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The Fortnightly Rant

Beginning to Get the General Idea

Americans are absorbing another geography lesson. As usual, that's been painful. We're also being schooled in etiquette. With President Trump as our instructor, that's been excruciating.

In the wake of the deaths of four Green Berets in Niger, we've learned that there are small contingents of American troops in "roughly 20 African countries," according to NPR. These missions are "small, they are carried out largely below the radar, and most are focused on a specific aim: rolling back Islamist extremism."

Average Americans need not feel too terribly ashamed of their ignorance. A number of U.S. Senators have confessed that they, too, were unaware that we have about 1,000 troops in Niger. Here's a rule of thumb for anyone wishing to avoid similar unpleasant surprises in the future: assume that U.S. troops are everywhere. For any given country on Earth, you'll have an 88 percent chance of being right.

Perhaps more Americans might have known about these missions had they not been distracted by other pressing matters. For example: are football players displaying a degree of patriotic fervor that is commensurate with their salaries?

If that sounds like an idiotic question in the context of American troops dying on foreign soil, it's because it is an idiotic question. It is not, however, a *non sequitur*. The two issues are intricately linked due to one much larger issue—the largest issue of them all, really, when you think about it.

It is probably the most revolting concept we have ever committed to print, but the conclusion seems unavoidable: our much-vaunted two-party political system has produced a situation in which the sin-

gle most important thing on Earth right now is Donald J. Trump's ego.

Most important does not mean greatest; underneath what appears to be a Fiberglas™ toupee, lies the worst case of unwarranted self-esteem in history. Trump thought everything was all about him *before* he became the most powerful person on Earth.

A reporter's question about the deaths of four soldiers in Niger—which he had previously ignored for nearly two weeks—presented him with an opportunity to showboat. The dead became props in a demonstration of his unprecedented ability to comfort grieving families.

For advice on this delicate task, Trump turned to one of his three pet generals: former Marine and current Chief of Staff John F. Kelly. Maybe consolation is not a one-size-fits-all proposition, or maybe Trump's salesmanship was lacking. Probably both. Myeshia Johnson, who just lost her husband, Sgt. La David T. Johnson, was not consoled.

In Trump's book, and in Kelly's, it was Johnson who was wrong: she was wrong about what Trump said, she was wrong not to be consoled, and she wrong to put the call on speakerphone when Rep. Frederica S. Wilson [D-Fla.] was present.

Rep. Wilson was wrong, too. In fact, not being a pregnant, grieving widow with two children, she was not just wrong, she was fair game.

Kelly, who grew up in Boston when it was still cool to be racist, falsely accused Wilson of taking undue credit for getting a building funded, "in the long tradition of empty barrels making the most noise."

Trump, on Saturday morning, tweeted, "I hope the Fake News Media keeps [sic] talking about Wacky Congresswoman Wilson in



that she, as a representative, is killing the Democrat [sic] party!" A few hours later he left the White House in a Secret Service motorcade, to go golfing at the Trump National Golf Club in Sterling, Va.

While Trump played golf for the third weekend in a row, Rep. Wilson was with the family of La David Johnson, attending his funeral.

As Watergate was closing in on Richard Nixon he would roam the White House, loaded on Seconal and single malt, talking to the portraits of his predecessors. Compared to Trump, that now sounds harmless, even quaint.

For some time now, Americans have calmed their nerves with the hope that, if Trump started yelling "bring me the football," Generals Mattis, Kelly, and McMasters would start playing "keep away" — for keeps. The fundamental flaw with that scenario is that a military coup is still a military coup, even if it does prevent a nuclear war. This re-

cent, less-than-deft performance by General Kelly has made that remedy seem even less savory.

Much as we'd like to end this on a calming note, we have to take it in the other direction.

The President signed an executive order last Friday giving the Air Force the authority to recall 1,000 retired pilots to active duty. The Air Force said, though, that it had no plans to act on that authority.

On Sunday, *DefenseOne* published a story which quoted Chief of Staff of the Air Force General David Goldfein explaining that Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana is being renovated so that nuclear-armed B-52 bombers can be put back on 24-hour alert for the first time in decades, should those orders be issued.

"The world is a dangerous place and we've got folks that are talking openly about use of nuclear weapons," General David Goldfein said.

The next day a CNBC headline read, "Air Force denies report that

it is preparing to put B-52 bombers on high alert." According to CNBC, "Laura M. McAndrews, a spokeswoman for the Air Force, denied the report and told CNBC that there were no plans or preparations to put the bombers back on 24-hour alert." The general, though, did not say there *were* orders. He said the base was being made ready *in case orders were issued*.

By denying what the general *didn't* say, CNBC and McAndrews exemplified a phenomenon explored by the BBC's Adam Curtis in 2014, this "strange mood of our time, where nothing really makes any coherent sense. We live with a constant vaudeville of contradictory stories that makes it impossible for any real opposition to emerge, because they can't counter it with any coherent narrative of their own."

So, there lies our challenge—how do we create a real opposition in the face of what appear to be impossible conditions?

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The Anti-Taxman Cometh

"Fellow Taxpayer:" began the email from James L. Martin, who has made it his life's work to manufacture deceptive arguments against the payment of taxes.

After establishing at the outset that the intent of his email was to misrepresent the facts, he followed through on that promise in a most generous manner. The remainder of his pitch was a relentless barrage of carefully-engineered distortions, fabrications, and general, all-urpse bushwa.

"The current stranglehold on the American taxpayer hinders small business, stifles growth and causes unnecessary burdens on American families. Then you die, and the government increases the pain of losing a loved one by piling on the headaches. You get forced into a scenario of paying a double-taxation to an irresponsible government, which af-

fects generations of Americans each year. President Trump is barn storming across the country to lay out a plan that will improve your financial future! He made it clear his plan will include abolishing the Death Tax, but he needs YOUR help to do it. Will you join President Trump and the 60 Plus Association in this fight? Help us bury the Death Tax permanently in 2017, and keep Congressional Democrats from hurting more American families with their draconian tax measures."

FactCheck.org scrutinized James Martin's career back in 2010. It said he "helped to organize and direct several advocacy groups including the National Conservative Political Action Committee (NCPAC), which pioneered independent spending on attack ads and famously claimed credit for defeating several liberal Democratic senators in the

1980 elections."

Martin did such a good job as a foot soldier for the oligarchy that in 1992 it helped him set up his own little fiefdom. Registered as a 501(c)(4) non-profit, 60 Plus touts former pop star Pat Boone as its national spokesman. Boone, now 83, was a big deal in the 1950s among folks who found real music too threatening. He's gotten edgier as he's gotten older; he's calls liberalism "a cancer-causing virus."

60 Plus claims to be "the conservative alternative to the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)." That grinding sound you hear is the Overton Window being hauled even further to the Right. The AARP is about as liberal as West Virginia Senator Joe Manchin. "Nation's Largest Seniors Group Is Using Conservative Scare Tactics On Social Security," ran a head-

line last October in the *Huffington Post*. "AARP is promoting alarmism about the program and giving awards to Republican lawmakers who want to cut it."

