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Human Events

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A [refresher](#) from USA Today: "...the process began with a February 2008 congressional hearing in which Clemens made statements to a committee that the government believed to be false, and continued through a mistrial in July 2011.

The case hinged in large part on whether jurors would believe Clemens, 49, who did not testify in his own defense, or Brian McNamee, a onetime strength and conditioning coach who testified with immunity at trial that he injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone."

Listening to politicians grandstand and lecture us about the integrity of professional sports (and, don't get me wrong, Clemens probably can't string together three honest words) is almost as torturous as watching a 1-0 pitching duel in August. Then again, on the bright side, the Eric Holder-led Justice Department lost another one today. Chalk up another win for the American people.

American.com

[And it all falls apart: EuroCrisis 2012](#)

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given that we are running at least six weeks behind schedule for Greece's ability to make all domestic payments.

Finally, Goldman Sachs with the exclamation point:

Greece will remain a source of uncertainty due to its macro-dynamics. The country is undergoing extreme economic pressures that are likely above and beyond austerity; prolonged uncertainty have led to a multi-year suppression in confidence and a collapse in credit growth, which has helped compressed the private sector, create supply shortages and has contributed to the lack of investment or privatization efforts, higher structural unemployment and persistent inflation currently observed. Unless this uncertainty of tail events is lifted over Greece, moderate solutions will be prone to marginalization, while extreme and populist views could become ever so prevalent.

And if New Democracy can't form a government with Pasok, we're right back where we started.

But Greece is a sideshow. It's Spain and Italy on center stage. Despite the favorable election results in Greece, borrowing costs rose for both economies. The yield on Spanish 10-year bonds surged above the 7% red line, Italy above 6%. Markets may have finally moved beyond relief rallies based on nuggets of supposed good news. They want the Big Fix, and maybe it will come at the big EU meeting at month's end. But that is not likely, is it? Everyone wants "more Europe," but defines that goal differently. France wants a banking union leading eventually to a greater political union; the Germans just the opposite. More muddle from the politicians could put both Spain and Italy on an accelerated exit path.

Meanwhile, the other growth engines are sputtering—China, India, the United States. In the U.S., we're now looking at a repeat of 2011, even if the EU crisis is contained. Slow growth, flat incomes, high unemployment. We're not ready for another storm, much less a perfect one. But that's just what might be on its way. And nothing that happened in Greece yesterday changes that. The only people who believe that are the schnooks—or someone trying to sell you something.

National Review

[Will Holder's Politicking Finally End?](#)

Facing contempt charges, the attorney general agrees to "negotiate."

by John Fund

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"The Justice Department is out of excuses," House Speaker John Boehner said in support of Issa's move. "Either the Justice Department turns over the information requested, or Congress will have no choice but to move forward with holding the attorney general in contempt for obstructing an ongoing investigation."

The Justice Department dismissed Issa's complaints, saying he was "playing political games." By Friday, though, Holder said he was willing to sit down and negotiate to avoid what he dramatically called "a constitutional crisis." For his part, Issa said he was willing to delay the contempt vote set for this Wednesday if Justice turns over a large chunk of the documents he has requested. But Issa says he will not back down until he gets to the bottom of Fast and Furious.

Holder's sudden flexibility after 15 months of evasive maneuvers has two origins. First, sources inside Justice gave Issa a valuable leak last week: six wiretap applications used as part of Fast and Furious. Together, they provide evidence that higher-ups at Justice knew about and approved Fast and Furious, contrary to Holder's assurances.

During an interview with me in [New York](#) last week, Issa pointed out that 31 House Democrats wrote a letter to Holder last year asking for more documents on Fast and Furious. The new revelations have shaken many of those Democrats, and Issa believes, based on a whip count, that many Democrats would ultimately back a contempt-of-Congress motion against Holder. This turnabout by Democrats is the second reason Holder is now promising cooperation. Until now, Holder wanted to wait for Justice's inspector general to complete his own look at Fast and Furious before turning over more documents to Congress. But that investigation has been under way for 15 months, and there are no signs it will wrap up soon.

