

*The Fortnightly Rant***Are We Our Own Sea People?**

Odysseus, King of Ithaca, after the original epic journey, finally made it home from the Trojan War 3,196 years ago. We know this, to the extent that such things can ever be known, from an eclipse and other astronomical details recorded in the text of Homer's ancient song. The date was confirmed by the same sort of science that accurately flung a gadget out to the edge of our solar system and brought back photographs of Ultima Thule—a 20-mile long rock orbiting four billion miles from the sun.

1178 B.C. was a good year for Odysseus, and for the Mycenaean Greeks in general. The Hittites, too, over on the eastern shore of the Aegean Sea, were living fat and happy. Southward, Egyptians were as prosperous and powerful as they ever would be.

So far as we know, none of these civilizations enjoyed the benefits of dental floss. They surely didn't have Kelvinators, Facebook, or Bluetooth. They, and some other cultures of their time, were living at the peak of the Bronze Age, though, and that was nothing at which to sneeze.

Archaeological findings show that the Eastern Mediterranean had a busy, sprawling economy. Goods and raw materials traveled thousands of miles from their places of origin. (One suspects that, then as now, some fortunate few wallowed in leisure and luxury, while others did all the grunt work.)

In 1177 B.C., it all went to hell. Trade between these civilizations ended in the blink of an historic eye. Orderly, comfortable cities collapsed without the trade which had made them livable. Essentially, the world ended—granted, with enough survivors to scrape by, generation after generation, until they could knit their society together again.

One theory attributes this havoc to the enigmatic, mysterious Sea Peoples. What little we know about them is derived from a few hieroglyphics. Whoever they were—possibly some coalition of migrating hordes—they had, alas, no Homer to memorialize their story. Another theory holds that some change in the climate, as yet unspecified, may have done the trick.

Something very similar happened here in the Western Hemisphere, though most of us misunderstand it. Hollywood, our most powerful teacher of history, has found the falsified version more profitable.

From the Pacific Northwest to the Atlantic Northeast to the Southern Cone of South America—albeit with varying degrees of success—a great number of remarkably different civilizations enjoyed the natural bounty of the land, and the fruits of their own industry, in large, surprisingly comfortable settlements. (Naturally, humans being humans, the same caveats cited above apply here.)

Then, 526 years ago, it all went to hell. In this case, the cause of the downfall is well-known. Looking for gold, Columbus was disappointed. He settled for people, whom he enslaved. Germs and fellow adventurers did the rest, obliterating more history than we will ever know. His name is still officially celebrated, though for how much longer remains to be seen.

Today, there are no comparable threats. According to the authoritative personages who speak to us from magical screens, our intricate global economy is doing just fine. Nothing to worry about; continue consuming, please.

The most notable figure of our age concurs. Since he needs no introduction, we'll just call him Forty-Five.



Unfortunately, instead of repairing the damage he's done to the global market for our pork, soybeans and 737s, the successor to General George Washington, General Andrew Jackson, General William Henry Harrison, Major General Zachary Taylor, Great Emancipator Abraham Lincoln, General Ulysses S Grant, &c., has been conducting a vendetta against former Senator John McCain. For example, Forty-Five celebrated St. Patrick's Day by tweeting about imaginary "stains" on the record of the Senator, who's been dead since last August.

Former Senator Bob Kerrey [D-Neb.] found this intolerable. "While John McCain was flying combat operations in Vietnam," he said, addressing the President from CNN's studio, "you were, I think, falsifying that you had bone spurs in order not to go to Vietnam. Well, Mr. President, get your feet X-rayed and let's see those bone spurs."

Now, that is one strange passage. Read it with Jon Stewart's voice—it's hilarious. Then listen to Kerrey say it—he's serious as a heart attack. Maybe Kerrey lost his sense of humor in Nha Trang Bay, along with half his right leg. Maybe that's not funny. The Editor can't tell, his sense of humor got warped too badly in Vietnam.

Some of our readers will no doubt be pleased to learn that we have finally developed a program to break our habit of bringing up the Vietnam War. It kicks in the day after this country comes to terms with it. Feel free to start at any time.

Now that his hand-picked Attorney General has declared Forty-Five innocent of any wrongdoing—and, apparently, incapable for Constitutional reasons of committing any conceivable future crimes—perhaps he'll be able to relax, lighten up, and allow his nemesis to rest in peace, at least for a little while. It would be a

shame if his obsession with a dead man were to interfere with his sterling global leadership.

On second thought, perhaps we'll be better off if he leaves the economy—and everything else—alone, and stays focused on his hatred of McCain.

We don't mean to ascribe too much agency to a man who, faced with a fraction of the challenges McCain surmounted, would promptly turn to suet. It's just that, having lost so many civilizations already, we'd hate to see another one go under due to the likes of him.

As if all this isn't weird enough, Forty-Five signed a bill shortly after taking office which made March 29th—today—National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Perhaps he included one of those signing statements, excluding John McCain.

Forty-six years to the day since the last American combat troops left, and still the fight goes on.

*The Alleged News®***Thank God All That's Been Cleared Up**

Last Friday, Special Counsel Robert Mueller delivered a final report and supporting documents detailing the results of his 22-month investigation into Russian government efforts to influence the 2016 presidential election.

That report, apparently substantial, was then summarized on Sunday by the Attorney General in a four-page letter.

According to that letter, Mueller and his team found no evidence proving that the Trump campaign had conspired with Russians to win the 2016 Presidential election. It also stated that the Mueller investigation "did not exonerate" President Trump from widespread suspicions that he had acted to obstruct justice.

Trump quickly announced the opposite, tweeting, "No Collusion, No Obstruction, Complete and Total EXONERATION. ..."

Such are the naked facts. Now let us add a few details which might help us make some sense of them.

When Mueller took over the pre-existing FBI investigation in May, 2017, Jefferson Beauregard Sessions III had been the Attorney General. He had had to recuse himself, however, because he had also been an early and close advisor to Trump during the campaign which was under investigation. In that capacity he had met a number of times with high-ranking Russian officials. After a year and a half under fire from the man who had appointed him, Sessions resigned in November of 2018.

Trump then tried to appoint Matthew Whitaker to the post, an effort that failed at least in part due to the nominee's involvement with a company that fleeced would-be inventors of ludicrous products.

Trump had better luck with William Barr, who is now the Attorney General. So far as we know, Barr has never been associated with any company which had to pay a \$26 mil-



lion fine to the FTC for deceiving its clients. On the other hand, both Whitaker and Barr applied for the job by submitting signals in writing that they would provide the President with justice à la carte.

In 2017, during a four-month stint as a CNN contributor, Whitaker wrote an op-ed stating that Mueller would be crossing one of those infamous red lines if he began investigating Trump's finances. Lo and behold, a month later he was Sessions' Chief of Staff.

Barr was working last year for Kirkland & Ellis. The world's top-grossing law firm, it gets paid the big bucks for defending clients like BP in the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, Volkswagen in the emissions scandal, GM in the ignition switch scandal and, for variety's sake, Jeffrey Epstein in the child sex scandal.

In June, 2018, Barr selflessly took time out from his day job to send an unsolicited 18-and-a-half page memo to Rod Rosenstein, the Deputy AG. Spoiler alert: Barr's memo called Mueller's probe "fatally misconceived," which one might think would have taken the suspense out of the four-page letter he issued Sunday.

