualified to be Commander in Chief or President, and Kelly Ayotte's support for him shows she is not qualified to be our Senator.

Walter Hamilton
Portsmouth N.H.

Walter:
As his multiple bankruptcies have shown, Trump is not even qualified to be Trump.

The Editor

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**What Century Is This?**  
To the Editor:

In a stunning rejection of a modern democratic society, the Republican Party has adopted a platform that fits more with the 13th Century than the 21st Century. The foundations of the Republican Platform are built on fear, discrimination, division, lies, disregard for the Constitution (except for the 2nd Amendment), as well as basic science. It is in short, a document that appeals to the extreme far-right evangelicals and the Tea Party, who have taken over the Republican Party. It in no way reflects the mainstream thinking and sentiments of the vast majority of Americans.

For example, the platform codifies Trump's wall between Mexico and the U.S., advocates gay conversion therapy, does not endorse the constitutional rights of the LGBT people in America, advocates for teaching the Bible in public schools, would end national parks, claims food stamps are unconstitutional. It also states that legislators should use religion as a guide when legislating, saying, "man-made law must be consistent with God-given natural rights." It also calls for a Constitutional amendment to overturn

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# And Other Correspondence

the Supreme Court decision on same-sex marriage. It ignores the disaster of climate change, and actually calls coal a “clean energy source.” I encourage everyone to read this frightening document for yourselves to fully appreciate its threat to our nation and the world.

The Republican Platform is not an abstract document that has no impact on the people of New Hampshire. It is a philosophical manifesto for all Republicans to live, vote and govern by at the national, state and local level. This includes, our own Republican Congressman and Senator, who by their support of Donald Trump, also support and endorse the Republican Platform in its entirety. Sen. Kelly Ayotte’s platform for her Senate reelection, thus is the same platform adopted by the Republican Party in Cleveland. Her decision not to attend the convention does not absolve her from the actions of her party, and its platform. She owns Mr. Trump and everything that is represented in the Republican Platform, which are totally inconsistent with New Hampshire values.

Rich DiPentima  
Portsmouth, N.H.

### I'm In Danger!

To the Editor:

Trump’s right, something awful is going to happen to me. Those “Others” are after me just as he said last night.

I’m being watched. Someone in a red, white and blue truck drives by every day and a big brown one actually comes up my driveway every now and then. I know they are stalking me to collect information about my habits and movements. I’m in danger, I think these people want my stuff and are willing to kill me to get it. That would be easier than getting a job. Free stuff is always better.

Today, they sent two little girls to the house under the guise of selling me cookies but I know they were scouting my door lock and alarm system. Social chaos and a violent home invasion cannot be far off. I think they are part of a gang of black-skinned, trans-gender, fanatical, illegal immigrants, probably Democrats. They can’t be old, white, male Republicans because they claim to be the law and order people.

In desperation I called the Trump campaign for help. They were very sympathetic but lacked any specific solutions other than assurances that as of Trump’s first day in office I would be safe. In the meantime, they offered to send Rudy Giuliani to snarl down anyone who approaches my property.

But, thanks to Kelly Ayotte I just ordered an assault rifle and ten thousand rounds of ammo on the internet — no waiting, no checking. Maintaining law and order matters.

Dave Potter  
North Hampton, N.H.

### Trump: Glaspie 2.0?

To the Editor:

Less than 24 hours after accepting the Republican nomination for President, Donald Trump demonstrated how unprepared, irresponsible and reckless he would be as Commander in Chief. In an interview with the *New York Times* he equivocated on whether he would defend a NATO ally attacked by Russia. On the following Monday, in a North Carolina speech, he was even more evasive. This led the hawkish Josh Bolton to state that Trump has “given an open invitation to Putin.”

Trump’s careless and dangerous comments are the type of mistakes that lead to war, as history shows. Recall the comments of the U.S. Ambassador to Iraq,

April Glaspie, who on July 25, 1990 told Saddam Hussein “we have no opinion on your Arab-Arab conflicts such as your dispute with Kuwait.” She also said, “that the Kuwait issue is not associated with America.” Saddam smiled after he heard these comments, and eight days later he invaded Kuwait. (*Global Research*, March 5, 2012) I am sure Putin smiled when he heard Trump’s comments.

Donald Trump has absolutely no experience in foreign policy, and totally lacks the temperament and knowledge to deal with people like Putin. His comments have caused great concern among our allies, on whom we depend in our battle against terror. His brash, thin-skinned personality, coupled with his shoot-from-the-hip reaction to crisis, is a recipe for disaster. Donald Trump as President would represent the greatest danger to the world since the 1930’s.

