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## The Fortnightly Rant

### “This is a System?”

One down and two to go; like some character in a Greek myth or a dark tale by the Brothers Grimm, the nation appears to have survived the first of three self-imposed trials on the long and hazardous path to select its next leader. If, in their next meetings, Hillary Clinton can restrain the understandable urge to dope-slap her opponent, and if Donald Trump continues to so fully be himself, the world may yet be spared the prospect of a con artist armed with nukes.

Before the debate, Trump tried to discredit moderator Lester Holt by claiming Holt was a Democrat. Holt has been a registered Republican longer than Trump. Campaign manager Kellyanne Conway then tried to defend her client, saying “he didn’t lie [because] a lie would mean he knew the man’s party registration.”

Roger Ailes is alleged to have taken time out from the settling of sexual harassment lawsuits to help Trump prep for the debate. Trump’s performance suggests this is true; no sooner had the former beauty pageant owner walked on stage than he planted his little hand on the small of Clinton’s back. Before the bullying, comes the condescension.

Trump was fairly energetic for a man his age. Despite frequently sipping water and sniffing audibly, he managed to interrupt Clinton 25 times in 26 minutes. Later he claimed the sniffing sound was produced by “a defective mic,” adding, “I wonder ... was that on

purpose?” Twitterer Imani Gandy offered an equally plausible theory: “‘Defective Mike’ is his coke dealer.”

In a way, Trump is right: the debate was rigged in a couple of ways. After Clinton goaded him by suggesting he’d inflated his wealth, Holt paid out plenty of rope with which he could hang himself. Also, the producers used a split screen, allowing free rein for Trump’s constant mugging and squinting.

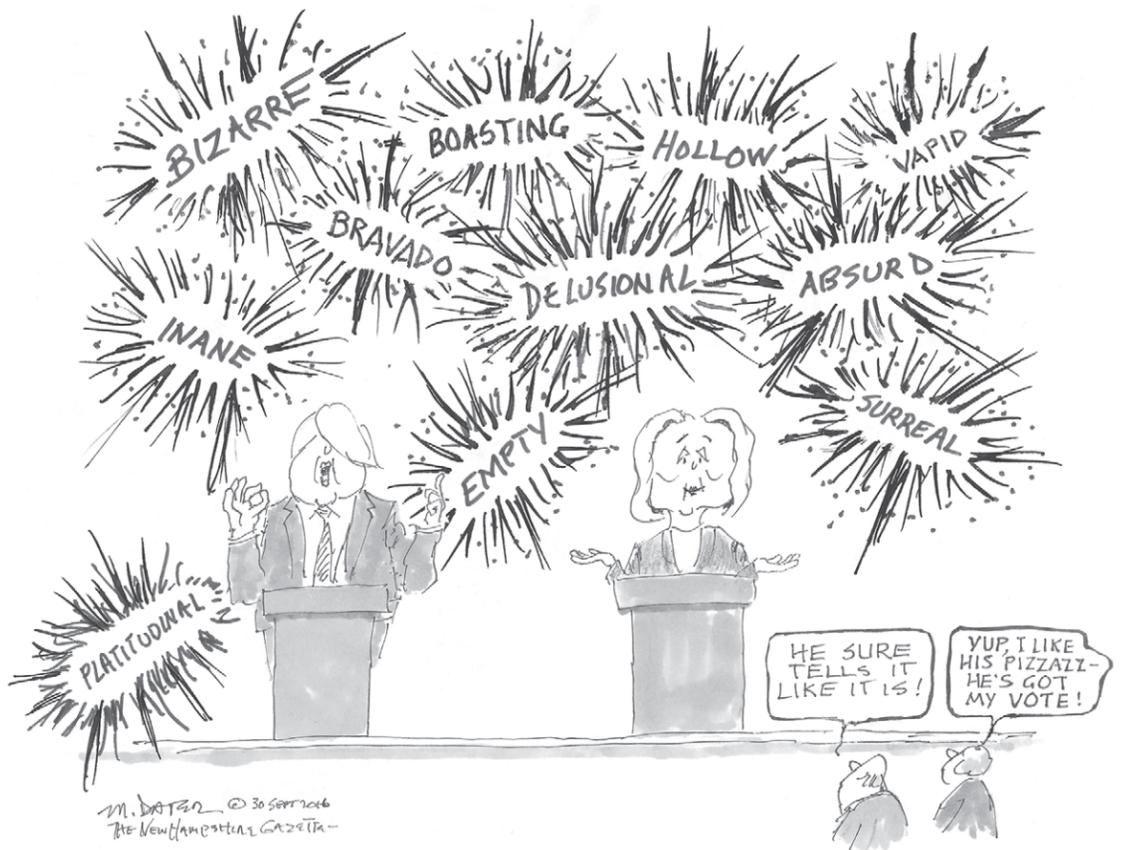
Trump summed up the dynamic with a complaint to Clinton, “I notice the nasty commercials you do on me.” The commercials are literally just clips of him speaking.