Issa's patience is exhausted. "This is like Iran-contra, like Watergate, and other embarrassments over the years," he told me. "The major embarrassment is the delay in being honest and open about it."

The pattern of delay and denial is a familiar one, Issa says. "If you translate the double talk we get [from Justice], it amounts to 'We will tell you what you need to know to know that we are right,'" he says. "What is the definition of propaganda?"

Attorney General Holder clearly helps President Obama in several ways. His brazen stonewalling of investigations certainly helps Obama postpone any final revelations until after the November elections. His department's blatant refusal to enforce federal law requiring states to clean up their inaccurate voter-registration records, combined with DOJ lawsuits against state voter-ID laws, must bring smiles to any ACORN-like groups contemplating electoral mischief this fall. Finally, his attempt to contain and effectively delay any probe of the national-security leaks may outrage members of the intelligence community, but the perpetrators of those leaks surely must welcome Holder's tactics.

With this record, Eric Holder has become, to paraphrase Gilbert and Sullivan, the very model of a modern attorney general — thoroughly political. It's just too bad that such no-holds-barred partisanship has so little to do with real duties of the attorney general: upholding the rule of law, the Constitution, and standards of conduct other attorneys in government are expected to adhere to.

Hot Air

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BURDEN OF GOVERNING COULD DISTRACT OBAMA FROM CAMPAIGN: “Although American voters are not particularly focused on foreign policy in a time of economic trouble, the rest of the world has a way of occupying a president's time and intruding on his best-laid campaign plans,” Peter Baker writes on A1 of today's New York Times that leads with the trouble in Greece, Syria and Egypt over the weekend. “If anything, the dire headlines from around the world only reinforce an uncomfortable reality for this president and any of his successors: even the world's last superpower has only so much control over events beyond its borders...Whether from ripples of the European fiscal crisis or flare-ups of violence in Baghdad, it is easy to be whipsawed by events. The trick for any president, of course, is in not seeming to be whipsawed, even as his challenger presents him as weak and ineffectual in shaping international events.” Peter: <http://nyti.ms/KWDDkp>. Jennifer Epstein on what to watch in Mexico: <http://politi.co/LVhuWN>.

MILESTONE: Obama played his 100th round of golf as president at the Beverly Country Club in Chicago yesterday. Here are some aerial photos of the course if you're into that kind of thing: <http://bit.ly/M5NFS7>. Here's Mark Knoller's CBS News piece: <http://cbsn.ws/MAyuCx>.

All right, let's take a more serious look at [the Times story](#), and get a sense of what Baker is trying to say:

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The trick for any president, of course, is in not seeming to be whipsawed, even as his challenger presents him as weak and ineffectual in shaping international events. If a president cannot stand tall in the world, the argument goes, he is not up to the task of governing in a complicated age.

For some reason, people seem to think that presidential election dynamics have changed tremendously over the last few years. How many Presidents lost their re-election bid in a general election? More in the 19th century than afterward, and darned few in any case. In our lifetimes, the only two to have contested for a second term and lost were Jimmy Carter and George H. W. Bush (Gerald Ford failed to win his *first* election, remember). They don't call it the bully pulpit for nothing. The incumbent President has tremendous power to shape the narrative to his own advantage, as Obama tried to do on Friday by diverting attention away from jobs and onto immigration.

Painting an incumbent President as a victim of the whims of fate is patently ridiculous — but sure makes a handy excuse when one loses a bid for a second term.

WSJ

An E-Reader Revolution for Africa?

Schools in developing countries are experimenting with digital books; endless titles, spotty electricity

by Geoffrey A. Fowler and Nicholas Bariyo



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An ongoing project called One Laptop Per Child, which started in 2005 with the goal of creating Internet-connected laptops for educating kids in the developing world, spent \$30 million to make its own laptop with a long battery life. The group has sold more than two million laptops, today priced at \$185 each, but it has run into competition from commercial computer makers as well as criticism of its mission amid the basic needs of people in the Third World. It is now working on developing a laptop with a tabletlike touch screen.