Rich DiPentima  
Portsmouth, N.H.

### Delaware Ditches Death Penalty

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, August 2nd, the Delaware Supreme Court issued an order declaring Delaware’s death penalty statute unconstitutional in light of the U.S. Supreme Court’s recent ruling in *Hurst v. Florida*. The *Hurst* decision found that juries, not judges, must ultimately decide whether a defendant should receive a death sentence.

Last year, Delaware’s State Senate voted to replace the death penalty with a sentence of life without parole for the second time in three years. The bill was supported by Governor Jack Markell, despite narrowly failing to get enough votes in the House earlier this year. Given the political obstacles that would have to be overcome to amend the statute, it is unlikely the General Assembly will move to revive the death penalty — rendering the state with-

out a valid death penalty statute, just like New York state.

Delaware now joins the growing majority of states that have abandoned the death penalty in law or in practice. Including Delaware, nineteen states and the District of Columbia formally ban capital punishment, and 12 states haven’t carried out an execution in approximately 10 or more years.

Three of those 12 states have gubernatorial moratoriums on executions in place (Colorado, Oregon, and Pennsylvania) and Nebraska’s conservative legislature voted to replace the death penalty with life without parole last year. That decision will be decided by the voters in November. Washington state also has a gubernatorial moratorium in place.

“There is very strong national consensus forming against the death penalty,” said Henderson Hill, director of the 8th Amendment Project. “Today, Delaware joins the majority of states that have abandoned the death penalty in law or in practice. Many states have realized that the death penalty is a failed and costly system that risks executing the innocent, and that our resources can be better spent investing in more effective public safety programs.”

The 8th Amendment Project is working to illuminate the growing national consensus against the death penalty and to expose the reality that death penalty in America is too broken to fix. Visit [www.8thamendment.org](http://www.8thamendment.org) for more information.

John-Michael Dumais

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John-Michael:

*Accustomed though we are to their hypocrisy, we’re still astounded whenever conservatives applaud the state for taking a person’s life.*

The Editor

### Our Brexit Coverage

To the Editor:

I was upset on reading your article on Brexit. I do not think you



realise what kind of riff-raff are being forced on Britain. The people have good reason for change. If Jo Cox had not been murdered, the numbers would have been greater. The Health Service, which used to be the envy of the Western World, is in trouble, though you can still get treatment if you need it.

I have been reading the *Gazette* for 25 years. I am left with the feeling that you are anti-British.

Edmund Law

Poughkeepsie, N.Y

Edmund:

*Clearly the Editor, having given offense unintentionally, is no gentleman. For that we apologize. We are not anti-British. In fact, we are grateful to the British for many things, Monty Python not least among them.*

The Editor

### Guinta the Hypocrite

To the Editor:

As the daughter of social workers and a UNH social work student myself, I’ve learned what’s needed to improve our ailing social services system: funding. Frank Guinta purports friendship with hardworking social workers and touts his dedication to ending the opioid epidemic, but his words are empty, even hypocritical.

In March, Budget Committee member Guinta voted against critical funding for opioid and heroin abuse treatment proving

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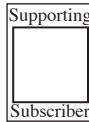


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The Northcountry Chronicle

Sterling Integrity

by William Marvel

Perhaps the most refreshing local education story I've read this year was the article on the Fryeburg Academy senior who refused a scholarship offered by a company that is growing fat by selling off our water. Hannah Rousey had been nominated by her teachers for a "Good Science" scholarship from Poland Spring Bottling Co., but she turned it down, flat — essentially on the grounds that Poland Spring is not practicing good science.

Poland Spring, a subsidiary of the Swiss megacorporation Nestlé, is sucking as much as 4.2 million gallons of water a week out of the massive aquifer that corporation mouthpieces and their local shills pretend belongs only to Fryeburg. Having seen hydrological maps created by more disinterested cartographers, I am one of those who dispute the limits of that aquifer. I'm also a little too familiar with mankind's history of gullible belief in the inex-

haustibility of resources — from the American bison to the Grand Banks fisheries — to give much credence to biased corporate assertions. Hannah, who is going to pursue environmental science at Sterling College, has demonstrated the principled spirit that could make her a much more credible voice on behalf of the planet.

Eight or nine years ago my wife and I went rambling in northern Vermont on a rare kid-free jaunt. We ate our usual early breakfast, I think in St. Johnsbury, and it was still fairly early in the morning when the road started climbing a hill toward one of those little villages that ought to be the center of everyone's universe. Before we reached the village I spotted a cemetery off to the right and pulled in, because wherever I go on this earth it's the dead people I like best.