#### Either Way, a Lasting First

If elected, Hillary Clinton will be the first female President of the United States of America. In many ways that would be a good thing; not so good as a President Elizabeth Warren, perhaps, but that’s not in the cards — yet.

Trump seems to believe — and he may be right — that he can be the first obnoxious, overbearing white male elected without releasing his income tax returns. His reticence on the topic does nothing but fuel the flames. Clinton has suggested that his reluctance may stem from his fear they would reveal troubling links to foreign [\*cough\* Putin] powers.

Trump, of course, denies that. Without the returns, though, he can’t quash the rumors. So, the possibility exists that a Trump victory would allow a Manchurian candidate to build a Supreme Court which could last for thirty years.



Trump need not be Putin’s puppet to scare us with the Court. He has said he’d nominate Peter Thiel. Justices are appointed for life. Thiel is a techno-vampire who believes he can live forever by accepting presumably-voluntary transfusions from young people.

Trump has said he’s willing to edit the First Amendment. His would-be Justice Thiel has already used his tremendous wealth to bankrupt the Gawker media empire.

Ah, for the good old days, when all this country needed was a good 5-cent cigar. Now we have a Presidential candidate who thinks we need an immortal Justice who doesn’t believe in a free press.

#### The Wild Cards

The candidates have this in common: large blocks of tepid supporters primarily driven by aversion to their opponent. Ten percent of voters apparently can’t stand either and say they’ll vote either Libertarian or Green. Libertarian Gary Johnson opposes action against climate change because five billion years from now the sun will evolve into a red giant and incinerate the Earth. His running mate remains unconvinced that cigarettes cause cancer. Green candidate Jill Stein, a doctor, is ambivalent about vaccines. Neither party stands the remotest chance of winning; together they heighten the prospect of chaos.

#### Letting the Undecided Decide

What Clinton voter, at this stage of the process, would switch their allegiance to Trump, or vice versa? Either eventuality seems unlikely. Beyond serving as secular national rituals, then, the purpose of debates is to sway undecided voters. With the electorate evenly divided, that puts the outcome in the hands of ... How can one characterize those voters who, by virtue of not having made up their minds, have made themselves The Deciders?

We’ll defer to a certain former Vice President: “What a waste it is to lose one’s mind. Or not to have a mind is being very wasteful. How true that is.”

## The Alleged News®

### Water, Water, Here and There

The legislative news is no more encouraging than the presidential. As the week began, those few who could bear to pay attention were anticipating yet another possible government shutdown. If Washington, D.C. were a car, the smart thing to do would be call Click and Clack and beg them to tow it away.

There is a bill pending in the Senate that would authorize enough government spending to keep the lights on in D.C. for another few months. The Democrats don’t want to vote for it, though, because Mitch McConnell, the Boss of the Senate — surely we can dispense with honorific titles by now — yanked a provision that would have made it possible for the pampered citizens of Flint, Michigan to draw water from their home taps that won’t lower their childrens’ IQs.