As to what is in the full report, only Mueller, Barr, and Rosenstein know at this point. What the public gets to see, and when they see it, is anybody's guess. In many ways, it hardly matters—what's plainly visible is bad enough.

Trump now wants a Spanish Inquisition into the "traitors" who dared investigate him, and Republicans are backing him to the hilt.

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Is Our Children Learning?

On January 11, 2000, while running for President, George W.[MD] Bush uttered the immortal words, "Rarely is the question asked: Is our children learning?" Despite being so clearly grammatically-challenged, Bush went on to be appointed President, anyway. It's exactly the sort of inspirational story college graduates need to hear.

Sadly, UNH President James W. Dean, Jr. failed to land the U.S.'s 43rd President as a commencement speaker this year. He came pretty damn close, though. Each campus, in Durham, Concord, and Manchester, will get a speaker whose presence will signify something dreadfully wrong with this country.

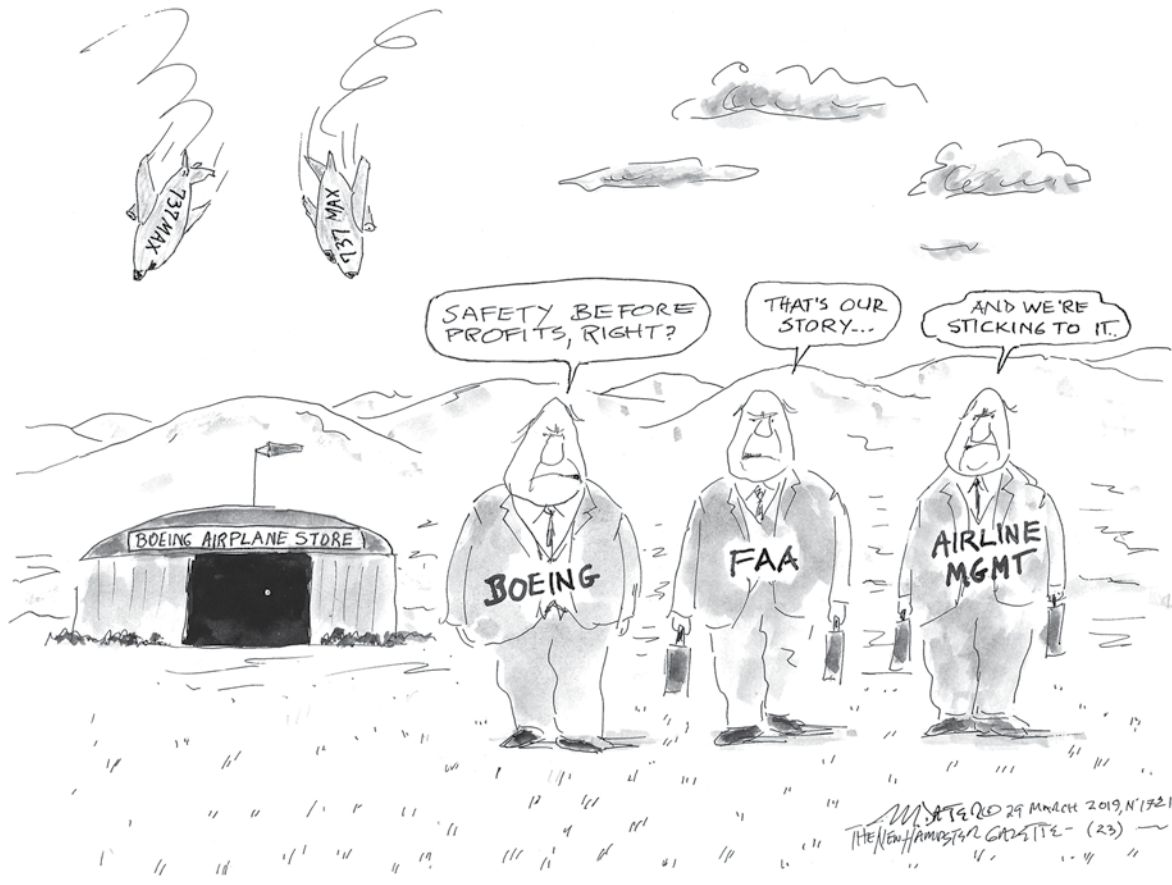
The Manchester campus will hear Heather Lavoie, about whom we know almost nothing. According to UNH, though, Lavoie is president of Geneia, "a Manchester-based analytics company that provides the technology, training,

data and insights needed for health plans, hospitals, healthcare providers and employers to easily collaborate and align around shared values and goals that support personalized, patient-centered care and improved health."

Uh, right. Wading a little further into this word salad, we find that Lavoie once "co-authored an adverse selection actuarial model with Milliman USA, used for evaluating custom-design benefit plans."

Perhaps we're being unfair, here. It's hard to tell, reading a foreign language. Experience suggests, though, that in a nation where most health care is rationed by private corporations which have somehow managed to insert themselves between doctors and patients for the purpose of keeping costs down and profits up, the odds are that we're right to be suspicious. We'd have been more impressed with a speaker who's trying to provide health care to those who don't have it.

UNH Law in Concord will get to hear from Robyn Glaser, vice president of The Kraft Group. Yes, that



Last Sunday afternoon, on Congress Street, shortly after sighting this... well, this [see above], the Flag Police reached for their well-thumbed copy of the Flag Code. Careful scrutiny of 4 USC Chapter 1, Sec. 8, Respect for the Flag, confirmed their suspicion: amongst its myriad other derelictions, Congress has never explicitly prohibited the ostentatious display of multiple grotesquely disproportionate flags on a single motor vehicle. Nevertheless, this guy is busted. The fly end of the near flag is clearly ragged.

Kraft Group. Through no fault of her own, we're sure, Ms. Glaser will have to talk about the law while her boss is enmeshed in a legal matter about which the less said the better. UNH, too is blameless, here, no doubt. It's all just...unfortunate.

Finally, for the main event in Durham, UNH invited *New York Times* columnist and one-eyed moral arbiter David Brooks.

In his latest column, Brooks suggested there was a moral equivalency between the Solyndra affair and the Iran Contra scandal. During the Obama administration, the government backed a loan to Solyndra, which was working on solar-electric technology. When the price of silicon wafers dropped, the company went bankrupt. During the Reagan Administration, a cabal including Elliott Abrams, Ollie North, and William Casey defied Congress, sold weapons to Iran, and used the proceeds to support terrorists in Nicaragua who raped nuns and murdered thousands of people.

Scheduling Brooks to speak suggests that, despite its recent leadership change, the University is no wiser than it was in 2016, when it spent \$17,570—more than a year's in-state tuition—for a custom-made dining room table with an LED-illuminated top.

Abruptly Out of the Helicopter Business
A Southern California company which had offered flight training and sightseeing tours in a fleet of Robinson helicopters closed abruptly this month, according to *Vertical News*.

"One student who had been preparing to start helicopter flight training...said that he only learned of the closure when he stopped by its former office, after trying unsuccessfully to reach the school by phone.

"[I] found it completely empty. Not a trace of One Above Aviation anywhere in the office. It was wiped clean, like they never existed," he told *Vertical*."

The company had formerly been

known as Revolution Aviation. The name was changed after a January, 2018 accident in which a Robinson R44 crashed into a house in Newport Beach, killing three of the four people on board.