Early results at Worldreader are promising, says Mr. Risher, 46, a former Amazon executive who has raised about \$1.5 million for his two-year-old program from foundations, individual donors like Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, publishers and Amazon itself. It has distributed 1,100 Kindles and 180,000 e-books to kids and teachers in Ghana, Kenya and Uganda.

E-readers have some advantages over laptops in far-flung places. Kindles are lightweight and rugged, and can last weeks on a single charge. With built-in Internet connections, they are basically big mobile phones—a technology that has proved successful throughout Africa.

Kindles are still relatively expensive; some pilot schools lock them up overnight for safekeeping. Worldreader often teaches kids how to care for their devices by demonstrating with an egg: Drop it from a foot up, it will break; drop it from 8 inches, it survives.

Compared with traditional books, e-readers make it easy to distribute works from African authors that can be hard to get in print. Previously, Humble School's library contained mostly books donated from America. "The first books we got were mainly about the U.S., with kids playing in ice—which our pupils would not understand," says Ester Nabwire, the school's head teacher. "With the Kindles, there are African authors, African names which are exciting the kids."

Getting an e-book into the hands of one of Worldreader's kids costs about \$5 per title. That includes the approximately \$100 price of the Kindle, which Worldreader gets as donations or buys from Amazon at wholesale, a protective case, training and support materials, and other

overhead costs. Worldreader gets e-books from the public domain or donations from publishers, or by digitally publishing work by local authors.

By comparison, Room to Read, a 12-year-old nonprofit that builds libraries for elementary schools, says it can print and deliver one of its own books to a school for about \$1 per book in Africa. In Asia, where it has the most programs, only 30% of the cost of establishing a library involves printing and distributing books, while the rest goes toward furniture, training teachers and monitoring to make sure the books are getting used.

In Worldreader's first test, funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development at six schools in Ghana starting in 2010, the group found that primary-school students who got Kindles increased their performance on standardized reading tests from about 13% to 16%.

For kids who develop a love for reading, there is another benefit that is hard to quantify: a seemingly endless library. "I can access every book I want to read very quickly," says Eperence Uwera, a 13-year-old Rwandan refugee at the Humble School. "I would love to go [home] with the Kindle during the holidays."

NY Times

[In New Hampshire, a Coveted Chance to Hunt a Moose](#)

by Katharine Q Seelye

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New Hampshire is one of only a few states with enough moose to allow a hunting season, and the lottery is an annual rite that captures the attention of hunters in state and out. Maine, a much bigger state than New Hampshire, with thousands more moose, also has a lottery, to be held later this month. The drawing there has become so popular that a whole weekend of activities has grown up around it.

New Hampshire's lottery has grown in visibility and interest over the years — on Friday, the departing governor, John Lynch, presided over it, and the hosts of morning talk on WTPL-FM (107.7) read all 275 names live on the air. But the declining number of permits has only intensified the competition and decreased the odds of winning.

The permits are down in part because of the successful management of the herd. As much as moose can be thrilling for hunters, tourists and wildlife biologists, they can be annoying to others, like farmers and paper manufacturers, and they can be dangerous, if not fatal, to motorists. Since moose re-established themselves here a half century ago, the state has tried to manage the interests of all sides.

One thing beyond the state's control is the increase in moose mortality — the result of a complex chain reaction involving warmer winters and a corresponding increase in winter ticks, which are not the ticks that cause disease in humans. The herd in New Hampshire has dropped to about 5,000 from about 7,000 a few years ago, said Kristine Rines, who has been the state's moose project leader at the Fish and Game Department since 1985.



An excessive number of ticks, spawned by warmer winters, appear to be killing more moose, so there are fewer permits.

Normally, a moose might carry 30,000 ticks, Ms. Rines said. And normally, the ticks drop off in the spring into the snow and die because the snow prevents them from reaching the ground, where they breed.

But when there is no snow, the ticks breed more easily and multiply at a rapid rate, so that one moose might carry as many as 120,000. The ticks can cause anemia and blood loss, just as the moose are emerging from winter and are at their weakest.