Martin could have had a career writing fantasy novels. He blames the "disastrous policies" of Congressional Democrats for causing "wages to stagnate these last 10 years. Now, Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer are fighting tooth and nail to prolong their false narrative, even if they court the President with another White House dinner. They do not want you to prosper; they want you dependent upon government!"

"As negotiations on a tax reform plan intensify, and debate over burying the federal Death Tax grows, American taxpayers need to remind Congress to remember the words of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to President George

H. W. Bush on the advent of the 1990 Gulf War—"this is no time to go wobbly."

So much for the windup. Martin then delivers his pitch:

"Help us urge Congress to not go wobbly on abolishing a 101-year-old tax that punishes grieving family members following the death of a loved one. I have led the fight to permanently bury the Grave Robber's tax for over 20 years, and victory is within our sights. The words of Iron Lady Margaret Thatcher are appropriate and worthy of recalling, as Congress deliberates a tax reform package that helps the middle class, and promotes economic growth. Burying the Death Tax is part of promoting that growth, and this is no time for Congress to go wobbly."

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To accomplish that goal, Martin suggested that we “Join President Trump and the 60 Plus Association TODAY in the fight to bury the Death Tax permanently by contributing \$25, \$50, \$100 or even \$500 TODAY.”

In fiscal year 2011 Martin reported making \$179,500, according to *SourceWatch.org*, which is pretty good money for a guy who’s running an outfit that spams the likes of us for contributions which he claims will go to defeat a tax that’s only paid by the very wealthiest people in the country but we suspect will go, in fact, into his very own pocket.

What makes Martin’s pitch even bolder is that it comes from an outfit that, in 2011–2012, was receiving more than \$18 million a year from the Koch Brothers’ ATM.

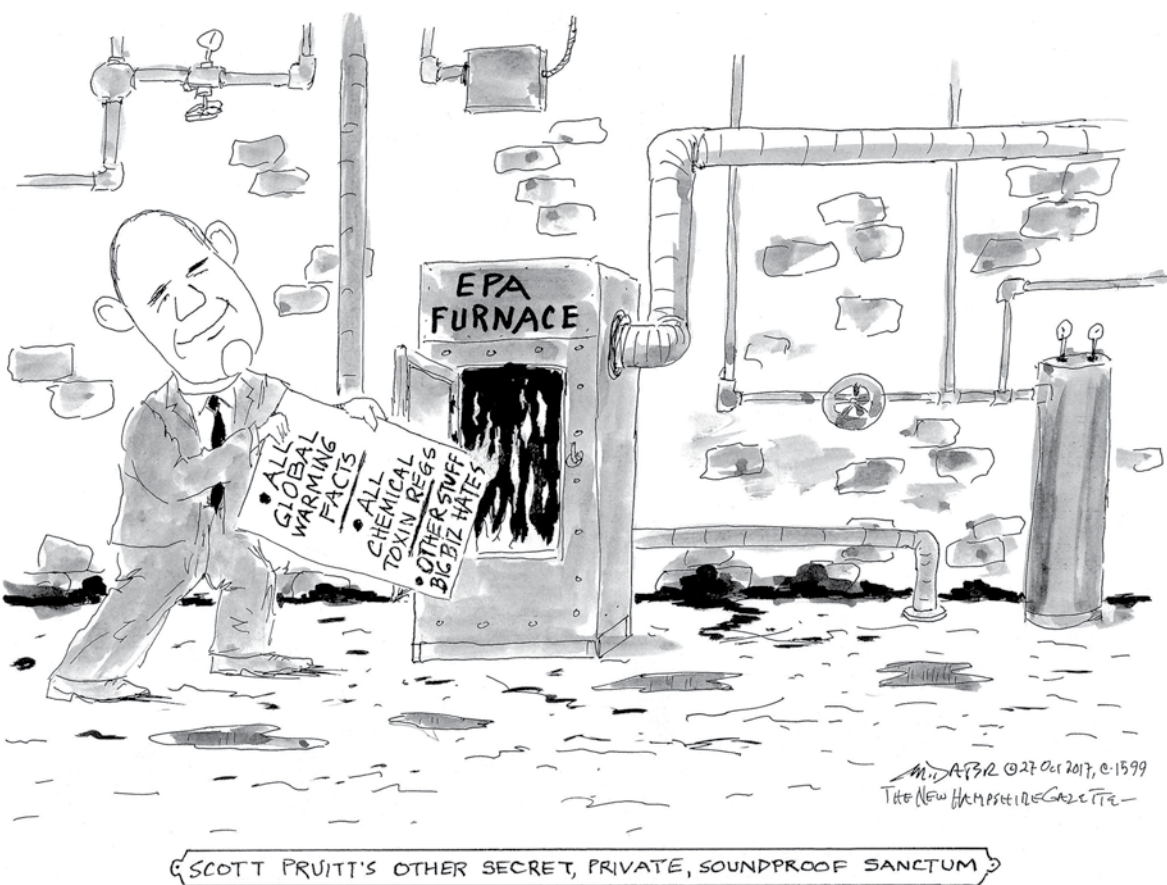
We declined his request.

Robinson Helicopter Crashes in Paradise
The helicopter gaveth, the helicopter tooketh away.

Oliver Kirsch, a native of the Swiss Alps, wrote in an online profile that he was once rescued by a helicopter. After he “realized some time later that I don’t want to work in an office for my whole life,” he moved to Hawaii and decided to learn how to fly them.

Kirsch was apparently killed on October 16th when a Robinson R44 helicopter disappeared on a training flight out of Honolulu. A report at *HawaiiNewsNow* said a fisherman on Molokai “described what he saw as ‘a red beacon of an aircraft’ that descended rapidly to the ocean and then it disappeared in the direction of Molokai’s Ilio point.”

Also missing and presumed dead is flight student Jeremy Dossetter. Kirsch had been his instructor. Apparently he loved the job. “It’s incredibly rewarding,” he wrote on-



It has been an unsettling fortnight for the Flag Police. Shortly after the Jets vs. Patriots game on Sunday, October 15th, the photo shown above began to rocket across the internet. Taken by a Deadspin reader named Marshall, it shows a Jets fan, wearing an “I Stand for the National Anthem” t-shirt, relaxing at the stadium in East Rutherford, his posterior casually plunked on a U.S. flag which has been carelessly tossed on the ground. Just to make the image that much more disturbing, he is drinking beer through a straw. The widespread condemnation sparked by this grotesque incident has made it clear the Flag Police have more allies than they had suspected. The encouragement that knowledge brings came at a cost, though. Absorbing that image was difficult, even for these seasoned professionals.

line, “to see how a student without any experience after 3 hrs of training is suddenly able to fly the aircraft without constantly killing us.”

The pace of Kirsch’s work was apparently intense. “I pretty much work anywhere between 4 to 7 days a week and around 8-12 hours a day,” his online profile states. At one point his company “got so busy that I was working for 6 weeks straight, 12hrs a day and NO days off. What started out as a manageable high work load didn’t seem to stop to the point where I had to cancel flights because I was just feeling like a zombie. That was definitely a sign of being overworked and I changed my schedule so I would have at least one day off a week. Enjoying work, having motivated students and being able to decide when to work are the base to fill up your schedule to the point where you’re pretty much living at work and forget about your own sanity and finally safety. It is surprisingly hard to make a change

even you’re in full control of your own schedule and aware of sliding right into a burnout. After all I managed to get my enjoyable work life balance back.”