Shy Pilot Lucky to Be Alive
A shy pilot is lucky to be alive after his helicopter crashed in Marshall County, Oklahoma. The Robinson R22 came down hard March 20 after "the clutch went out," according to the Highway Patrol. Both the rotor and tail boom separated from the cabin in the crash.

The pilot, who was uninjured, declined to give his name to the media. Local resident Austin Hawkins told KTEN News, "It's just kinda...you know...what are the odds?...A helicopter crashing in the backyard? So it's just kind of crazy."

Another Robinson, an R44, crashed in Naracoorte, South Australia on March 13th, apparently after contacting powerlines. The pilot was taken to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

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Senator Thomas J. McIntyre

It would be a shameful injustice if Senator Thomas James McIntyre were remembered solely for the troublesome and unpopular building which bears his name. Before the man is overshadowed by the ongoing dispute, his biography deserves a cursory look, at least. It will shine some light on a number of questions which remain relevant to this day—specifically, qualifications, ethics, and the utility of the finance industry.

McIntyre's life could have served as the template for any post-War Hollywood movie about a citizen legislator. A Granite State native, he was born in Laconia in 1915 and earned a BA from Dartmouth. He fought in Europe during World War II under General Patton, earning four battle stars, the Combat Infantry Badge, and a Bronze Star. Discharged as a Major, McIntyre returned to his hometown to practice law for several years before be-

coming Mayor in 1949. Winning the Democratic nomination for the First Congressional District in 1954, he ran a creditable race, losing narrowly to Chester Earl Merrow, who was then in the middle of a 20-year incumbency. For the rest of that decade, McIntyre dutifully served the Party in various positions while making the rounds of the rubber chicken circuit. His big break came in 1961, when Styles Bridges dropped dead of a heart attack at the age of 63.

Senator Henry Styles Bridges appears to have been born for the office. Only 38 when elected in 1936 (after a single term as Governor), he quickly began accumulating power and influence. He used both to promote a Right Wing agenda. John Gunther, in his best-seller *Inside U.S.A.*, called Bridges an "aggressive reactionary on most issues [who] is pertinaciously engaged in a continual running fight with the CIO, the



The historic north façade of the fabled McIntyre Federal Building, the aesthetic integrity of which has somehow fallen under the protection of the U.S. National Park Service. Perhaps the loading dock has some unique features not immediately apparent to the uneducated. The City of Portsmouth is attempting to acquire the building from the General Services Administration, which has no use for it. If successful, the City will then, under the terms of an unsigned agreement, turn the building over to a developer. The cost to the developer would be just what the City will have paid: i.e., nothing. While there is much disagreement over the building's future use, at least everyone agrees on its value. Ironically, this unloved structure was named after a man who, in his lifetime, earned a good deal of respect.

Roosevelt family, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics."

It is, of course, entirely within the purview of any politician to be a troglodytic reactionary, if that's what his constituents want. Bridges had other flaws, though.

A close ally of Senator Joe McCarthy, Bridges was fully on-board with both the "red scare" and "lavender scare" of the early 1950s. Suspected Communists and homosexuals were hounded out of government with relentless ferocity. In one case this cost the life of one of Bridges' colleagues.

Learning that the son of a Democratic Senator had been arrested for soliciting sex from an undercover police officer, Bridges used blackmail to get him replaced with a Republican. Retire, and don't run for re-election, Bridges told Senator Lester Holt in June of 1954, or the story of your son's arrest will become national news. Holt shot himself in his Senate office.

Bridges' own personal life was hardly above reproach. In November of 1936, Chichester housewife Del-

la Call was killed by a hit-and-run driver. According to a series of articles published in the *Union Leader* in 2001, that driver was almost certainly Senator-elect Styles Bridges.

There's also the half-million plus, in cash and 40 bank accounts, he left to his wife Dolores Bridges—rather a lot for a man with no known source of legitimate income other than his Senatorial salary.

Despite this not-exactly honorable history, Bridges House, his former residence in East Concord, is the official residence of the Governor of New Hampshire. Also, Interstate Route 93, from Concord to the Vermont State Line, is the Styles Bridges Highway.

McIntyre, too, was once well known for a matter involving money. In his case his reputation was burnished, rather than tarnished. Suspecting that financial advisors of the day were overstating their prowess, in 1967 he performed a test. He picked a group of stocks by throwing darts at the listings in a newspaper, determined their prices a decade earlier, then calculated what the re-

turn would have been on a \$10,000 investment. His return of \$25,300 was better than that of even the most growth-oriented mutual funds.

McIntyre was ousted by Gordon Humphrey in 1978. The Republican had hammered him in television ads broadcast on Boston stations for his support of the Panama Canal Treaty and abortion rights.

He later wrote a book, *The Fear Brokers*. According to *Kirkus Reviews*, this "even-handed and in some respects revealing" book scrutinizes the effort of "the Radical Right" to "take over or replace the Republican Party and move the Democrats to the Right" by "appealing to Middle America" through "interest and status politics," thus bringing together a "potent meld of single-issue constituencies."

"McIntyre shows how [William Loeb and Governor Mel Thomson] contributed to New Hampshire's tax and environmental problems, squelching debate on these issues."

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Can We Afford to Save the World?
Dear Mr. Fowle,

Corroborating the desultory conclusions to which Mr. Ehrhart comes in "What the Fuss Is All About," in the March 15, 2019 issue of this venerable publication, is the March 15, 2019 report from Reuters that notes, in the context of announcing Mr. Pompeo's pending attendance at the May 6-7 Arctic Council meeting in Finland, that "the Council, which coordinates Arctic policy... is gaining clout as sea ice thaws to open up new trade routes and intensify competition for its oil, gas and mineral resources." WTF! Ice is melting in sufficient volumes to open up new sea-lanes, a further testament to global warming, and what is top of mind? New trade routes and intensified competition for the oil, gas, and mineral resources the burning of which is responsible for the melting? Perhaps it's moot to ask the question of just how stupid we are in light of the fact of the persistence of an audience for the voluminous incoherent and inconsistent tweets of the leader of the (so far still) preeminent nation on earth.

Perhaps we can take heart in Frank Jordans' and Seth Borenstein's March 15, 2019 Associated Press report of students in more than 100 countries, 150,000 in Europe and thousands in the United States, who "walked out of classes to protest what they see as the failures by their governments" to address the impact of climate change, which 16-year-old Swedish activist Greta Thunberg is quoted as characterizing as an "existential crisis, the biggest crisis humanity ever has faced." "We are on strike because we do want a future," she adds. If they had our language, one suspects we would be hearing much the same from the fishes, mammals, and birds. Dare we hope?

Alas, Ledyard King reported in *USA Today* for March 14, 2019 that "Party moderates leading a new climate change panel said Thursday they can't support the ambitious resolution led by liberal firebrand Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez that calls not only for combating the environmental crisis but also champions broad social re-

forms such as free housing, medical coverage and higher education for all Americans." "There's no way to pay for it," lamented Senator Diane Feinstein of California. That's California, one of the states that vowed to adhere to the Paris Climate Accord from which its electoral college-installed president withdrew the United States. No way to pay for preserving the planet to sustain life as we know it? What's the price tag for the proposed wall that will separate us from our neighbors to the south? Billions?