We had not been there long enough to get acquainted with anyone in particular when we saw a gaggle of young people sauntering down the side of the road from

the village. They appeared to be in their late teens, and they were chatting and laughing occasionally, but there was none of that boisterous hooting and showing-off that one usually sees among people of that age. I thought I had fallen through a time warp when they came close enough for me to see how extensively flannel and flax dominated their attire; I knew that if I went closer I would detect the scent of wood smoke and patchouli. When they turned into a cluster of wooden buildings, we followed them to see where they were going.

This was Sterling College. It reminded me of a Shaker village under gradual restoration. We picked up some brochures and discovered that it focused primarily on environmental education, so we pocketed the literature to take home. We still had a girl in high school, and finding her an appropriate college within reasonable visiting distance had become a more consuming passion than I had expected to pursue as I neared

the end of my sixth decade. She was scientifically inclined, and had long said she wanted to be a doctor, until I reminded her that some day she was going to have to conduct a rectal exam. Soon after that — the next morning, in fact — she said she had changed her mind, and thought instead that she might like to be a geneticist. That interested her for quite some time, and although she later went on to become a math major it was barely a week ago that she tried to explain the alphabetic mysteries of the double helix to my glazed-over eyeballs.

So she ended up not going to Sterling. Given her gradual descent into fashion-consciousness, perhaps that was just as well, although her textile tactility still leans toward the natural fabrics we saw modeled by that variegated platoon of granola-fed students. Hannah Rousey does mean to go there, however, even though her principled stand against the might and money of Nestlé's Poland Spring cut a sizable chunk

out of her scholarships.

I was thinking about how to help replace that loss for her when I stumbled across a GoFundMe site someone else had already devoted to that purpose. The goal was \$10,000, which does not seem an excessive reward for taking the high road. When I found the site, the fund sat at just under \$6000, and when I left it the total was just over \$6000. No funds are awarded and the donors are not charged if the entire goal is not met, so any of my political detractors can enjoy the satisfaction of costing me money by contributing enough to be certain that I'm charged for the donation. Along the way, they will do something for the future by helping to produce another environmental advocate too principled to be bought by the corporations that would like to own us all.

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[As of last Saturday gofundme.com/hannahrouseycwj had raised \$7,200 towards a goal of \$10,000. — The Ed.]

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that he talks the talk but isn't willing to address the opioid epidemic in any effective way.

Guinta's challenger, Democrat Carol Shea-Porter, understands the needs of our families in New Hampshire's First District. In fact, Carol was herself a social worker before entering politics.

Carol worked her way through college just as I am doing, and earned a Bachelor's in Social Services and later a Masters in Public Administration, both from UNH. Afterwards, Carol was a Social Worker and Administrative Director and even co-founded a nonprofit Social Service Agency.

She also helped seniors by chairing a Taskforce on Senior Housing.

Carol believes in strong, healthy communities and understands that our funding decisions reflect the priorities we set as a community, and, unlike Guinta, Carol puts her money where her mouth is.

I graduate next year and look forward to a social work career addressing our community's greatest challenges. But first, I'm voting for Carol, because I know that with her in Congress we'll be better equipped with the resources we need to create opportunity

for everyone, even those who are struggling.

Kea Rief
Dover, N.H.

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**Lock Him Up**

To the Editor:  
At the Democratic convention, Representative Joe Crawley recounted how, after 9/11, the Republican Congress refused to vote for recovery funds for New York. Senator Hillary Clinton fought for, and obtained \$20 billion for New York. What did Donald Trump do? He applied for and received some of those funds, even though none of his buildings were

damaged. That is fraud. What should be the consequence for his greedy, illegal action? As the Republicans are fond of saying, "lock him up."

Bruce Joffe  
Piedmont, Calif.  
Bruce:  
Yet another bit of Trumpian sleaze that somehow snuck past us.  
The Editor

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Kelly Ayotte and Donald Trump

To the Editor:
In the span of one week Donald Trump made three critical foreign policy mistakes. He declined to say if he would support a NATO

ally invaded by Russia, asked Russia to hack Hillary Clinton's emails, and stated he would consider removing sanctions against Russia if they annexed the Crimea. These are errors not only in judgement, they reflect a total lack of understanding and appreciation for the threat that Russia is to the West.