A sea-and-air search covering 7,200 square miles was called off after four days. All it found was an uninflated life vest.

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Fighting For the Rights of Nature

As this fortnight’s rant attempts to suggest, it is exceedingly difficult, and it may be futile, to fight with logic and facts the allied forces of organized greed and stupidity when they are camouflaged by blatant lies and a constantly-shifting form. Readers familiar with this newspaper are well aware that we are powerless to resist the temptation to try.

From time to time, though, we like to call attention to what is probably a far more productive approach: changing the terms of the contest altogether. One such effort has been

making progress for more than a decade now.

In 2006, Tamaqua Borough in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania became the first municipality to grant legal rights to nature. In doing so it recognized that “ecosystems and natural communities are not merely property that can be owned,” according to the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund [CELDF], which assisted in the effort. “Rather, they are entities that have an independent and inalienable right to exist and flourish.”

More than three dozen communities in the U.S. now have such laws, including the City of Pittsburgh.

What this means on the ground is that if some hedge fund manager swoops in to make a few more million by destroying the place, the municipal government—or any random citizen—has the legal standing to tell him to beat it. As anyone who has watched the continued degradation of the natural world knows, lack

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of “legal standing” is usually the first hurdle that must be cleared when trying to prevent devastation.

This concept—which is indeed radical, in the best sense of that word—has also been spreading beyond our borders. Ecuador, in 2008, became the first country to recognize the Rights of Nature in its constitution. Bolivia has also established Rights of Nature laws.

Today, CELDF and Tulane University are hosting the first Rights of Nature Symposium. The public conference will include Rights of Nature leaders from Ecuador, Australia, Nepal, Sweden, the U.S., and tribal nations. The Symposium begins at 10:30 a.m., and will be streaming live at [youtube.com/watch?v=wemY-sftkpyU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wemY-sftkpyU).

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Kudos to Colleagues, or, Man Bites Dog
The *Portsmouth Herald*—which, the last we heard, was being laid out by anonymous drones confined to GateHouse Media’s Center for News and Design in Austin, Texas—recently underwent a complete redesign. It is now much more graphically coherent and pleasing to the eye.

We were dismayed to learn, though, that circulation has dropped. For all its faults, the town needs that paper. Subscribe, folks.

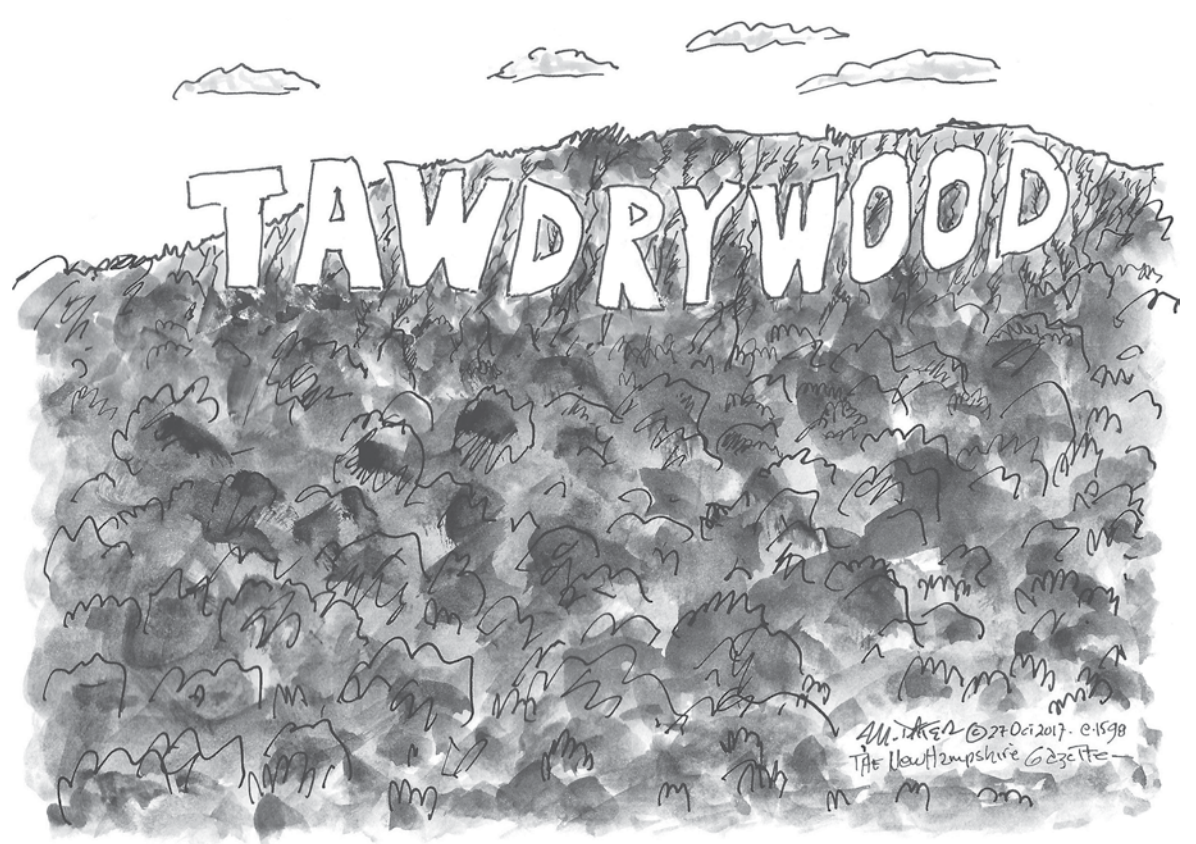
Cathartes: What’s In a Name?

“Cathartes is a Boston-based private real estate firm with nearly one billion in investments across the Northeast,” according to its website, which lists holdings in Portsmouth including the Hampton Inn and Suites, the Residences at Portwalk Place, the Marriot Residence Inn, the Hilton Garden Inn, and Harbour Hill. In other words, FauxPo.

Cathartes recently sold the Hilton Garden, but it will soon make up for that loss by building what it is calling the AC Hotel. The five-story, 143-room structure will go up next to 3S ArtSpace. Under existing zoning regulations, the maximum footprint allowed for that location would have been 20,000 square feet. Thanks to a conditional use permit issued by the Planning Board, the AC Hotel will cover twice that space.

Local attorney Jerry Zelin, a longtime opponent of overly-large buildings, explained in the October 20th *Herald* that this was accomplished through a “transferable development credit.”

“Cathartes Private Investments, the first to earn a transferable development credit, is donating land between the North Mill Pond and its proposed AC Hotel. The donated land is worth only \$9 per square



foot, because state statute prohibits construction within 100 feet of the shoreline. Cathartes may now use the credit to build an unusually tall and wide structure elsewhere in the North End, where land is worth up to \$48 per square foot, without dedicating any of that more valuable land to open space.

“Some portray this as a win-win for the public and the developer. Instead of reserving the waterfront lawn for hotel guests, Cathartes will allow the public to walk on it. But there will be losers—neighbors of the second project, the one that spends the credit, which will be unusually massive and offer no open space as a buffer.”