Wendell Berry wrote:
*When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.*

And when wood drake and heron are extinct and the water a toxic cesspool, where then lie our heads? Better perhaps to forsake further procreation and thereby speed our extinction that the planet might have a bit more time to try to recover under the stewardship of uncivilized "dumb" (but not stupid) animals.

Very sincerely,
John Simon
Portsmouth, N.H.
John:
How well we recall the days of our youth, when a generation which would go on to be deemed "the greatest" created a stockpile of weapons capable of annihilating all life on Earth, while sending off the disposable portion of its male progeny to kill or die in order to impose capitalism on the other side of the world—all for reasons of national security.

Perhaps it's time we tidied up our taxonomy, and began calling ourselves Homo semi-sapiens.

We began to develop, while doing our own small, meaningless part in that sordid and futile adventure, a belief that, since personal doom is inevitable in the relatively short term, cosmically speaking, and universally inevitable on an astronomical scale, you might as well—if



you're lucky enough to have any choice—find something useful to do while waiting for the inevitable.

For us, it's this paper, whose insignificant weight we intend to put behind the generation which faces a threat far more dire than the one which ours did.

The Editor

The Plutocracy Lives On
To the Editor:

America's uppity Bronx bartender, AOC, and possibly Nancy Pelosi seem to be the only people who get it. Removing Trump won't fix the root problem. In fact, removing the distraction caused by our collective desire to remove Trump is a blessing we should all be cheering. If there's been a crime, it's that MSNBC, CNN, the *New York Times*, Mueller, and Trump should be held in contempt for the crime of distraction. Meanwhile Big Oil and Wall Street continue to laugh their asses off at we-the-people's shameful naiveté.

Rick Littlefield
Barrington, N.H.
Rick:
Pinning one's hope for justice and good government on a single investigation does seem a lot like basing the household budget on income from winning lottery scratch tickets.

The sheer mass of interconnected malfunctioning systems required to produce a symptom as grotesque as Trump seems incalculable. The job of cataloging the dysfunction would be daunting enough; righting such a mess inconceivable.

Resolutely, even irrationally optimistic, we see it all as job security.

The Editor

Keep an Open Mind
To the Editor:

By telling Fox News to shove it, while not mentioning that CNN had given Hillary Clinton the debate questions during the last presidential run, DNC chairman Tom Perez reveals the true mindset of many liberals who be-

lieve that they, as followers of the Sun Goddess Hillary Clinton, possess the only truth and therefore there is no need for debate.

In fact, I'm shocked that the *Gazette*, which carries a broad range of opinion in its mail section, can agree with Mr. Perez; for we all know that when thought is suppressed without debate it is because those who are shut out are revealing uncomfortable truths. This is even occurring within the Democratic Party itself as the establishment tries to shut down Tulsi Gabbard and Ilhan Omar, who are voicing long-known but shunned truths.

In order to open one's mind, a person must become an independent voter. By doing so you eliminate the automatic brain stem response that clouds and confuses the higher centers of the brain that are responsible for rational analysis. Becoming an independent voter is admittedly difficult to do as political loyalties are often life-long habits with emotional attachments to parents, friends, and other loved ones, as well as to worn out ideas. However, if one tries hard enough it can be done.

In doing so you will not dwell forever in anyone's echo chamber but will be open-minded enough to listen to both sides and make up your own mind and vote accordingly.

Believe me, it's truly liberating.
John Dente
Wilmington, Del.
John:

Please do not mistake our admittedly-constant barrage of complaints, insults, and denunciations aimed at the Republican Party for allegiance to or approval of the Democratic Party.

In fact, we see its dominant tendency, represented by such as Clinton and Perez, as very much part of the problem.

When arsonists are using firehoses to

soak the nation in gasoline, though, it's hard to spare the ire to properly criticize inept firefighters.

The Editor

Who Talks Like That?
Dear Sir:

"I have the support of the police, the support of the military, the support of Bikers for Trump." "I have the tough people, but they don't play it tough until they go to a certain point, and that would be very bad, very bad." These are not the words spoken by some third-world Banana Republic dictator, but those of Donald Trump during a recent Breitbart interview.

The meaning and the intention behind these words is nothing less than an open call to violence by Trump to his supporters if he does not get his way, or if any Congressional action is taken in response to the Mueller investigation or other investigations involving Trump. It is unfathomable that we have the Commander-in-Chief actually indicating that the military and the police would raise up against the nation to protect him from the enforcement of the Constitution. These are men and women who have taken an oath to protect and defend the Constitution against enemies both foreign and domestic, and to enforce the laws of the nation. I trust that they would act accordingly.

Unfortunately, there are those who would heed Mr. Trump's call to violence. We have seen it in Charlottesville, Pittsburgh, and most recently in New Zealand, where White Supremacists have taken to violence, and have even quoted Trump's rhetoric as part of their actions. We have also heard Mr. Trump invoke the possibility of "Second Amendment people" taking action if Hillary Clinton was elect-

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ed President and appointed judges unfriendly to his view of the Second Amendment.

These most recent open threats by Mr. Trump are a clear indication that he is unfit, unworthy, and indeed poses a real threat to the Constitution and to the safety and security of the United States. What more evidence does the Congress need to initiate impeachment proceedings, or for the Cabinet to implement the 25th amendment? As John Dean said during Watergate, that there is “a cancer on the Presidency,” we now have an even more aggressive pathological cancer on the Presidency, and it needs to be excised before it further metastasizes and destroys the nation.

Rich DiPentima, LTC, USAF, Ret. Portsmouth, N.H.

Rich:
Thanks for assuring that we could put that remark on record. It was, indeed, a stunning example of the sort of language which one might expect to hear from some sleazy, crude, mobbed-up excuse for a businessman, not the President of the United States. Oh, wait—that’s exactly what the President is....
The Editor

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That Dachau Date

Hi Editor,
One of your almanac entries for March 20 is incorrect. The concentration camp at Dachau actually opened on March 22, 1933.

Here’s what the visitor information website for the memorial says about the opening: “On March 22, 1933, a few weeks after Adolf Hitler had been appointed Reich Chancellor, a concentration camp for political prisoners was set up in Dachau. This camp served as a model for all later concentration camps and as a ‘school of

violence’ for the SS men under whose command it stood. In the twelve years of its existence over 200,000 persons from all over Europe were imprisoned here and in the numerous subsidiary camps. 41,500 were murdered.”

I hope no alt-right readers were misled into premature birthday celebrations.

Keep up the good work!
Paul Fischler
Rochester, N.H.

Paul:
Once again, we are in your debt. Thank you for helping us to expunge error.
The Editor

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Leadership After a Shooting
To the Editor:

The man who killed 50 people in two mosques in New Zealand was Australian. He began planning to commit a mass murder two years ago. He could not commit the crime in his home country because Australia enacted tough gun laws after a gunman shot and killed 35 people in 1996. Ownership of semiautomatic weapons is not allowed. Ownership of any gun is severely limited as well.

In New Zealand one could buy semiautomatic weapons and large capacity magazines. Guns are not registered there. The killer moved to New Zealand. Two days after the mosques shootings New Zealand’s Prime Minister declared she would seek to change the country’s gun laws to be more like Australia.

It is amazing that other countries can learn from one mass shooting yet this country cannot learn from dozens in one year. This needs to change. Thankfully our representatives in the State House are doing just that. They have already passed legislation to require background checks before gun sales and a seven-day waiting period.