The time has come for all Republicans who care about the future of our country and the world to come forward and denounce Donald Trump. It is time to put the future of the nation ahead of any party interests. Donald Trump has demonstrated quite

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by Jim Hightower

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It's to be a true bipartisan effort, running Dems in blue districts, Repubs in solid red ones, and independents wherever that makes sense. But wait — how can they get Republican candidates to run on progressive values? By recognizing that true populism is neither a right or left theory, but a top vs. bottom reality that even middle-class and lower-income Republicans can relate to. Indeed, outside of the right-wing Con-

gress, many rank-and-file Republicans are for stopping global trade scams and repealing Citizens United, as well as for assuring health care for all, recognizing climate change, and standing up to bigotry.

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clearly that he does not possess the knowledge, experience or emotional capacity to run America's foreign policy. His own words are his and our worst enemy.

I call on Sen. Kelly Ayotte, and other Republican elected officials and party leaders to stand up for America, demonstrate real political courage and reject the danger posed by the Trump candidacy. After all, Trump represents not only a threat to the nation, he is also a treat to the survival of the Republican Party. Loosing an election can be managed and still save the Republican Party. However, the damage to the party caused by a Trump presidency would be much worse than what followed President Hoover in the 1930's and beyond.

Remaining silent, or worse, quietly supporting Trump, makes one no less responsible than those rabid Trump supporters. In the end, you all will be held equally accountable to history for the catastrophe that Trump will rain on the world.

Rich DiPentima
Portsmouth, N.H.

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### Trump, Clinton, and Debates

To the Editor:

Trump versus Clinton in a debate should focus on principles rather than policy minutia and details. The principles of our

country within the Declaration of Independence are simple, after protecting Life they are Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness.

Policies forcing easy home ownership led to the Great Recession. This policy decision from Bill Clinton caused huge problems as Time Magazine reported: "In 1995 Clinton loosened housing rules ... which put added pressure on banks to lend ...." Dictates from bad policies can be seriously wrong as we can see today while still recovering from the housing bubble collapse. Wonks like the Clintons like to force their policy and regulations, and the added taxing to fund them, forcing federal control against free market competition.

Trump should remind people that it was central planning regulation policies that allowed banks to be too big to fail, federal health care that takes the freedom of choice away, and school intrusions like Common Core are central planning policy dictates and not competitively enhanced by free choice.

A businessman like Trump has first hand experience in the heavy handed policies of government and knows how much it smothers competition, job growth, and favors big businesses over small.

Small businesses can not afford to hire and pay employees well

with so much added expenses from these socialist centered dictates.

Hillary is a policy wonk who lives for, and in, government — not under its mandated controls.

Who knows better the liberty to pursue happiness than Trump?

Jeff Frost  
Alexandria, N.H.

Jeff:  
*Your trust in Trump would be touching, were it not so terrifying.*

The Editor

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Democrats are Pro-Violence

To the Editor:

One of the frauds attempted during the Democrat [sic] Convention is that Democrats want to reduce gun violence in America. While I'm sure most Democrats consider themselves anti-violence, the party they support is the party of violence. Democrat politicians and leaders, excuse, encourage, and use violence, successfully, to advance its political objectives.

While the sympathy displayed for the victims of gun violence and their families may have been sincere, the Democrat [sic] Party leadership willingly sacrifices people in their quest for power. Democrat [sic] Party policies make America more violent, make law abiding Americans more vulnerable to criminals and terrorists, and use violence to get support for, or

at least acceptance of, their policies.

Democrats are soft on criminals although almost all homicides are committed by people with criminal histories. Most of America's gun and other violence occurs in cities completely controlled by Democrats (Mayor, City Councils, Police Chief, Judges, Prosecutors, etc.). Often criminals are released on minimal bail before trial and felons are released early from prison, despite high recidivism rates, to prey on innocent Americans. Violent criminals, especially youths, are allowed to plea bargain to lesser crimes and escape appropriately long prison sentences.

Democrat [sic] passed laws enable huge numbers of immigrants to come from nations that are more violent than America, and most illegal immigrants that cross our border with Mexico come from much more violent nations than ours; unfortunately many immigrants bring their violent customs with them.

Democrats bring refugees who are not vetted to exclude terrorists or criminals from violent countries and countries which are hotbeds of terrorism.

Democrat [sic] "Common Sense" gun laws will do nothing to prevent the people who commit almost all gun homicides, people

with criminal histories who already cannot legally possess guns, from getting guns. What Democrat gun laws do is make it more difficult (because permits are delayed, refused, or very expensive) for law abiding people, especially in cities with high crime rates, to defend themselves.