“We call April the month of death for tick-laden moose,” Ms. Rines said.

“My concern is that normal winters are going to be a thing of the past,” she added.

Moose like the cold, but they still have been wandering south in recent decades, including into Connecticut and Massachusetts, where they have established populations, but not enough to sustain hunting.

The climate and other factors are so variable in these regions that it is not clear whether the tick problem in New Hampshire could occur further south, said Mark Ellingwood, a wildlife biologist for New Hampshire. “But it seems unlikely,” he said, “because there aren’t enough moose in southern New England to host an abundance of winter ticks.”

In Minnesota, the moose population in the northeastern part of the state has plummeted to half its size in just a few years, [researchers have said](#), with parasites and [climate change](#) among the

possible culprits. But regulated hunting is still allowed because it is not seen as a major cause of the decline.

As the lottery here ended, Ms. Jenness and two other winners who had attended the drawing found themselves flooded with phone calls from friends and family who offered congratulations.

One person who was not so excited was Ms. Jenness's son, Shawn, 28, a supermarket cashier, who accompanied her to the drawing. He said he did not like the idea of killing animals, and he has no interest in eating moose meat. His dinner of choice, he said, is pizza.

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Conan: The world's largest and best preserved Tyrannosaurus Rex currently resides at Chicago's Field Museum. That T Rex is so old it was found wearing a Cubs World Series ring.

Conan: Chicago allows produce sellers to have fruit and veggie stands all over the city. City Council calls the law a "victory." Everyone else in Chicago calls it an "unprecedented attack on our lifestyle."

Leno: So the Devils lost the NHL championship in the City of Angels. Hmm. But the Kings championship is great when LA citizens and illegals can come together to celebrate a sports victory by a bunch of Canadians.

Leno: So President Obama is starting to lose support now among Democrats too. Here's how bad it is: Today Jimmy Carter compared Obama to Jimmy Carter.

Leno: A new book says Obama smoked a lot of marijuana in his youth. To keep up now Mitt Romney has admitted he was once hooked on Phonics.

Conan: President Obama was in Chicago this weekend. Obama is introducing his new economic plan as part of the “Just for Laughs” Festival.

Conan: Oprah interviewed eight members of the Kardashian family. It’s an Oprah show episode entitled, “I Can’t Believe It’s Come to This.”

Conan: Chicago's a broad-shouldered town. We're at a nice hotel. I went to turn in last night and the maid had left a rack of ribs on my pillow.

Fallon: President Obama is apparently planning to skip a major environmental summit in South America. Or as the Secret Service put it, “Aw, man!”

Fallon: Sunday, the Kardashians sat down with Oprah for their first TV interview together as a family. It’s crazy — before this, if you wanted to see the Kardashian family on TV, you had to... turn on the TV.

Leno: Two Missouri women have been arrested for flashing their breasts at golfers. Here's my question: Who calls the cops after seeing that?

Leno: Obama’s Commerce Secretary was cited for hit-and-run after crashing into two cars. He’s going on leave. The good news: It's the first job Obama has created all year.

Leno: Federal prosecutors drop the remaining charges against John Edwards. So, ladies, he is available.

Leno: Drug charges reinstated against Lance Armstrong. He's already passed 500 drug tests. Even President Obama couldn't pass that many.

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Fallon: President Obama's economy speech was really well-attended. Tons of people in the audience — you know, since nobody had to be at work and all.

Fallon: Tomorrow, China will send its first female astronaut into space. Which sounds pretty awesome — until you realize that it’s because her parents already have a boy.

Fallon: A new survey says US Airways is the U.S.'s most-hated airline. Today, US Airways apologized to passengers and charged each a \$50 apology fee.