Contact your State Senator and Governor and make sure House Bill 109 becomes law.

Walter Hamilton
Portsmouth N.H.

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The Republicans War on Earned Benefits
To the Editor:

The Republican Party and Right Wing media want you to believe differently, but tax cuts and tax loopholes for the filthy rich are entitlements. Deregulation and subsidies for corporations are entitlements. Social Security and Medicare, two of the most successful and popular government programs in the history of this country are not entitlements, but are, indeed, earned benefits, which the majority of Americans have worked or will have worked hard for and paid into their whole working lives.

The noble purpose of Social Security and Medicare, bestowed upon us by President’s Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Lyndon Baines Johnson, architects of the New Deal and Great Society, respectively, was to provide security and dignity for Americans in their golden years.

Notwithstanding what I described above regarding Social Security and Medicare, the Republicans really make no secret about their disdain for and desire to eventually eliminate both programs. Their latest ploy was to deliberately ignore the advice of reputable economists and increase deficit spending by forcing through an unnecessary \$1.5 trillion tax cut heavily weighted toward the wealthy. Now #45 and the Republicans are cynically claiming that they have to compensate for the deficit by making drastic cuts to so-called “entitlements” such as Social Security and Medicare.”

Senator Bernie Sanders, who is leading a Political Revolution to transform our economy and government to work for all Americans, clarified, “As the ranking member of

the Senate Budget Committee, I can tell you what the Republican budget is all about. They want huge cuts to healthcare, education, nutrition and affordable housing. They want to substantially increase military spending. They want to protect all the tax breaks that the rich and large corporations enjoy. That’s it.” He added, in response to the unveiling of #45’s 2020 budget proposal, “Trump’s budget is breathtaking in its cruelty. It cuts: \$1.5 trillion from Medicaid, \$845 billion from Medicare and \$25 billion from Social Security.”

We, the People of the Political Revolution, must make it our mission to vote against any Republican (or Democrat) who votes for cuts to Social Security or Medicare.

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, N.H.

Wayne:
The points you make here cannot be emphasized enough.

Most Americans, being decent people, cannot bring themselves to face the fact that the leaders of the Republican Party, whether through delusion, indifference, or malevolence, would gladly allow the less fortunate to starve if it meant they could implement to lunatic theories promulgated by the likes of Milton Friedman and Friedrich von Hayek.

Bernie Sanders may or may not end up being #46. His ideas on governance ought to be implemented.

The Editor
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Moyer

To the Editor:

It is a Peace & Justice Issue.
It is a Moral Issue.
It is a Climate Issue.
It is a Financial/Economic Issue.
It is an International Relations Issue.

It is a Fairness Issue.
It is an Environmental Issue.
It is a Safety Issue.
It is a Survival of the Human Species Issue.

It is an All Life on Earth Issue.
There’s not much left to include! And, there will be “not much left” if we ever again use nuclear weapons. We *must* choose the rational, high-

er-order-thinking decision to prevent any single individual from launching the U.S. into a nuclear exchange. We have been *very* lucky so far that the numerous nuclear weapons accidents and false-launch situations that have occurred to date have not resulted in a catastrophe. We will *not* remain lucky if we do not take important steps such as those enumerated in the N.H. Legislature’s HCR7. Your children and grandchildren await your response !

Thank you,
Herb Moyer
Exeter, N.H.

Herb:
There you go again, bringing our attention to vital matters of which we’d been unaware.

Keep it up, friend!
The Editor

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McConnell Blocks Ethics Bill
To the Editor:

Republican and Democratic voters agree that Washington is corrupt. In response to public demand, the first bill passed by House Democrats this year was HR 1, or The For the People Act. This bill strengthens ethics laws for lawmakers and lobbyists, increases voting access and security, and includes sweeping campaign finance reforms.

This bill rises above party agendas. It is about the peoples’ agenda—integrity and ethics in a government that works for them and for the country.

Every single Republican in the House voted against it. Mitch McConnell refused to allow a vote on it in the Senate. Apparently Republicans are happy with the status quo—are you?

Cynthia Muse
Rye, N.H.

Cynthia:
We are shocked—shocked!... Oh, hell, we’re not shocked in the least. If you start passing and enforcing laws holding legislators to higher ethical standards, you’ll remove the motivation for a lot of potential candidates. Oh, wait a minute....

The Editor
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The unnatural disasters pushing farmers off the land

by Jim Hightower

As a farmer told me, “You can still make a small fortune in agriculture, but you have to start with a large fortune.”

Farmers tend to be optimistic pessimists. The odds are against them—the bankers, bugs, monopolists, weather, and sorry politicians. Yet they keep at it, battling the odds to nurture the seeds that bring us an

abundance of foods. Coping with natural disasters is to be expected, but it’s the unnatural disasters of rigged economic policies and unrestrained corporate profiteering that slam the door on good, efficient family farmers.

Now in the sixth year of plummeting prices, farmers are producing more, getting less...and going broke. For example, it costs dairy farmers on average \$1.92 to produce a gallon

of milk, but monopolistic buyers pay them only a-buck-32 per gallon. No surprise then that since 2000, half of America’s dairy farmers have been squeezed out of business. Overall, farmers’ profits have fallen by almost half in the last five years, so farm debt, bankruptcies, and suicides are rising again towards the calamitous levels of the 1980s farm crisis.

A central cause of today’s spreading farm depression is the increasing

monopolization of all things farmers must buy (from seeds to machinery) and monopolization of the markets that buy from them. Just four biotech giants, for example, control 63 percent of all commercial seeds sold in the world; four meat processors control 84 percent of the U.S. beef market, and four global traders control 90 percent of the entire world’s grain sales.

This monopolistic structure is

robbing farmers, ransacking rural vitality, and ripping off consumers. Yet, Congress and Trump are coddling the robbers, ransackers, and ripoff artists. To help counter their insanity, join forces with the grassroots power of FarmAid at www.FarmAid.org/issues.

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paramedic and nurse. Both are accustomed to giving aid and helping others in situations, not receiving it.

That’s why it came as such a shock in February to learn that Tim needed a heart transplant. It’s the only way Tim can go on as a father and a husband.

“It really stinks for us to ask for help,” Saha says. “We are the ones that are usually assisting others.”

In 2012, Tim was diagnosed with Coronary Artery Disease. The disease is where the arteries were narrowing, blocked and or becoming hardened. He ended up with a bypass graft in 2013. Six months later he began coughing up blood, in which they realized part of the bypass graft did not take. He began receiving stents, tubes that bypass the blockage. The stent had worked for awhile, then became blocked up, despite Tim’s adherence to both his medication regime and doctor’s orders.

A year after the bypass doctors had discovered that scar tissue had built up, surrounding and constricting his lungs. He received more surgery, but the shortness of breath and chest discomfort continued.

Over the past few years Tim has received seventeen cardiac catheterizations and more stents. By November, 2018, he became more symptomatic. In January he received an angioplasty and twelve stents. In February he had a heart attack. More stents are not an option. Only a heart transplant will help.

Anyone wishing to help the Smiths can donate via the GoFundMe page called “Former Firefighter needs a Heart Transplant,” or

through this bank account: Tim’s Transplant Fund, c/o ME Solutions Credit Union, 209b Western Ave., South Portland, Maine 04106.

For updates, and to show your support, you can follow Tim at this Facebook page: www.facebook.com/SmithFamilyHeartTransplant.