The “Some” to whom Zelin was referring no doubt includes Paul Young, who promotes such projects under the business name Novus Public Affairs.

Two days later, without characterizing it as such, the *Herald* gave Young an opportunity to deliver a rebuttal to Zelin.

Young told the *Herald*’s Jeff McMenemy that the city’s public pro-

cess of reviewing projects had been misused by people opposed to the Cathartes’ next project: a building the approximate size of an ocean liner.

According to Young, the purpose of the process is “to give the public a voice to express their concerns and improve projects to bring out the facts about why that project is good or not. It is not meant to be used as an obstructionist tool. What we were seeing in Portsmouth is individuals using the public process not in a constructive manner but to stop and block any new development.”

In other words, the City, in Young’s view, is like an ecosystem which is not protected by the rights of nature. [See “Fighting For the Rights of Nature,” above.]

Agglomerations of wealth such as Cathartes have the upper hand because their rights are spelled out in laws and ordinances. Citizens have to fight just for the standing to oppose colossal projects in court. If they ever get to court, the battle is still uphill.

The presumptuous opposition of

a gaggle of mere citizens appear to have hurt Young’s tender feelings.

“I wasn’t pleased with [the attempt to block the development now being called North End Portsmouth] ... I think the majority of people in town weren’t pleased with that judging from the election results two years ago.”

Young acts as if the 2015 municipal election was purely a battle of ideas. He made no effort to rebut Zelin’s charge that money may have played the larger part.

Specifically, Zelin credits, if that’s the term, former mayor Steve Marchand with leading the “One Portsmouth” political action committee which elected seven members of the current City Council, all of whom voted in favor of the transferable development credit ordinance.

On an entirely related lexicographic note, according to the infallible *Wikipedia*, “The genus *Cathartes* includes medium-sized to large carrion-feeding birds in the New World vulture family.”

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Robert Jesurum (under halo) didn’t just go all the way to the New Hampshire Supreme Court to protect the public’s access to Sanders Poynt, he threw a party there on Saturday and provided free refreshments.

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Distract, Divide, and Rule
To the Editor:
It amazes me how people will avoid reality by choosing where they want to begin and end their historical examples. The facts are that involvement and meddling in the Middle East has a long history that predates the invasion of Iraq, and has been carried out under both administrations. But if you want to start with Iraq you must also address the Obama/Clinton expansion of the wars with the invasion of Libya and the interventions in Syria. When it comes to war both the Republicans and Democrats are on the same page, and enthralled to the same elites. In fact the United States is ruled by elites who, regardless of party, support a neoconservative foreign policy of perpetual war, and a neoliberal economic policy that enforces austerity on the 99 percent and increases the already enormous wealth of the one percent by decriminalizing their behavior and bailing them out when their reckless economic policies fail.
And as far as specific programs are concerned, Obamacare is a failure, for, while it has guaranteed insurance to some groups, it has caused premiums to skyrocket for other groups, and has made insurance too expensive for individuals and small businesses. In the end the same number of people will be without coverage. Furthermore, privatizing veterans health care is the only sensible thing to do, as the veter-

an's hospitals provide substandard care. Medicare is the only example of a system that functions well, and it does so because it is administered by the government, but with the actual provision of care left in private hands. Such a system should be available to all citizens. Then, of course, there is private education, which should also be made available through vouchers. This will give families, especially minority families, access to a better education. There is a reason that most school administrators and teachers send their own children to private institutions. They do so because they are fully aware of public school children being subject to teachers who are burned out and non-performing, but protected by tenure and the teacher's unions. Attending public school might be considered a form of child abuse. But, what happens is that the many burned out and non-performing teachers are hidden away in the public schools of poor neighborhoods where the poor performance of the students is then blamed on the families and the social environment, absolving the teachers and administrators of their role.
No, it's not just the Republicans, it is the politicians of both parties who just serve the interests of the elites. And it's time to avoid the distractions of the media elites who have gone so crazy as to now accuse Putin of conspiring with Pokeman to give the election to Trump. Doesn't anyone even question



such nonsense? But, it seems Trump, after abandoning his platform of non-intervention, and now brings us to the brink of World War III is becoming more acceptable to the elites of both parties who are awaiting the rewards of Trump tax cuts.
If Trump accomplished anything it was to prove to the elites that their hand-picked candidate can be defeated. However, as long as they pretend to offer a choice and work to keep the electorate divided along artificial party lines they will continue to rule in their own interest.
John Dente
Wilmington, Del.
John:
Thank you for writing. The longer our conversation goes on, the more we come to admire your persistent disdain for those you call "the elites." That being said, you continue to confuse us.
We were with you in this latest letter, right up until you asserted that under Obamacare, "the same number of people will be without coverage." That's a mighty big assertion to be making without providing any evidence to back it up.
You advocate for the privatization of veterans health care. To propose the abandonment of the VA health care system is

to throw the grizzled old veteran out with the bath water. The VA is statutorily obligated to provide a certain level and quality of care to all qualified veterans. It has been known to fall short. What else is new? At least it is required, under the Constitution, to be accountable to veterans and society at large.
Any privatized replacement system would be required, under the laws of capitalism, to provide the maximum return to its investors, while requiring who knows what from the veterans it would be putatively serving. Would veterans be required, in return for treatment, to agree to arbitration in the event of disputes?
Then there's your argument in favor of education vouchers, which flat-out denies the undeniable impact of structural, or inherent, racism. The proposed remedy is, again, a replacement based on a market-worshipping theory.
In both these examples, it seems to us, there is evidence that a shell game is being played: an existing system isn't working as well as it should, so let's replace it with an untried substitute which includes the possibility of private profit.
The Editor

A Bloated Disgrace
To the Editor:
The fake-news President needs to learn to keep his mouth-trap shut. Every time he opens his small face-hole, out come lies, misinformation, and insults. When he should be consoling the families of soldiers killed defending our country, he pities himself for having to make the phone calls. When he should be offering to help victims of natural disasters, he blames them and gives himself an A+ for his effort. When he should be thanking the scientists, doctors, economists, weather analysts, diplomacy experts, and emergency responders who dedicate their lives to public service, he ignores their advice and claims he is smarter. You'd think the only thing he knows about is himself, because that's all he talks about. His words and tweets reveal an insecure man whose ignorance and bloated ego disgrace the United States of America and the values we stand for.
Bruce Joffe
Piedmont, Calif.