The Democrat [sic] Party is the party of slavery, Jim Crow laws, the KKK, Segregation, opposition to freedom for and citizenship for former slaves, Occupy Wall Street, the Black Panthers, the Ferguson and Baltimore and other riots, harassment of peaceful political gathering by people they oppose, Black Lives Matter (based on a lie) despite its calls for killing police, &c.

Democrat [sic] leaders use groups like those to intimidate or compel people into supporting or acquiescing to Democrat [sic] policies and officials. Democrat [sic] leaders lust for power over others and the benefits that power provides to them. To gain that power, Democrat [sic] leaders are willing to sacrifice anyone.

Don Ewing
Meredith, N.H.

Don:

Have you ever heard of the psychological phenomenon known as "projection"? You might look it up some time.

The Editor

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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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1979—A nuclear fuel plant leak near Erwin, Tenn., contaminates 1,000 people with 5 times a year's normal background radiation. 1974—In New York, Phillipe Petit takes a stroll on a wire between the World Trade Center towers. 1964—Congress falls for Gulf of Tonkin hoax and gives L.B.J. unprecedented (and unconstitutional) power. Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) votes no, saying "I believe that within the next century, future generations will look with dismay and great disappointment upon a Congress which is now about to make such a historic mistake." 1936—Rep. Marion Zioncheck (D-Wash.), who once had a load of manure dumped on J. Edgar "Mary" Hoover's lawn, defenestrates from the fifth floor of a Seattle office building. 1930—A mob drags three black men from the Marion, Id. jail to lynch them. A photo of two, dead, inspires the song, "Strange Fruit." The third, rescued, later founds America's Black Holocaust Museum. 1917—Squadron Commander E.H. Dunning, first man to safely land a plane on a moving ship, dies five days after performing that feat while attempting to repeat it. 1915—Gen. A. Godley sends the Australian 3rd Light Horse into Turkish machine guns at Gallipoli despite a failed artillery barrage. Sixty-two percent of the men in the unit are either killed or wounded.	2000—The Confederate submarine <i>Hunley</i> is raised after 136 years. 1991—Guy wire replacement at the Warsaw Radio Mast goes wrong; the world's tallest structure collapses. 1989—E. Robert Wallach, a close pal of Ed "Meese is a Pig" Meese, is convicted of racketeering for accepting \$425,000 to influence Meese and others to win defense contracts for Wedtech Corp. 1980—Rep. Jon Hinson (R-Mich.), running for re-election, admits he's been accused of committing an obscene act in a "gay haunt" in Virginia and once barely escaping a fire in a gay movie theatre; but he denies he's gay. 1974—Richard M. Nixon announces that yes, after all, he is a quitter. 1973—Veep Spiro "Ted" Agnew calls the revelation that he took bribes as Governor of Maryland "damned lies." 1968—Richard Nixon chooses Spiro "Ted" Agnew for a running mate. 1963—A British gang robs a Royal Mail train of £2.6 million. 1925—Imperial Wizard Hiram Evans leads 30,000 members of the Ku Klux Klan in full regalia down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Washington Monument. 1899—Albert T. Marshall is issued a patent for a refrigerator. 1879—Birth of Emiliano Zapata, future watermelon farmer and Mexican revolutionary. 1296—King Edward pilfers Scotland's Stone of Scone.	2014—Ferguson, Mo. cop Darren Wilson shoots Michael Brown, whose body is then left uncovered on the street for four hours. 1997—New York cop Justin Volpe sodomizes Haitian immigrant Abner Louima with a broomstick. 1989—Pres. George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush signs the multi-billion dollar Savings and Loan bailout. Among those bailed out at the expense of the taxpayer: his own sons Neil and Jeb. 1974—Richard Milhous Nixon vacates the White House — finally. 1945—Sayonara, Nagasaki. 1936—Lincoln Steffens, one of the original muckrakers, dies at 70. 1892—Reacting to a fatal disagreement two days earlier, a group of Hatfields tie three McCoys to a tree and shoot them. 1874—Charles Fort, chronicler of the paranormal, materializes in Albany, New York. 1872—Fire destroys 547 buildings in Boston, killing 14. 1848—The Barnburners and Free Soilers merge into the Scorched Earth party and nominate Martin Van Buren for President. 1842—Herman Melville escapes from the Typee Valley in the Marquesas where he has been held captive by cannibals for a month. 1842—The Webster-Ashburton Treaty resolves the issues that led to the Aroostook War.	2005—After playing online games fifty hours straight, Lee Seung Scop, 28, drops dead. 2000—"I want you to know," George W.