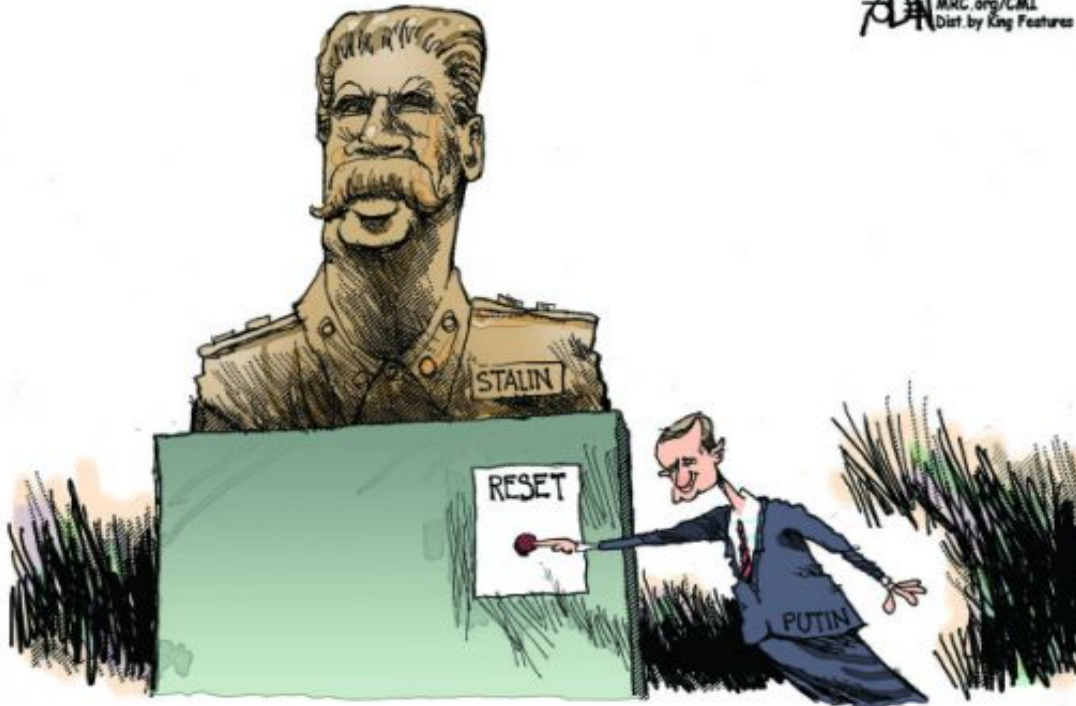
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The private sector is doing fine.
And it's all George Bush's fault.

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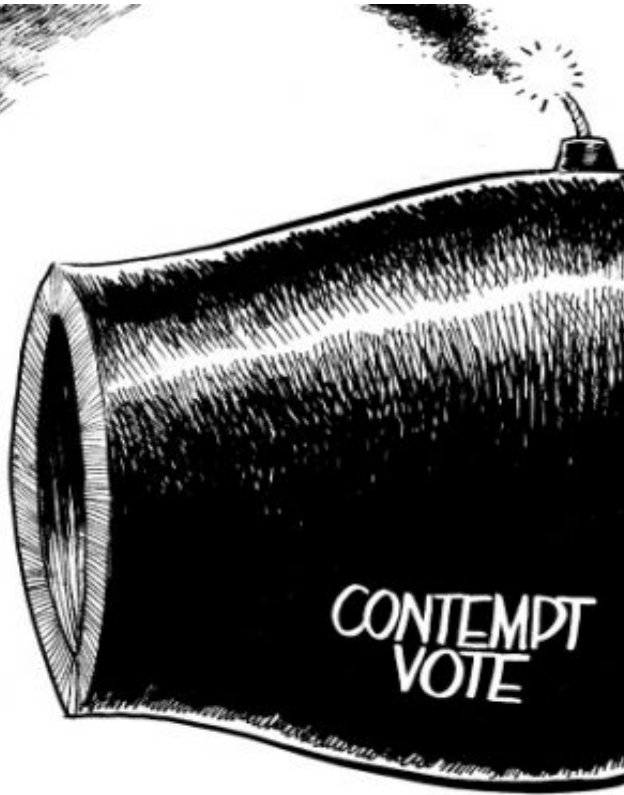
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