A panoramic view from the southern end of the beach at Sanders Poynt, in Rye, now accessible again to the great unwashed. At the far left, some golf club. In the center, in the distance, the Wentworth F

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Bruce:
You're entirely correct to concentrate your fire on Dolt 45. He doesn't deserve all the credit, though. Save some for Newt Gingrich, the serial adulterer whose third wife was just made our Ambassador to the Vatican.
The Editor

Question For the Day

To the Editor:
Recently our Governor signed legislation that requires, as I understand, all high school seniors must complete a course in civics and pass an examination on what they have learned. I applaud this effort by our legislature as I believe that the failure of the education community to provide such edification as to how the current corporate government operates, is the reason why few, if any of our inhabitants can answer the question I now ask:
Why are both major government mints, who operate on taxpayers money, and produce lawful gold and silver coins, as mandated by 1-8-5, are not issuing these coins of substance as law-

ful money since there is a constitutionally mandated prohibition in Article 1, Section 10.
Further, RSA 275:43 (1) Clearly states, "Lawful Money." Only gold and silver coins can be the lawful medium of exchange!
It has been speculated by many that the Federal Corporate Government, the provider of government services, has apparently seized the coins as a "prize of war" which the corporation then sells the coins as a commodity to the highest bidder, thus profiting from the sale to finance their ever expanding greed for power and control. It is the Federal Corporation that has created the "Federal Debt," not the "National Debt" of which there is no evidence of such debt?
This MUST be broadcast widely if you have no other answer? Comments welcome.
Rep. Dick Marple, Merrimack #24 Hooksett, N.H.
Dick:
If the Governor replies, we'll let you know.
The Editor

Ewing Knows Best

To the Editor:
Professional athletes could significantly help solve the problems that they complain about; unfortunately their disrespectful protests of our country are counter-productive, self-destructive, and alienate people who support and applaud constructive efforts to help America's less fortunate. The saddest thing is that the athletes' ill-considered protests may encourage more disobedience of and fights with police which may result in more avoidable deaths.
Professional athletes are welcomed in any American community. They could educate, encourage, and perhaps lead efforts in poor communities to pressure politicians to change the conditions that keep people and communities poor.
Professional athletes could lead the fight for school choice so every American child has the opportunity to escape from poor and/or dangerous schools.
Professional athletes could fight for the jobs people need to escape poverty by leading the fight against the tax, regulatory, and bureaucratic policies, and poor policing that keep business-

es, and the jobs they offer, out of communities.
Professional athletes could fight for the institutions and behaviors that lead people to avoid or escape poverty, and to prosper. They could fight for marriage as relatively few two parent families live in poverty but families headed by uneducated unmarried mothers almost always live in poverty. They could talk about how doing drugs, committing crimes, and unprepared parenthood make life very difficult; yet, following a simple formula leads most people to a middle class or better life, in sequence: get an education, get a good job, and get married before having children.
Professional athletes could fight for a greater police presence in high crime neighborhoods because every family deserves to live in a safe neighborhood.
Professional athletes could tell people to act respectfully towards and obey the police because cooperating will lead to a much better result than disrespecting or fighting them.
It's not our flag, our country, our service men and women, or our economic system that are responsible for the poor conditions, e.g., poverty, crime, and poor/dangerous schools that too many citizens endure. It's the politicians, often voted for by the less fortunate community members, that control the schools, business environment, and policing that keep so many people in poverty and in dangerous

neighborhoods.
While it's much easier to take a knee or raise a fist, professional athletes who really care could lead the fight to make politicians change their policies, or lead the fight to elect politicians who will provide the schools, the business and job opportunities, and the policing that enable everyone to prosper.
Don Ewing
Meredith, N.H.
Don:
Would that a few professional athletes had the opportunity to scrutinize your life as thoroughly and as easily as you are able to scrutinize theirs. We'd love to hear their recommendations as to how you could do better.
The Editor

Dr. Trump's Craven Cure

To the Editor:
Since Congress failed to take Obamacare away from 20 million people, the current President issued an executive order allowing young, healthy people to opt out and buy cheaper health insurance. This benefits them with cheaper payments, but as they might learn the hard way, you get what you pay for. Young and healthy doesn't protect one from something unexpected, like a car crash, injury from a hurricane's wind, or the stray bullet from an unregulated gun.

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Hotel. The body of water is Little Harbor. In the distance, on the right, is Odiorne Point State Park—also open to the public at large. At the far right, in the foreground, are the rocks of Sheafes Point.

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Time for Democratic Party leaders to get going—or go

by Jim Hightower

Good news, people—at last, Congressional Democrats have gotten a clue, grown some spine, and are beginning to act like ... well, like Democrats!

In particular, a majority of Dems in the U.S. House are responding to the rising public demand that decent health care be treated as a right for everyone, rather than being rationed

by profiteering insurance conglomerates. Nearly six of 10 Dems in the House have now signed on to Rep. John Conyers' "Medicare for All" bill, which is being carried in the Senate by Bernie Sanders.

So—Hallelujah, progress!

Yes, but there are many speed bumps to overcome before the Democratic Party gets onto the moral high road of politics. Rep. Nancy Pelosi, for one. When the

leader of House Democrats was asked if the party should make health-care-for-all a major issue in Congress and in the 2018 elections, she replied with a flat "no." Basically, Pelosi says "the American people" aren't ready for it," by which she really means that the narrow slice of the public that inhabits her world—health industry executives, lobbyists, and campaign donors—aren't ready. Meanwhile, a good 60 percent of

regular Americans are damned sure ready, telling pollsters that our government has a responsibility to ensure that everyone gets the care they need.

Let's be blunt: When it comes to the fiery leadership that America's grassroots people want and need, the Democratic Party establishment is weaker than Canadian hot sauce. When you've got 60 percent of your party's rank-and-file Con-

gressional members ready to go, and 60 percent of the public is also ready to go—it's time to go! The national party's "leadership" must get going on health care for all, or the leadership itself must go.

To help push both the party and the issue forward, forward go to www.NationalNursesUnited.org.

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October 23, 2017

To the Editor:

I am exploring being a candidate for Congress representing New Hampshire's 1st Congressional District. My decision to consider running for this important office is based on my extreme concern for the direction our nation is heading.

It is vital to have people in Congress with the knowledge, experience and education required to address the critical issues facing our nation and the world. My many years of experience and expertise in health care, public health, environmental health, and the military, would benefit and serve the citizens of New Hampshire's District 1 very well.

The middle class and those below have been the victims of an economy and government policies that have favored the wealthiest individuals and large corporations at their expense for too long. The wealth disparity between the working people of America and the elite has grown exponentially over the past twenty years. The American dream of owning a home, educating our children, saving for a comfortable retirement, and paying for health care are becoming out of reach for far too many hard-working people.

The assault on women's reproductive rights, health care, science, public health, the environment, public education, free speech and

civil rights is tearing at the fabric of our society.

The policies of the Trump Administration and the Republican-controlled Congress are harming the image of America across the globe and threaten our economic and national security.

The failure of the Republican-controlled Congress to address the ongoing gun violence epidemic in our nation is disgraceful. Their unlimited allegiance to the gun lobby prohibits them from taking even the smallest steps to prevent the slaughter of innocent Americans. As of the time of the Las Vegas mass murder, there had been 272 mass shootings involving four or more people in 2017 alone. This madness must be stopped.

Our misguided foreign policy of never ending war continues to place a terrible burden on our military and our economy with no end in sight. It is now time to reevaluate and rethink our national security priorities, and consider new approaches to resolve global conflicts.

The economic salvation of the middle class in America depends on investing in the growth industries of the future now. Like the industrial revolution of the past, the revolution in renewable energy, technology, human genome medical advances, and communications will lead to unprecedented economic growth if we take the necessary actions now to meet this challenge. Unfortunately,

the current administration is more focused on creating a few thousand jobs digging coal, while China is creating millions of jobs designing and building solar, wind, geothermal and other renewable energy production systems.