Chrystal Nolan
Standish, Maine

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Asymmetrical and Unconventional
Salutations,

My name is Jason Dunlap. I am a retired disabled combat veteran, NSA polyglot, former JSOC interrogator, and I am seeking the Democratic nomination for President of the United States. My campaign is one that parallels my service in that it is asymmetrical and unconventional. The first phase involves making contact with news agencies at local and state level to highlight the importance of our press. I have given my first interview the *Capital Gazette* of Annapolis Maryland as they are my local newspaper and they have previously printed my words on the assassination of Jamal Khashoggi. Please find attached a brief letter and documents. I can present originals for inspection or they may be verified by FOIA to the Department of Defense. Given the current political climate and the increasing dangers to reporters, I ask that you take all due safety precautions. My contact information is below. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Jason Evritte Dunlap, SFC/MI/

Ret., FEC ID#: P00010132, The committee to put backbone in the Whitehouse (Jason Dunlap), (520) 236-4505, Twitter: @red_eyedjedi, j_sin69@hotmail.com.

Jason:

Pardon us for not opening the attached documents. We’re just following your own advice to “take all due safety precautions.”

The Editor

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Community Rights Denied!

To the Editor:

Last week, CACR8, the New Hampshire Community Rights Amendment was blocked by the New Hampshire House of Representatives from advancing to a people’s vote. New Hampshire citizens were denied advancement of the recognized right to protect human and environmental health and safety from corporate harm.

The New Hampshire Community Rights Amendment is a proposed state Constitutional amendment that would guarantee the citizens of New Hampshire the right of local self-government to protect human and natural communities though local lawmaking so long as those local laws expand and protect the rights of people, communities, and their natural environments. The amendment would safeguard against infringement on existing fundamental rights and protections under other local, state, federal, or international laws.

During last week’s House Session, Representative Ellen Read (D), prime sponsor of CACR8, said

that local community self-government is the basis of our country. She asked, “Shouldn’t a town be able to decide to stop a corporate activity if it hurts their town?” Read also said that towns need constitutional protection in order to fight the deep pockets of corporate encroachment.

As corporate threats grow in the Granite State, more communities are joining the Community Rights movement. These communities and their supporters will reintroduce the New Hampshire Community Rights Amendment again in the future because our quality of life—indeed our very lives and those of our children and future generations—depends on it.

All politics are local. No one cares more about what happens in their community than the people that live there. We know from prior people’s movements that fundamental change takes persistent, unrelenting pressure, and that we must insist that our elected officials protect New Hampshire people, places, and environments above profit.

Thank you to all who support the efforts of the New Hampshire Community Rights Network (NHCRN) to secure the right of local community self-government for all inhabitants of New Hampshire. If you believe that the people most affected by governing decisions should be the ones making them and that local concerns are not being adequately addressed at the state level, please join us in advancing and protecting our right to decide what happens in the places we live!

For additional information, visit the NHCRN at www.nhcommunityrights.org. Contact us with any questions at info@nhcommunityrights.org. Find us at [facebook.com/NHCRN](https://www.facebook.com/NHCRN).

Jennifer Dube
Raymond, N.H.

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“[T]he Holocaust transformed our whole way of thinking about war and heroism. War is no longer a proving ground for heroism in the same way it used to be. Instead, war now is something that we must avoid at all costs—because genocides often take place under the cover of war. We are no longer all potential soldiers (though we are that too), but we are all potential victims of the traumas war creates. This, at least, is one important development in the way Western populations envision war, even if it does not always predominate in the thinking of our political leaders.”

— Carolyn J. Dean

Charles J. Stille Professor of History and French at Yale University

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Idiot, n. — A member of a large and powerful tribe whose influence in human affairs has always been dominant and controlling. The Idiot’s activity is not confined to any special field of thought or action, but “pervades and regulates the whole.” He has the last word in everything; his decision is unappealable. He sets the fashions and opinion of taste, dictates the limitations of speech and circumscribes conduct with a dead-line.

— Ambrose Bierce (1842–19???)