Michigan, being northern and urban, is, of course, full of godless Democrats. Republicans believe they need to toughen up a little

bit, so they’ve prescribed a dose of austerity. Apparently this is part of an ongoing program; the average Michigander receives \$0.92 from the federal government for every dollar he pays in taxes.

Republicans are not necessarily opposed to federal funding for water-related problems. They just think those questions should be decided on a case-by-case basis by the nameless, faceless bureaucrats on their staffs.

For instance, Republicans were happy to insert a half-billion-dollar provision into the Senate funding bill which will help those Louisianans whose homes were destroyed by the recent freakish flooding. Louisiana, being southern and rural, is, of course, full of god-fearing Republicans. The average Louisianan receives \$1.78 per capita from the federal government for every dollar he pay in taxes.

The apparent disparity in Federal generosity is, of course, an illusion; the two situations are not at all comparable because they

resulted from entirely different circumstances.

The water problem in Flint was caused by unelected Republican overseers being fiscally responsible by sucking the city’s drinking water out of the nasty old Flint River.

The water problem in Louisiana, on the other hand, was caused by a climate destabilized by the release of unprecedented amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere resulting from the unchecked combustion of hydrocarbons sold by Republican political campaign donors.

#### Militarize Law Enforcement

We regret to say that we’ve lost track of exactly how many unarmed black men have been shot by police officers since our September 16th paper was published.

This is not, of course, a new problem. There seems to be a school of thought in this country which holds that problems of long standing ought to be accepted because of their longevity. Although

we maintain the respect for tradition which is appropriate for an institution of our advanced years, we reject that notion.

A possible solution to this problem recently appeared on one of our many news feeds. It involves, counterintuitively, more, not less, militarization of our law enforcement agencies.

To explain, we’ll quote an unnamed protestor, caught on video, at one of the many recent protests:

“I’m out here protesting injustice. I’m from the military. This is my one-year anniversary of being a civilian. And since I’ve gotten out the only thing I’ve heard is unarmed shootings.

“Now, my biggest question to them is, what is y’all’s protocols? What makes you shoot a man who does not have a weapon in [his] hand? We don’t even have those rules over in Afghanistan, and we’re at war.

“So you mean to tell me that we can come home and do that to our own people, but I can’t do that

in the country that we’re at war with? That makes no sense to me.

“So that’s why I’m out here protesting. That’s why I’m out here letting them know I am a veteran. It makes no sense at all.

“So either it’s the training or they need to start hiring new people.”

An unnamed woman holding a sign made an equally cogent point recently about a peculiar inversion of our expectations: “We live in a world where trained cops can panic & act on impulse, but untrained civilians must remain calm with a gun in their face.”

In other law enforcement news, WGCL-TV in Atlanta reported September 13th that the Georgia Bureau of Investigation was searching for a man who shot a Jackson, Ga., police officer. The officer, Sherry Hall, was wearing a bulletproof vest and was unharmed. Hall fired two shots

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at the fleeing suspect. Although WGCL did not report the alleged shooter's race, Hall said the man was black, mentally disturbed, six feet tall, and weighed about 250 pounds.

Ten days later WGCL reported that Hall had been fired for making false statements, and warrants had been issued for her arrest. It turns out she'd shot herself.

It won't be her first arrest. In the 1990s she got five years probation and paid a \$1,700 fine for felonious criminal damage to property. The Jackson chief of police was aware of her criminal record but hired her anyway, since she had been cleared by the state's Police Officer Standards Organization.