Addressing these and many other vital issues will take political courage, hard work, creativity, experience, wisdom and some common sense. These are the qualities that made America great in the first place and, if we return to these basics, they will make us even greater in the future.

I have been a student of national and international affairs and active participant in politics since I was a 15-year-old in 1960 working with the Youth for Kennedy in my hometown of Norwalk, Connecticut. I have bachelor's degrees in Sociology and Nursing from the University of Connecticut and a Master of Public Health from the University of Oklahoma.

I enjoyed a professional career spanning over 30 years in health care, public health and environmental health, including Director of a district health department in Connecticut, chief of Environmental Health and Deputy Public Health Director for the Manchester (N.H.) Health department, and Chief of Communicable Disease Epidemiology and Assistant Director of Public Health for the New Hampshire division of Public Health Services.

I also served 28 years in the Air

Force; 10 years on active duty, 6 years in the inactive reserves and 12 years with the New Hampshire Air National Guard, from which I retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1996. I also served two terms in the N.H. House of Representatives representing the City of Portsmouth and the Town of Newington. I was a member of the Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee. I sponsored a number of legislative initiatives which became law, including a bill to prohibit the sale of electronic cigarettes to minors under the age 18, and a bill to expand access to preventive oral health services to Medicaid children.

As residents of this state for 36 years, my wife Catherine and I have two grown children and four beautiful grandchildren, for whom I hope to leave the world better than when I got here.

Over the next few weeks I will continue to discuss my potential candidacy with my friends and fellow Democrats to solicit their advice. I look forward to continuing this discussion over the coming weeks.

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If Not Now, When?

To the Editor:
After four unusually strong hurri-

canes (Harvey, Irma, Jose, and Maria) ripped through the super-heated Caribbean, causing catastrophic damage, White House spokesperson Sarah Huckabee Sanders was asked if the Trump administration would reconsider its denial of global warming. "This is not the time to discuss climate change policy," she answered.

After people in Las Vegas suffered the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, the White House spokesperson was asked if the Trump administration would reconsider its objection to reasonable gun control measures. "This is not the time to discuss gun policy," she answered.

Perhaps this is the time to discuss election reform. We've seen the damage caused by a President who took office despite his opponent winning a majority of the votes. Now is the time to scrap the Electoral College and end tyranny by a minority.

Bruce Joffe
Piedmont, Calif.

Bruce:
What better time for a mighty wind to blow through our political system?

The Editor

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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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2004—Osama bin Laden explains that 9/11 was in retaliation for the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982, which the U.S. backed. 2003—George W.[MD] Bush explains that “The war on terror involves Saddam Hussein because of the nature of Saddam Hussein, the history of Saddam Hussein, and his willingness to terrorize himself.” 1994—Francisco Martin Duran shoots up the White House before being subdued by three civilians. 1987—Ronald Reagan nominates Douglas H. Ginsburg for the Supreme Court, but his pot-smoking past puts the kibosh on that. 1984—New York City policemen kill Eleanor Bumpurs, African American and 66, with two rounds from a 12 gauge. She was behind in her rent. 1979—On Wall Street, 1,000 people are arrested for disrupting business on the 50th Anniversary of the Crash. 1969—ARPANET goes live—two computers communicate for the first time—10,166 days later SKYNET becomes self-aware. 1964—Jack “Murph the Surf” Murphy lifts the Star of India from the Museum of Natural History. 1958—A radioactive cloud drifts over Los Angeles after the explosion of an A-bomb in Nevada. 1940—First U.S. peacetime draft. 1929—“Black Tuesday”—16 million shares sell on Wall Street, at ever declining prices; \$26 billion evaporates.	2012—For the first time since the Ice Age, public access to the sea at Sanders Poynt in Rye is cut off by would-be Senator Bill Binnie. 2005—Pastor Kyle Lake, 33, standing in water to perform a baptism before 800 people at a Waco, Texas Baptist church, reaches for a microphone and is electrocuted. 1995—Quebec votes not to secede, but just barely. 1990—For the first time since the Ice Age, England and Europe are connected; this time by chunnel. 1967—Martin Luther King, Jr. is arrested in Birmingham, Ala. 1961—The Soviet Union air-drops a 58-megaton H-bomb: the largest explosion in human history. 1950—Puerto Ricans rebel against U.S. rule. 1948—Smog deaths in Donora, Pa. reach 20, and 6,000 are sick. 1938—CBS Radio broadcasts “War of the Worlds.” Irresponsible newspapers spin a few isolated overreactions into a mythical national panic. 1838—A mob led by three Missouri Militia captains attacks a colony of Mormons at Huan’s Mill, killing 21. 1831—Rebel slave leader Nat Turner is arrested in Virginia. 1501—At Pope Alexander VI’s palace, as 50 naked whores scramble for chestnuts strewn on the floor, church officials vie for prizes for virility by coupling with as many of them as possible.	1973—Three IRA men make an unauthorized exit from Dublin’s Mountjoy Jail on a hijacked helicopter. 1968—President Johnson stops the bombing of North Vietnam. 1967—Gov. Ronald Reagan denies a “homosexual ring” is operating out of his office in Sacramento. 1963—“I can safely say,” says Gen. Paul Harkin, U.S. commander in South Vietnam, “that the end of the war is in sight.” 1964—China explodes an A-bomb. 1941—The destroyer <i>U.S.S. Reuben James</i> is sunk by a U-Boat while on convoy duty on the North Atlantic. 1939—FDR moves the date of Thanksgiving ahead by one week to boost Christmas retail sales. 1938—Convicted murderer John Deering’s heart rate is monitored by an EKG as he’s executed by a Utah firing squad: 180 beats per minute. 1926—In Bologna, an anarchist shoots at Benito Mussolini. He survives; Anteo Zamboni, 15, is lynched. 1926—Ehrich “Harry Houdini” Weiss dies of a punch to the stomach. 1918—In a single week, Spanish Flu kills 21,000 Americans. 1893—The World’s Columbian Exposition in Chicago closes; Daniel Fowle’s printing press, which had been on display, is seen no more. 1765—The <i>New Hampshire Gazette</i> is printed “in mourning” for lost liberty, in protest of the Stamp Act, to take effect the following day.	2004—Polling places in Franklin Co., Ohio get voting machines delivered: higher-income areas get more of them than lower-income areas. 2002—“[T]hat’s what you expect here in New Hampshire,” says George W.[MD] Bush, “somebody who tells you what’s on your mind.” 1972—The Piscataqua River Bridge opens to traffic. 1968—At My Tho, two limpet mines kill 26 aboard the <i>U.S.S. Westchester County</i>; the Navy’s deadliest single incident of the Vietnam War. 1966—Lyndon Johnson, lying, tells U.S. troops in Korea that his great-granddaddy died at the Alamo. 1963—Generals in Saigon lay siege to the Presidential Palace—with U.S. government approval, of course. 1955—Angry with his mother, who left him in an orphanage, Jack Graham kills her and 43 other people. He’s only charged for her murder since it’s not yet illegal to blow up airliners. 1951—Six thousand soldiers are exposed to an A-bomb explosion in Nevada “for training purposes.” 1950—Puerto Rican nationalists try to kill Harry S Truman. 1918—A scab motorman causes the Malbone Tunnel disaster in New York City; 97 die, 255 are injured. 1789—George Washington attends two church services in Portsmouth. 1777—The <i>Ranger</i>, Captain John Paul Jones commanding, leaves Portsmouth for France.	2008—Odd noises, then a Robinson R44 helicopter crashes into the Cumberland River. The pilot drowns. 2004—Warren Co., Ohio, officials say a “terrorist threat” is why they’re counting votes behind locked doors. 2002—“We know he [Saddam Hussein] has chemical weapons,” says George W.[MD] Bush. 2000—A Maine TV station reports that George W.[MD] Bush got busted for drunk driving in 1976. 1988—A Cornell grad student nukes the ‘net by releasing an experimental Morris Worm into MIT computers. MIT grants him tenure 18 years later. 1972—The Seafarers International Union [SIU] gives \$100K to Nixon’s campaign, so the Justice Dept. drops an indictment of the SIU for making illegal campaign contributions. 1967—Pres. Johnson and his “Wise Men” decide what the Vietnam War needs is more upbeat coverage. 1965—Norman Morrison, a Quaker, 31, immolates himself below Robert McNamara’s Pentagon window. 1963—The U.S.-ordered coup in Vietnam goes awry: a major and a captain assassinate President Ngo Dinh Diem and his brother Ngo Din Nhu. 1929—“The Wall Street crash,” says <i>Business Week</i>, “doesn’t mean that there will be any general or serious business depression.” 1920—Socialist Eugene V. Debs gets 913,693 votes for President, despite being in prison for sedition.	1998—Charlotte Burks [D] is elected to succeed her late husband, Tennessee Senator Tommy Burks. Without campaigning, she gets 95 percent of the votes cast. Byron Low Tax Loop-er, a Republican who murdered Burks two weeks earlier, gets five percent. 1987—While hovering 400 feet over Moraga, Calif., the main rotor of a Robinson R22 strikes its tailboom; parts fall “like sparklers;” a flight instructor and his student die. 1979—Communists are fired on by Klansmen and Nazis in Greensboro, N.C.. Five die and 11 are wounded, but three trials yield no convictions. 1969—Richard Nixon announces “Vietnamization” of Vietnam War. 1964—Lyndon Johnson is elected as the peace candidate. 1948—“Dewey Defeats Truman,” according to the <i>Chicago Tribune</i>. 1903—The Colombian province of Panama secedes, backed by Teddy Roosevelt, whose Republican party recently received \$60,000 from the New Panama Canal Company. 1874—Election Day in Eufala, Ala.: The White League murders seven black Republicans, wounds 70 more, and says the Democrats won. 1848—In Revere, Mass, a train full of Whigs collides with a train full of Democrats; six die and 40 are injured. 1755—Mass. sets bounties for Indian scalps, ranging from £50 for male Penobscots over 12 years old, to £20 for female Indians under 12.	2008—As Americans elect Barack Obama President, Californians restrict LGBT rights. 2001—An experienced helicopter pilot who told his mother the machines “hardly ever go down” is killed, along with his girl friend, when his Robinson R22 crashes 100 yards from his home helipad near Escondido, Calif. 1979—Militant Shi’ite Muslims take 66 Americans hostage in Teheran, dooming the Carter administration. 1964—Lenny Bruce is found guilty of obscenity in New York City. 1960—In Dallas, a vicious “Mink Coat Mob” angrily confronts Lyndon and Lady Bird Johnson. Revulsion at its tactics cost Nixon Texas. 1958—A U.S. B-47 bomber carrying nukes crashes near Abilene, Texas. High explosives detonate. Nuclear materials are recovered later. 1955—CIA HQ responds to Caracas Station re: report that Adolf Hitler has been seen in Argentina — “we suggest that this matter be dropped.” 1928—Asked who shot him, the dying gangster Arnold Rothstein tells police, “My mudder did it.” 1924—Nellie Rayloe Ross becomes first female governor of a U.S. state, Wyoming. 1798—Vermont elects Matthew Lyon, in jail for sedition, to Congress. 1791—Native Americans destroy one quarter of the U.S. Army in the Battle of the Wabash—896 of 1,000 soldiers are killed, wounded, or captured.
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2004—A Franklin Co. Ohio official reports that Pres. Bush’s 3,893 vote total in one district is erroneous—only 638 ballots were cast.