[MD] Bush tells farmers in Salinas, Calif., "that farmers are not going to be secondary thoughts to a Bush administration. They will be in the forethought of our thinking." 1993—A Robinson R-22 helicopter falls apart about 1,000 feet above the Pacific, southeast of Honolulu, killing the pilot and a passenger, his wife. 1973—Rabid Free Marketeer Charles Koch writes rabid Free Marketeer Friedrich von Hayek suggesting he move to the U.S. so he can collect Social[ist] Security. 1968—Eight G.I.s in Vietnam are killed by "friendly fire." 1961—The U.S. Army begins using Agent Orange in Vietnam. 1950—The first shipload of American military aid to the French in Vietnam arrives. 1945—The Japanese announce their intention to surrender. 1896—"Small sacrifices must be made," says dying glider pioneer Otto Lilienthal, a day after his last crash. 1887—An engineer for the Toledo, Peoria & Western, seeing a burning bridge ahead, uncouples his engine and crosses safely. His 81 passengers die when it collapses. 1856—A ball on Last Island, La. is interrupted by huge wind-driven waves; 400 drown.	2009—President Obama speaks inside Portsmouth High School. Outside a Libertarian packing a 9-mm pistol carries a sign suggesting that it's time to start shedding the "blood of patriots and tyrants." 1999—The Kansas Board of Education throws evolution over the edge of the earth. 1984—On an open mike, Ronald Reagan announces, "I have signed legislation that would outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes." 1972—The 3rd Battalion of the 21st Infantry Reg't, the last U.S. ground combat unit in Vietnam, takes the Freedom Bird home. 1968—Pitcher Satchel Paige signs with the Braves. He's 62. 1966—Canadian engineer Joseph Papp is fished out of the ocean near Brest, France, claiming his jet-powered, 300 mph submarine had sunk after crossing the ocean in 13 hours. 1965—A white cop pulls over a black driver in L.A., triggering five days of riots costing 34 lives, mostly black, and destroying \$200 million in property. 1942—Patent No. 2,292,387, using modified piano rolls to protect torpedoes from radio-jamming, goes to actress Hedy Lamarr. 1894—Charles "Hobo" Kelley and his 1,200 man "army" of unemployed are driven from Washington D.C. by Federal troops.	2004—Tom McGreevy, the Democratic Governor of New Jersey, admits he's been sleeping with a man who is not his wife, then resigns. 2000—The Russian sub <i>Kursk</i> is sunk in the Barents Sea, probably by its own torpedo; 112 crew members perish. 1985—A 747 with 524 on board, enroute to Osaka, crashes after the tail falls off. Many survive but, due to delays, only four are rescued alive. 1958—Art Kane takes the photo known as "A Great Day in Harlem:" 57 jazz greats on a brownstone stoop. 1955—Ike raises the minimum wage from 75 cents to \$1 per hour. 1953—Russia tests an H-bomb. 1935—Babe Ruth plays his last game at Fenway. 1898—The U.S. annexes Hawaii and makes peace with Spain. 1865—Joseph Lister introduces a novel refinement to the art of surgery, which he calls "disinfectant." 1827—William Blake is released from his earthly form. 1806—In Haverhill, N.H. 10,000 assemble to see Josiah Burnham hanged on his 63rd birthday. He had stabbed two fellow inmates in debtors prison. 1676—John Alderman, a "Praying Indian," shoots and kills Metacomb, aka King Philip. Alderman is awarded the head and one hand. He sells the head to the town of Plymouth where it's kept atop a stake for 25 years. Metacom's wife and child are sold to West Indian slave traders.	2002—"I promise you I will listen to what has been said here," says George W.[MD] Bush at the President's Econometric Forum in Waco, Texas, "even though I wasn't here." 1971—So-called Attorney General John Mitchell announces that there will be no grand jury investigation of the May 4 shootings at Kent State. 1966—Chairman Mao's Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution begins. 1966—"In two or three years, or even before" says S. Vietnamese Premier Nguyen Cao Ky, "the Communists will accept defeat." 1955—Lamar Smith, a black WW I vet and voting activist, is shot dead at 10:00 a.m. on the lawn of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Brookhaven, Miss. No one is charged. 1948—Satchel Paige, 42, throws his first complete game for the Cleveland Indians; a 5-0 shutout. 1925—Baltimore's Chamber of Commerce accuses H.L. Mencken of damaging the city's trade with the south due to his reporting of the Scopes "monkey" trial. 1906—African-American soldiers raid Brownsville, Texas to avenge racial insults. One white man is killed, two are wounded. 1899—David Terry, former Chief Justice of the Calif. Supreme Court, assaults U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen J. Field. Terry is shot dead by Field's bodyguard, a U.S. Marshal later cleared of wrongdoing.
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2003—Untrimmed trees and a software bug knock out power to 55 million from Hudson's Bay to New Jersey.