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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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31	MONDAY, APRIL 1	TUESDAY, APRIL 2	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3	THURSDAY, APRIL 4	FRIDAY, APRIL 5	SATURDAY, APRIL 6
2016—Darcie Rae Hall, 36, of Troy, N.H., is arrested in Keene for selling “Donald Trump” brand heroin. 2004—Four American contractors are ambushed and killed in Fallujah, their bodies displayed from a bridge. 1980—The American banking industry is deregulated with bipartisan support. What could possibly go wrong? 1969—As per his instructions, the body of Dwight D. Eisenhower is transported via baggage car, like any other U.S. serviceman, to its final resting place in Abilene, Kan. 1968—Lyndon Johnson announces he won’t run for re-election, delighting millions who have no inkling of who will replace him. 1966—In New York City, 200,000 gather to protest the Vietnam War. 1960—A B-47 explodes over Little Rock, Ark. Three on board die, and two on the ground; two homes and an apartment building burn. 1959—John Birch Society head Robert Welch, author of a book calling Pres. Eisenhower “a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy,” denies he ever called Ike a “Card-Carrying Communist.” 1929—PR pioneer Edward Bernays, working for the American Tobacco Co., pays women to publicly smoke Luckies in New York’s Easter Parade. 1854—Apparently persuaded by Commodore Perry’s cannons, Japan’s Tokugawa shogunate decides to open two ports to foreign trade.	2013—In Portsmouth Harbor, the tanker <i>Harbour Feature</i> allides with the Sarah Mildred Long Bridge. 2004—Britain declassifies “Blue Peacock,” a 1957 plan to bury nukes in Germany with live chickens keeping the electronics warm. It’s not a joke. 2003—Bush administration propagandists claim Special Forces have “rescued” PFC Jessica Lynch. 1997—A blizzard dumps 18 inches of snow on Portsmouth. 1994—Steve Bannon, accompanied by federal marshals, arrives via limo to manage Biosphere 2, an ecological experiment in the Arizona desert. A break-in, lawsuits, and failure ensue. 1971—Unsuspecting Texas lawmakers pass a prank bill honoring Albert de Salvo for his “unconventional techniques involving population control.” 1968—U.S. Army begins Operation Pegasus to relieve Marines at Khe Sanh. Two months after the siege is lifted, the base is abandoned. 1966—RIP Brian O’Nolan, aka Flann O’Brien, aka Myles naGopaleen. 1920—Five New York legislators are expelled for being socialists. 1918—After three decades in which 2,700 blacks are lynched, the first bill is filed in Congress to ban the practice. 1865—John Milton, Gov. of Fla., descendant of the poet, shoots himself in the head because “Death would be preferable to reunion.” 1671—A blizzard leaves six-foot drifts of snow in Portsmouth.	2004—Mrs. Dick “Dick” Cheney halts reissue of her steamy lesbian romance novel <i>Sisters</i>. 1996—The NTSB adopts special regs for Robinson helicopters because rotor trouble makes them crash so often. 1994—In Germany, a Robinson R44’s main rotor hits the cabin. The crashing rig kills the pilot and his wife. 1982—U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Jeanne Kirkpatrick dines at the Argentine embassy hours after Argentina invades the Falklands. 1969—President Dwight D. Eisenhower is buried in an \$80 G.I. coffin. 1969—Chicago riots are quelled by National Guard troops. 1963—M.L. King, Jr. leads a voter registration drive in Birmingham. Police Chief “Bull” Connor responds with dogs and fire hoses. 1958—San Francisco columnist Herb Caen introduces his readers to the term “beatnik.” 1942—Three soldiers, two black and one white, are shot to death, and five are wounded, near Ft. Dix, N.J., in a fight over a phone. 1917—In his office, Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge (R-Mass.), 67, punches constituent Alexander Bannwart. 1865—In Richmond, Confederate troops burn the city to the ground as President Jefferson Davis flees. 1863—In Richmond, women riot in the streets over bread until dispersed at bayonet point by troops directed by President Jefferson Davis.	2014—Sen. Jerry Moran [R-Kan.], whose top contributor is Koch Industries, reads into the <i>Congressional Record</i> a <i>Wall Street Journal</i> op-ed in which Charles Koch defends his right to spend millions buying elections. 2013—A Robinson R44 helicopter loses parts over Miami, Fla. and crashes near a trampoline park in a busy industrial area. Two dead occupants are pulled from the crash by bystanders who escape injury in the ensuing inferno. The pilot had survived an R44 crash two years prior. 2004—Asked to name his biggest mistake, George W.[MD] Bush is unable to answer. 2003—U.S. Marines cross the Tigris River on their way to Baghdad. 1974—Hit by 148 tornadoes, 13 states lose 315 people; 5,484 are injured. 1973—The first mobile phone call is made, on a 2.4 lb. device, by a Motorola employee to a rival at AT&T. 1966—In South Vietnam, 3,000 troops protest against the Ky gov’t. 1954—In Wisconsin, a strike begins at the Kohler bathroom fixture factory. Six years later the workers win. 1936—Bruno Hauptmann gets the chair in the Lindbergh baby case. 1882—Robert Ford, that dirty little coward, shoots Jesse James. 1860—The Pony Express begins operating between St. Joseph, Mo. and Sacramento, Calif.	1991—A helicopter pilot rashly tries to inspect the landing gear of Sen. John Heinz’s small plane; a collision ensues. Five die, including two kids on the ground in their elementary school. 1989—In her Porsche, reaching for her cellphone while speeding to the bank she owns, Wal-Mart heiress Alice Walton hits and kills Oleta Hardin, a 50 year-old Arkansas cannery worker. Walton is not charged. 1984—Congress nixes Contra funding. President Reagan sells arms to the Ayatollah to make up the difference. 1975—Operation Babylift begins with a C-5A flight out of Tan Son Nhut. It crashes into a nearby rice paddy killing 154, including 78 kids. 1972—The Nixon campaign collects \$100K for EPA approval of a lead smelter that’s poisoning Idaho. 1970—On the National Mall, 50,000 followers of a radio televangelist hold a “March for Victory,” protesting the Vietnamization of the Vietnam War. 1968—Martin Luther King, Jr. is murdered in Memphis, perhaps by James Earl Ray; if so, with help from others who are still unknown. 1967—Martin Luther King, Jr. denounces the Vietnam War and calls for common cause between civil rights and antiwar movements. He is then denounced by 168 major newspapers. 1953—Busy CIA head Allen Dulles OKs plans to (a) knock over Iran’s elected government, and (b) study controlling people’s minds with drugs.	2014—Jack Kimball, ex-Chairman of N.H.’s GOP, calls upon Arizona’s Sheriff Joe Arpaio to put President Obama “in an orange suit ... and drag his butt out of that White House.” 2010—W.Va.’s non-union Upper Big Branch coal mine explodes, killing 29 miners. After a year in prison, its owner, Don Blankenship, will run for the U.S. Senate as a Republican. 2006—Texans in Waco boo Bill Nye the science guy for saying the Bible’s wrong to say the Moon emits light. 1995—Sen. Bob Smith [R-N.H.] presciently asks, “How do you stop an elephant if it goes berserk on the grounds of the Capitol?” Alas, his motion to ban pachyderms is defeated. 1962—LBJ crony Billy Sol Estes is indicted for selling fake mortgages on fake fertilizer tanks. 1956—A hired thug throws acid and blinds Victor Riesel, New York newspaper columnist and crusader against labor racketeers. 1955—The Farmers Home Administration announces it will issue mortgages on home bomb shelters. 1952—H. Hughes briefly shuts down MGM—all 11 movies in production are scripted by suspected commies. 1943—The U.S. destroyer <i>O’Bannon</i> defeats the Japanese sub <i>Ro-34</i> in close battle, partly by pelting its deck gunners with spuds. 1926—H.L. Mencken is arrested in Boston for selling his magazine, <i>American Mercury</i>.	2016—For each of the 29 miners killed in his death trap, coal mine owner Don Blankenship is sentenced to serve 12.5 days in jail. 2009—A year before it blows up, BP’s Deepwater Horizon gets relief from oppressive federal over-regulation. 1992—Donald E. Harding gasps, moans, and makes obscene hand gestures for five minutes before dying in Arizona’s gas chamber. 1977—“If the president does it,” Richard Nixon tells David Frost, “that means it’s not illegal.” 1968—Oakland police shoot it out with the Black Panthers. Bobby Hutton, 18 and unarmed, dies. 1967—Knocked overboard three miles off North Vietnam, U.S. sailor Doug Hegdahl is saved by fishermen. Two years later he’s set free, with memorized details of 256 POWs. 1954—“The time has come,” says JFK, “for the American people to be told the truth about Vietnam.” 1953—The Cotton States League throws out the Hot Springs team for signing black pitchers. 1917—Former peace candidate W. Wilson declares war on Germany. 1909—Matthew Henson, black sharecropper’s son, is the first non-Inuit to set foot on the North Pole. Admiral Peary stays in the sled but later takes credit. 1712—Twenty-three enslaved Africans revolt in New York, killing nine whites and injuring six others; 21 are convicted and hanged.