1994—File this under “Non-News:” Ronald Reagan announces he has Alzheimer’s.

1986—“Nam vet Ron McIntosh hijacks a helicopter and uses it to free his girlfriend from the Federal prison he escaped from six days earlier.

1975—Dick “Dick” Cheney becomes White House Chief of Staff, Donald Rumsfeld becomes Secretary of Defense, and George H.[H]W. Bush becomes Director of the CIA. Gerry Ford is allowed to stay on as President.

1964—A loaded KC-97 crashes on takeoff at Pease: five crewmen die.

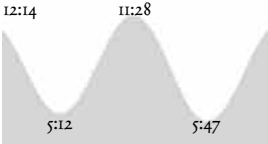
1949—Deranged WW II veteran and daily churchgoer Howard Unruh (1921—2009) shoots 16 people, killing 13, in Camden, NJ.

1930—Told over the phone by a Swedish reporter that he’s won the Nobel Prize, Sinclair Lewis, thinking it’s a hoax, imitates the man’s accent.

1916—Vigilantes fire on IWW members in Everett, Wash. They kill two of their own and five Wobblies.

1872—Susan B. Anthony and 14 less-notorious women vote in Rochester, N.Y. Nine days later, only Anthony is arrested.

1765—Two Boston gangs forego their usual Guy Fawkes Day ruckus and join up to demonstrate against the Stamp Act.



2000—Saddam Hussein stops accepting dollars for oil, thus undermining U.S. hegemony and possibly shortening his own life.

1998—Newt Gingrich says he’s resigning as Speaker of the House because he’s “not willing to preside over people who are cannibals.”

1984—Reagan defeats Mondale—it’s mourning in America.

1977—A dam owned and modified by the Toccoa Falls Bible Institute in Georgia fails, killing 39 people.

1975—The Sex Pistols perform in public for the first time.

1971—The Atomic Energy Commission detonates a 5-megaton nuke—the largest ever exploded in the U.S.—one mile below Amchitka Island in Alaska, about 87 miles from a Soviet naval base in Siberia.

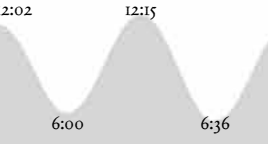
1965—In Times Square, five men burn their draft cards, the first such protest of the Vietnam War.

1963—In Midland, Texas, the future Mrs. George W.[MD] Bush runs a stop sign with fatal results.

1944—The Zionist Stern Gang assassinates Britain’s Lord Moyne in Cairo. Israel honors the assassins with a stamp in 1982.

1928—Herbert Hoover beats Alfred E. Smith for president.