**Sununu Nooz**

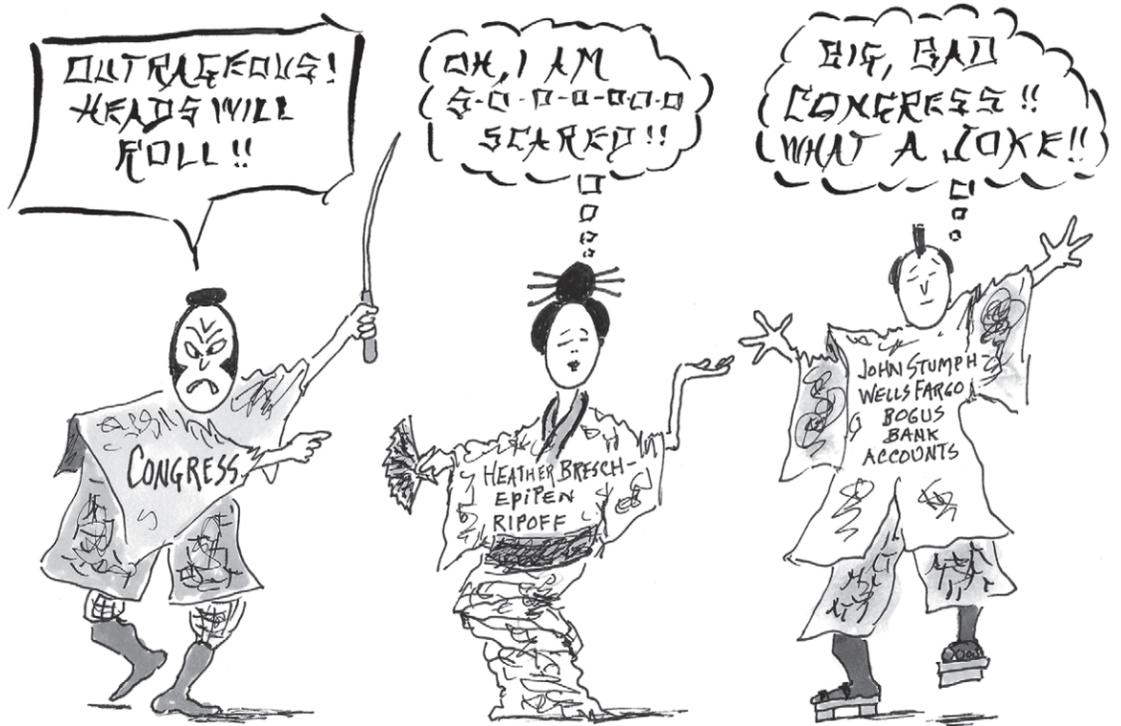
It seems to us that, in these days when a politician's odds of winning can be found online, it's a shame some sort of service is not available to weigh the worth of

political dynasties. As it apparently is with The Donald's fortune, a dynasty's bottom line might be the product of actual wealth and perceived value.

Certainly Political Science departments in universities around the country would benefit if the value of the Bush brand were tracked over the decades. The lessons learned might benefit not only the descendants of the powerful, but the working stiffs and the cannon fodder whose fates they so often determine.

On a local level, the University of New Hampshire would, for example, want to study and assess the net worth of the Greggs, the Basses, and the Sununus. That latter tribe, we fear, is trending rather violently downwards.

Back in January, before New Hampshire's First in the Nation™ Presidential Primary Election®, Papa Sununu rather vigorously denounced — as is his wont — the Republican front-runner, comparing a vote for Trump with



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As an East Coast harbor, Portsmouth's market share has slipped considerably over the past 393 years. What it lacks in bulk it makes up for in diversity, though. Take, for example, this 590-foot, Singapore-flagged bulk carrier, Strategic Harmony, seen in port earlier this month. Judging from the website for Strategic Harmony Partners, Strat-Harmony.com, it's carrying some 24,658 gross tons of Strategic Harmony® methodology, to correct the "persistent lack of alignment and integration between product development decisions and brand management."

drinking cyanide-laced Kool-Aid.

Sununu called Trump an opportunist in need of on-the-job training, whose foreign policy statements were ludicrous, and decried his "abject ignorance on the issue of our nuclear triad," saying his "claim that he understands foreign policy because he pays attention to the Sunday talk shows should gag even his most ardent followers." To ABC News, he said, "he's been a loser all his life .... He's had four big bankruptcies. Trump Airlines went bankrupt, Trump Magazines shut down, Trump Steaks went out of business, and when he was the owner of New Jersey Generals, they also went out of business. This guy has a history of failure and losing. He's a perpetual loser," adding, "they fired him like a beggar."