1999—George W.[MD] Bush "wins" a very Republican Iowa presidential straw poll: you can have all the votes you can afford, \$25 a pop.

1966—"As long as the United States and our brave allies are in the field," says Lyndon B. Johnson, "[a Communist takeover of South Vietnam] is impossible."

1966—One day after Texas radio station KLUE-AM holds a public bonfire to burn Beadle records, its broadcast tower is hit by lightning.

1945—Japan surrenders, ending World War II.

1936—In Owensboro, Ky., at 5:30 a.m., 15,000 watch as Rainey Bethea becomes the last person publicly hanged in America. Arthur Hash, the assigned executioner, is so drunk a deputy sheriff has to pull the lever.

1923—"Felix the Cat" debuts.

1912—U.S. Marines invade Nicaragua to "protect American interests."

1908—A would-be lynch mob in Springfield, Ill., frustrated that two black men had been removed from jail for their safety, begins to riot.

1901—In Fairfield, Conn., Gustave Whitehead pilots an acetylene-powered aircraft about half a mile.

1862—Abe Lincoln becomes the 1st President to meet a delegation of African-Americans, whom he offends by recommending they remove to Africa.

1980—The FAA announces an increase in sky marshals on commercial flights to stem the rising tide of hijackings.

1977—Ohio State's Big Ear radio telescope records a 72-second burst suggesting there may be intelligent life ... out there, somewhere.

1971—His budget busted by Vietnam, R. Nixon reneges on the U.S.'s promise to redeem dollars with gold.

1969—Half a million half-naked, drugged-up baby boomers begin a three-day mud wallow in Bethel, N.Y.

1966—*The New York Herald Tribune*, founded as the *Tribune* by N.H.-born Horace Greeley 125 years earlier, succumbs to a strike called by a labor union also founded by Greeley.

1953—TR's grandson Kermit sends Iran's Imperial Guard to arrest the Prime Minister, but they're captured by his guards. The Shah flees to Rome.

1945—To celebrate the end of WW II, San Franciscans conduct a riot.

1943—About 35,000 Allied forces land on Kiska, one of the Rat Islands in the Aleutians. Though unopposed—the Japanese had evacuated two weeks earlier—300 end up missing in action or killed by friendly fire.

1935—Wiley Post and Will Rogers perish in a plane crash at Point Barrow, Alaska.

1877—Thomas Edison records "Mary Had a Little Lamb." For a brief period, his hit song doesn't just top the chart, it is the chart.

2002—*Army Times* reports that the recent "Millennium Challenge" war games were "almost entirely scripted to ensure a [U.S. military] win."

1980—Refugees hijack three jetliners to get back to Cuba.

1977—Elvis allegedly dies.

1962—Cuba outlaws anarchy.

1960—USAF Col. Joe Kittinger exits a balloon-lofted gondola 19.4 miles over N.M., falls for 4.5 minutes, reaches 714 m.p.h., and lands safely.

1951—In France, Pont-Saint-Esprit seems to suddenly go mad. Ergot is blamed at first, but later evidence suggests CIA-administered LSD.

1945—Two State Dept. guys in their 30s use a *National Geographic* map to determine where to split Korea.

1942—Two Navy officers disappear off San Francisco, their unoccupied blimp crashes in Daly City.

1938—Hell hounds catch up to Robert Johnson, 27.

1920—Cleveland Indians shortstop Ray Chapman fails to see a pitch from the Yankees' Carl Mays. Hit in the head, Chapman dies the next day.

1890—Myron "Grim" Natwick, creator of "Betty Boop," is born.

1819—British cavalry and Hussars attack a political meeting at St. Peter's Field in Manchester, England, killing fifteen people.

1777—General John Stark and 2,000 mostly New Hampshire militia defeat the "British" (mostly Germans, really) at Bennington.

2008—Maudie Hopkins, widow of Confederate Civil War veteran William M. Cantrell, dies. They married in 1934; he was 86, she 19.

2002—U.S. Generals admit that the U.S. assisted Iraq during its war against Iran knowing that Saddam Hussein would "use chemical weapons against his own people."