1917—After three months of fighting in mud, Canadians take Passchendaele, ending the Third Battle of Ypres; Allies gain five miles at a cost of 250,000 casualties.



2007—Private Jessica Lynch accuses the Pentagon of exploiting her capture for propaganda purposes.

2000—The American people go to the polls and vote for a president. The Supreme Court gives them George W.[MD] Bush, instead.

1962—Richard Nixon tells the press they won’t have him to kick around any more. (It’s a lie.)

1961—Under Sec. of State George Ball warns JFK, “Within five years, we’ll have 300,000 men in the paddies and jungles and you’ll never find them again.” JFK tells Ball he’s “crazier than hell. That just isn’t going to happen.”

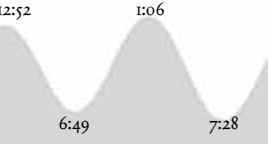
1957—Ike tells close aides that in the event of nuclear war, “You might as well go out and shoot everyone you see and then shoot yourself.”

1940—The mile-long Tacoma Narrows bridge wiggles, wobbles, and then falls down. Washington State can’t collect on its insurance, because its agent pocketed the premiums.

1931—Fisk U.’s Dean of Women Juliette Derricotte and a student, injured when a white man’s car drives hers into a ditch, die after being refused hospital treatment because they’re black.

1919—3,000 anarchists are held without bail on Ellis Island as the Palmer Raids begin.

1917—Revolutionary peasants lost in the Winter Palace stumble upon the remnants of Kerensky’s government. Being illiterate, they force the officials to write their own arrest warrants.



2016—Donald J. Trump wins. Everybody else is a loser.

2013—The Navy suspends the security clearance of Admiral Ted “Twig” Branch, Director of Naval Intelligence. Though unable to view classified material, he’s still in office.

2010—George W.[MD] Bush reveals on TV that his mother once showed him a jar containing the fetus of a miscarried sibling and asked him to drive her to the hospital.

2000—At 2:16 a.m., Fox News “reporter” John Ellis calls Fla. in favor of his cousin, George W.[MD] Bush.

1994—Serial philanderer Newt Gingrich and the GOP take Congress.

1983—Moscow puts its nukes on high alert and flash-telegrams its embassies that a nuclear strike on the USSR may come at any time.

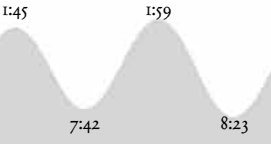
1965—Dorothy Kilgallen’s investigation into JFK’s assassination ends due to an allegedly accidental overdose.

1932—Socialist Norman Thomas gets 884,885 votes for President.

1923—Disgruntled corporal A. Hitler, with help from disgruntled general E. von Ludendorff, stages the “Beer Hall Putsch” in Munich.

1897—Birth of Dorothy Day, anarchist founder of *Catholic Worker*.

1876—The editor of *The New York Times* and the chairman of the Republican National Committee conspire to bribe election officials in Florida, South Carolina, and Louisiana to “elect” Hayes president.



1998—Brokers who rigged the game at NASDAQ are compelled to pay their bilked customers \$1 billion.

1989—The Berlin Wall becomes unexpectedly porous.

1979—A computer error causes the U.S. Air Defense Command to believe for six minutes that the USSR is attacking the U.S.

1969—Two small groups of Indians make successive landings on Alcatraz Island. The first is removed by the Coast Guard, the second manages to stay overnight.

1967—The presses start rolling for *Rolling Stone*.

1965—Due to a failure at a single power plant in Ontario, the entire northeast is left in the dark.

1953—Dylan Thomas dies in New York at 39.

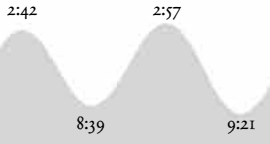
1942—The first “Liberty Ship,” the *Robert E. Peary*, is launched.

1938—German Nazis demonstrate their racial superiority during Kristallnacht by killing 91 Jews.

1932—To restore order, the Swiss Army fires on a crowd of protestors in Geneva, killing 13 anti-fascists.

1872—In Boston, 600 buildings burn. The Fire Department is hampered by a lack of horsepower due to an equine virus, aka “the Great Epizootic,” and by looters. Portsmouth sends a steamer and 34 men to assist.

1863—Abraham Lincoln watches John Wilkes Booth perform in Selby’s “The Marble Heart” at Ford’s Theatre.



2004—George W.[MD] Bush nominates as his new Attorney General, Alberto Gonzales—who goes on to make his predecessor, John Ashcroft, look good.

1982—The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, a gift to the nation from those it had shunned, opens in Washington, D.C.

1975—The ore carrier *Edmund Fitzgerald* sinks on Lake Superior, taking with her a crew of 29.

1973—In Drake, N.D. the school board fires a teacher and burns the book he assigned, *Slaughterhouse Five*.

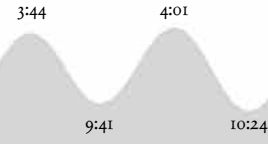
1972—Anti-police brutality activist Louis Moore, threatened with bogus charges by Detroit police, tries a radical remedy: skyjacking a DC-9 out of Birmingham, Ala. A two-day, nine-stop odyssey ends in a Cuban prison and leads to airport searches.

1964—In Australia, the draft is reintroduced, apparently to protect that part of the British Empire from invasion by Ho’s forces.

1950—Flying over Canada, a U.S. Air Force crew in a B-50 experiences engine trouble. They chuck the bomb (minus its plutonium core) which then explodes in Riviere du Loup, Quebec.

1898—In Wilmington, N.C., 400 Democratic activists murder 40 to 100 blacks, depose the mayor, and establish a new government by force.

1871—Newspaperman Henry Morton Stanley, meeting a white man near Lake Tanganyika, says “Dr. Livingstone, I presume?”



2000—Republicans go to court to stop manual recounts in Florida.

1981—The main rotor of a Robinson R22 helicopter severs its tailboom about 500 feet over Livermore, Calif., An instructor and a student on his first helicopter flight perish in flames.

1969—*Sand Lance* is launched, last sub built at the Portsmouth Shipyard.

1959—It’s “Rocky and His Friends!”

1933—“The Great Black Blizzard,” the first of the great dust storms, hits the Great Plains.

1921—Pres. Warren G. Harding dedicates the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

1919—In Centralia, Wash., American Legionnaires kidnap, torture, castrate and kill fellow WWI vet Wesley Everest for joining the IWW.

1918—At 11:11 a.m., the War to End All Wars ends — too late for the 2,738 who die on this day.

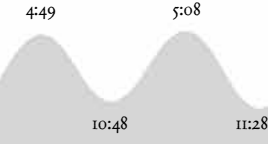
1911—“The Great Blue Norther” hits the midwest. Temperatures at Springfield, Mo. drop from 80 degrees to 13.

1887—The anarchist Haymarket Martyrs, most of whom are mostly innocent, are hanged in Chicago.

1880—Australia strings up Ned Kelly, the rebellious bushranger.

1778—British troops and their Iroquois allies massacre dozens of American settlers and soldiers at Cherry Valley, N.Y.

1769—Thirteen days after the death of her first husband, Frances Atkinson marries her first cousin John Wentworth, Governor of New Hampshire.





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