Not surprisingly, Trump took issue with Sununu's characterization. Interviewed in Windham, he vomited forth a disorganized sequence of personal insults: "I

mean, there's this guy named John H. Sununu who wrote an article in this phony paper, and it was so bad. I don't even know the guy. He was fired by Bush. I mean, he was fired, right? And he was fired like a dog. He was fired viciously, and he's such a dumb guy he doesn't even know he was fired."

Despite his previously stated position and the obloquy heaped upon him, Sununu endorsed Trump on Tuesday, saying he would "bring bold change to Washington" — a formulation that could easily be applied to the effect George W.[MD] Bush had on Iraq, the Middle East, and, through emigration, Europe.

Dynastic preservation is one possible explanation for this abrupt reversal of this clash between two titans of contemptuous personal assessment. Sununu's son, Chris Sununu, is running for Governor; a Trump loss at the top of the ticket would reduce his chances.

**The First District Fight**

New Hampshire's First continues to provide more entertainment per constituent than any other District outside Florida. Three candidates will be on the ballot this November: Frank Guinta, Carol Shea-Porter, and Shawn O'Connor.

A former Third Way-style Democrat, O'Connor professed support for fiscal prudence and low taxes, had no contact with the Party until he filed a primary challenge to Carol Shea-Porter, then ran to her left as a Sanders supporter.

After picking bizarre fights with the state's Democratic Party, O'Connor bailed and filed as an independent, just barely submitting enough petitions to qualify. Alas, some voters who signed also signed other petitions, thereby invalidating their signatures. Just to keep things interesting, apparently, the state's Ballot Law Commission ruled in O'Connor's favor.

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Meanwhile, Guinta is up to his old tricks, running up his tab for sending franked mail to constituents — something for which he has criticized Shea-Porter.

**Beware That Bovine**

Australia is famous for being the home of strangely dangerous animals: centipedes that can kill snakes, pythons that can kill crocodiles, and birds called cassowaries which have been known to kill humans. Proud Aussies may now add another unlikely combination to that list.

A herd of cows was peacefully minding its own bovine business in Far North Queensland on September 18th, when an unidentified Aussie employed by a local carnivore-enabler attempted to relocate the animals by harassing them with a Robinson R22 helicopter.

One valiant cow chose to resist. It managed to catch the skids of the machine with its horns. Only marginally stable in the best of circumstances, the helicopter instantly became unmanageable. Luckily for the pilot he was close to the ground.

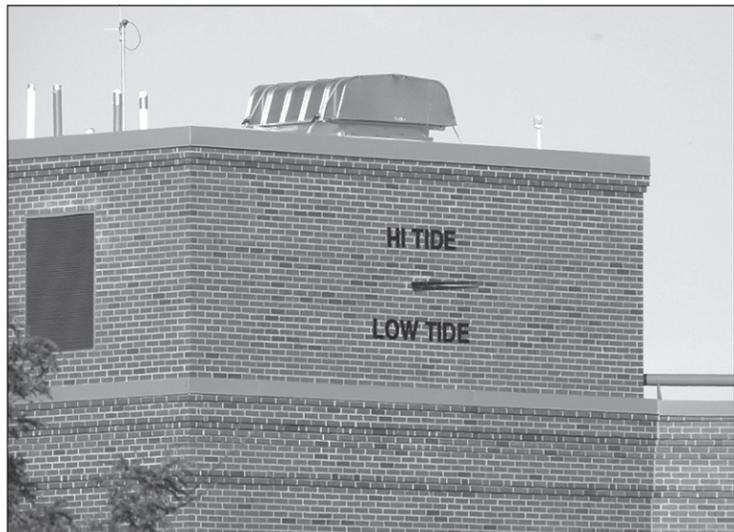
It was a hard landing, though. The fragile craft's fuel tank burst, and, like so many before it, the Robinson was engulfed in a fiery inferno. While the pilot escaped with his life, the machine was reduced to a pitiful pile of blackened wreckage.