1988—A Pakistani C-130 explodes in mid-air killing President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq. General Pervez Musharraf, also scheduled to be onboard, somehow misses the flight.

1988—J. Danforth Quayle informs the Republican National Convention, "in 1988 the question is whether we're going forward to tomorrow or whether we're going to go past to the back!"

1965—South of Chu Lai, U.S. Marines begin Operation Starlite. The first major U.S. ground offensive of the Vietnam War was to have been called Satellite, but there was a typo.

1962—L.A. County Coroner declares Marilyn Monroe a suicide.

1918—In Chicago, IWW members go on trial; 95 will be sent to prison for up to 20 years.

1910—A New York City sweatshop opens despite a strike. Women strikers demolish the factory.

1901—During an excursion around New York on the side-wheeler *General Slocum*, some of a party of 900 intoxicated anarchists from Paterson, N.J. attempt unsuccessfully to take control of the ship.

2000—A Robinson R-22 disassembles itself over Watsonville, Calif., then crashes, killing an instructor and a student pilot on his first flight.

1996—The U.S. prison population hits 1,600,000, twice what it was 10 years earlier.

1989—Malcolm Forbes throws himself a \$2 million birthday party, flying 800 guests to his castle in Tangiers.

1960—Kindly old "Ike" OKs a CIA plot to assassinate Patrice Lumumba, Prime Minister of Congo.

1959—Sailors aboard the *U.S.S. Wasp* bring a severe fire under control, barely averting the need to flood the ship's nuclear weapons storage space.

1933—Germany introduces the *Volksempfänger*, or Peoples' Radio. Built to Joseph Goebbels' specifications, it receives only local (Nazi-controlled) broadcasts.

1634—Urbain Grandier, a French priest whose sexual prowess earned him accusations from a scorned Mother Superior, is burned at the stake for witchcraft.

1590—Virginia Dare becomes the first missing white girl in the New World.

1587—In Roanoke, Virginia Dare becomes the first white child born in the New World.

1503—Death of Pope Alexander VI, host of the infamous Ballet of the Chestnuts, whose entertainments included fifty naked prostitutes writhing on the floor.

1999—The FBI puts James "Whitey" Bulger, its partner in crime, on the Most-Wanted List.

1997—In Colebrook, N.H., anti-regulation fanatic and future hero of the Free State Project Carl Drega murders two cops, a selectman, and a judge.

1951—St. Louis Browns owner Bill Veeck sends Eddie Gaedel in to pinch-hit for Frank Saucier. Gaedel is 43 inches tall.

1942—An Allied force of 6,000 lands at Dieppe, France. Sixty percent are killed, wounded, or captured, but planner Lord Mountbatten's censors win the PR battle.

1812—"Old Ironsides" defeats the *Guerriere*.

1791—Benjamin Banneker, "the sable genius," sends his just-published almanac to Thomas Jefferson with an admonition to practice what he preaches about the rights of all men.

1692—"Witches" George Burroughs, Martha Carrier, George Jacobs, John Proctor, and John Willard are hanged in Salem Village.

1599—Asked by Conquistadors why he will not accept baptism before he is burned to death, the Chief of the Acoma pueblo, says, "Because I would go to the Christian heaven and meet even more of you people."

1503—The body of Pope Alexander VI, dead but one day, is displayed to the public: swollen, putrescent, and "without any form or likeness of humanity."

2013—RIP Elmore Leonard.

1986—Drug addict Randy Woolls helps Texas kill him by finding a good vein.

1983—Returning to the Philippines under assurances there would be no reprisals for his dissidence, Benigno Aquino is shot dead as soon as he leaves his plane.

1974—The House of Representatives votes 412-3 to recommend Articles of Impeachment against Richard Nixon.

1969—"Tired of playing for people who clap for all the wrong reasons," Frank Zappa disbands the Mothers of Invention.

1965—Keene, N.H. seminary student & civil rights worker Jonathan Daniels is murdered in Nayneville, Ala. White jurors acquit his killer.

1940—In Mexico, Stalinist agent Ramon Mercader attacks Leon Trotsky with an ice ax. Trotsky tells his guards, "Do not kill him. This man has a story to tell."

1910—Above the Sheephead Bay racetrack in New York, Lt. Jacob E. Fickel pulls the trigger on the first gun shot from an airplane.

1672—Following a military defeat, Dutch peasants rip out the hearts of head of state Johan de Witt and his brother Cornelis.

1619—The first 20 enslaved Africans in North America land in Jamestown.

1191—Richard the Lion Hearted's troops bravely slaughter 3,000 Arabs in the Holy Land.



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