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2003—U.S. troops take Baghdad. It is a great victory. 1994—Employee Auburn Calloway attacks the flight crew of Fed-Ex Flight 705 with hammers and a spear-gun in a suicidal attempt to win death benefits for his family. After a fight, leaving the cabin awash with blood, the crew subdues him and lands safely. 1990—Future Bush #43 administration appointee John Poindexter is found guilty of multiple felonies in the Iran/Contra scandal. He later wriggles out on appeal. 1972—“Nam vet Richard McCoy, Jr. hijacks a 727 with a toy grenade and an empty pistol, then parachutes out the back with \$500K. McCoy, a Guard chopper pilot, is arrested days later while searching for himself. 1970—R. Reagan, as Gov. of Calif., announces a nuanced position regarding student demonstrations: “If it takes a bloodbath, let’s get it over with.” 1966—The U.S. discovers an H-bomb it had lost off the coast of Spain. 1961—A cracked electrical plug causes an F-100’s Sidewinder missile to blow the wing off a B-52 during a training exercise over New Mexico. In its crash, three airmen die. 1954—In a news conference, likeable ol’ Ike erroneously characterizes Southeast Asia as a row of dominos. 1926—In Rome, Violet Gibson, 49, the tiny, frail, and deranged daughter of the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, shoots Mussolini in the face.	2018—Fox “News” accidentally broadcasts a graphic showing results of a poll: Fox is the least-trusted network. 1984—R. Nixon gripes, “It’s the media’s responsibility to examine the President with a microscope... but when they use a protoscope, it’s going too far.” 1974—After Hank Aaron breaks Ruth’s homer record, hate mail and death threats pour in from sports fans. 1971—A Wethersfield, Conn. home is struck by a 6 lb. meteorite. 1956—U.S.M.C. recruits are marched into a Parris Island swamp for disciplinary purposes. Six of them drown. 1952—Truman orders the Commerce Dept. to take over the steel industry. 1947—After eighteen days of excavation, New York Police find compulsive hoarder Langley Collyer dead in his junk-crammed Harlem townhouse. 1945—An Allied airstrike on Celle, Germany hits an ammo train next to a train full of prisoners being sent to Bergen-Belsen. Hundreds of survivors are then shot trying to escape. 1942—Americans and Filipinos on Bataan surrender to the Japanese. 1917—At the U.S. Embassy in Bern, future CIA head Allen Dulles gets a call from a man begging for an immediate meeting. Dulles, who has a hot date with buxom Swedish twins, puts him off. The man, I.V. Lenin, boards a train to Petrograd, where he starts the Russian Revolution. 1885—U.S. troops invade Panama, “to defend our national interests.”	2018—Fox “News” reports that pandas are aggressive and sex-crazed. Other networks focus on the FBI raid of President Trump’s lawyer’s office. 2006—“Scooter” Libby says “W” OK’d leaks of secret CIA intel. 2003—In Baghdad’s Firdos Square, American troops pull down a large statue of Saddam Hussein in front of an audience of Iraqis. 1997—A newspaper in Cambodia proposes importing mad cows to clear land mines. 1972—Agrobiz CEO Dwayne Andreas gives \$25,000 to the Nixon reelection campaign. In return, the Comptroller of the Currency later approves a bank charter. 1967—“We appeal to North Vietnam,” says a veteran-bought ad in the <i>N.Y. Times</i>, “if they really want peace, to stop bombing the United States—or else get the hell out of Vietnam!” 1961—The two top planners of the Bay of Pigs invasion, now eight days away, tell their boss Dick Bissell that it is bound to fail. He says do it anyway. 1927—In Massachusetts, death sentences issued against Nicolas Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti are upheld. Judge Webster Thayer, during their trial, called them “anarchist bastards.” 1865—Gen. Robert E. Lee surrenders his Army to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse. 1553—Rabelais dies, leaving this will: “I have nothing. I owe much. I leave the rest to the poor.”	2017—The State Street Saloon burns. 2005—Huge mobs of Iraqis mark the 2nd anniversary of Saddam Hussein’s fall, shouting “No, No to Satan!” and demanding that U.S. troops leave. 1972—Crooked financier Robert Vesco slips \$200,000 to Nixon’s re-election campaign in exchange for which Attorney General John Mitchell cuts him some slack. 1970—Dick “Dick” Nixon’s lawyers backdate a deed giving his papers to the National Archives so he can claim an illegal tax deduction. 1963—The <i>U.S.S. Thresher</i> implodes 220 miles east of Boston killing 16 officers, 96 sailors, and 17 civilians. 1947—Actors Guild head Ronald Reagan rats out suspected commie members to the House Un-American Activities Committee. 1945—Doctors at Oak Ridge inject Ebb Cade, a black car wreck victim, with plutonium to see what happens. 1928—Illinois holds the “Pineapple Primary,” named for the 62 bombings which preceded the balloting. 1919—Deceived by a colonel being blackmailed by a general, Emiliano Zapata is ambushed. His killers are cheated of half of their bounty. 1917—The Eddystone munitions near Chester, Penn. blows up, probably because it’s unsafe. The owner blames imaginary German saboteurs. 1865—Rioters in Portsmouth destroy the office of Joshua Foster’s Copperhead newspaper <i>The States and Union</i>.	2007—Aufweidersehen, Kurt V. 2006—At the Washington Nationals home opener, the ceremonial first pitch is thrown by Vice President Dick “Dick” Cheney, who is greeted with jeers and catcalls. 2003—U.S. officials in Iraq unveil decks of cards showing 55 “Most Wanted” Iraqi officials. 2002—Venezuelan generals replace Pres. Hugo Chavez with Pedro Carmona in a CIA-approved coup. 1985—Press Secretary Larry Speakes says his Boss will lay a wreath at Bitburg, where Americans and Germans lie buried. Oops: Americans, no; Waffen SS, yes. 1968—The Civil Rights Act of 1968 is signed into law. 1951—President Harry S Truman fires General Douglas MacArthur for insubordination. 1950—A U.S. B-29 carrying a nuclear weapon crashes near Albuquerque. The nuke’s high explosives ignite; but the fissile core wasn’t installed. 1938—Richard Whitney, president of New York Stock Exchange, gets five to 10 for larceny. 1913—President Wilson orders federal agencies segregated by race. 1898—President McKinley generously declares Cuba’s independence from Spain. 1863—An errant balloon takes Portsmouth’s own Gen. Fitz John Porter over Confederate lines, then back to safety during the Seige of Yorktown.	2007—The George W.[MD] Bush White House announces that official messages about the firing of eight U.S. Attorneys were among five million sent via private Republican National Committee servers—and are “lost.” 2001—Veep Dick “Perpetual Dick” Cheney files his 2000 tax return which shows that \$5.1 million of his \$36 million adjusted gross income came from Halliburton. 1937—Sixty thousand U.S. students demonstrate against war. 1867—William Bullock, inventor of the web-fed rotary press, dies of complications after his leg is crushed in a web-fed rotary press. 1864—At Fort Pillow, hundreds of Union soldiers, black and white, are massacred by thousands of Confederates led by Gen. Nathan B. Forrest, who later founds the KKK. 1862—Union men steal a Confederate locomotive, <i>The General</i>, in Georgia and head north; but conductor Wm. A. Fuller, on foot, on a handcar, and finally in another locomotive, chases <i>The General</i> down. 1861—Confederate gunners fire on Ft. Sumter. 1788—A mob in New York, opposed to body-snatching, attacks a hospital, occupies the dissecting room, and displays body parts at the windows. The two-day riot kills five. 1782—American militia troops massacre 100 neutral, Christian Indians of the Delaware Nation.	2002—Venezuela’s poor overrule its generals; President Hugo Chavez is restored to office. 1992—Chicago’s business district is shut down due to flooding after the Chicago River breaches an underground tunnel system. 1981—Rep. Jon Hinson (R-Miss.) resigns three months after being arrested for attempting to commit oral sodomy in a House restroom. 1981—For a fraudulent article about an 8-year-old junkie, the <i>Washington Post</i>’s Janet Cooke is awarded the Pulitzer Prize. 1970—The <i>Apollo 13</i> moon shot lives up to its numeral. 1962—Rachel Carson’s <i>Silent Spring</i> is published. 1953—The CIA’s MKUltra brainwashing program goes to work. 1919—British troops massacre at least 379 unarmed Indian men women and children at Amritsar. 1901—French anarchist Clement Duval, after 14 years on Devil’s Island, makes his 20th escape attempt. He gets to New York City, lives to be 85, and inspires <i>Papillon</i>. 1873—In Grant Parish, La., the White League and the Klan celebrate Easter Sunday by killing 280 African-Americans in what becomes known as the Colfax Massacre. 1204—Crusaders take Constantinople for the greater glory of God: murder, rape, looting, and the burning of the Imperial Library ensue.
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