Although news accounts were sadly unspecific on this count, we suspect that the cow, like a Hollywood action hero, walked calmly away from the blaze without so much as a backward glance.

**Earth: "I Got My Rights"**

Every once in a while it helps, we believe, to peer through the window of the handbasket as it rockets down the tracks towards hell, and look for other ways of conceptualizing the world. The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF) is particularly good at that sort of thing.

CELDF recently helped the Ho-Chunk Nation draft an amendment their tribal constitution enshrining in it the Rights of Nature. The General Council of the Nation voted on Saturday, September 17th to adopt that



Although we make every effort to assure the accuracy of Admiral Fowle's Piscataqua River Tidal Guide, we are careful to publish it with an accompanying disclaimer stating that it is not to be used for navigational purposes. The Landgraf of the Flussbunker might consider adding a similar warning to the tide clock recently installed upon his parapet. At 4:55 p.m. on Thursday, September 22nd, the clock indicated the tide was just about half past full; unlikely, since high tide came at 4:21 p.m. that day.

amendment. It is the first tribal nation in the United States to take this step. A vote of the full membership will follow.

The amendment establishes that "Ecosystems and natural communities within the Ho-Chunk territory possess an inherent, fundamental, and inalienable right to exist and thrive." It prohibits fossil fuel extraction, the mining of sand for fracking, and genetic engineering as violations of the Rights of Nature.

The Nation has been supporting the Standing Rock Sioux in their opposition to the Dakota Access oil pipeline.

CELDF also helped make Ecuador the first country in the world to enshrine the Rights of Nature in its constitution.

According to CELDF, "in a time of accelerated climate change, species extinction, and ecosystem collapse, it is increasingly understood that fulfilling a human right to a healthy environment is dependent on the health

of the natural environment. Thus, the human right to a healthy environment can only be achieved if we place the highest protections on the natural environment — by recognizing in law the right of the environment itself to be healthy and thrive."

**New Nude News is Good News**

Just about a month ago Portsmouth got an exciting new online news source: *The Tug*. While the background of its anonymous writers is still quite mysterious, it's clear they have the chops to present compelling reportage.

The site seems to be specializing in stories you won't find elsewhere: shower-to-table, clothing-optional dining at Moxy's restaurant on Penhallow Street; an agreement between the U.S. Navy, the New Hampshire and Maine Departments of Correction, and proprietors of Pickwick's Mercantile on State Street to open a private prison at the Portsmouth Naval Prison — announced in a press release sent by owl; a celebration

at the Press Room of manager Bruce Pingree's eleventy-first birthday; the high resolution, bluetooth-enabled camera Assistant Mayor Jim Splaine recently had permanently installed in his left eye socket, which will "live stream his every waking moment to subscribers via a new app, available for free through the City's website;" and a ritual human sacrifice recently carried out by City Councilor Joshua Cyr.

"We were considering a water ban," *The Tug* quotes Cyr saying, "but a motion was brought up in non-meeting that we could just return to the Old Ways. There was some deliberation as to what exact method to turn to — dowsing, rain dance, beseeching the Japanese thunder god Raiden, but we settled on ritual sacrifice. That's always worked for Portsmouth before, and it worked again now."

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**Climate Change is Here**

To the Editor:

Climate change is here and explains today's seemingly contradictory massive droughts and biblical deluges.

Increased CO2 levels from mass deforestation and the burning of fossil fuels have warmed the atmosphere, increasing both our water supply's rate of evaporation and the atmosphere's ability to hold moisture. For the 10,000 years prior to the Industrial Revolution, atmospheric CO2 levels had been 280 parts per million (ppm). Today's atmospheric CO2 levels of 400 ppm have resulted in the ferocity of California's wildfires and Louisiana's recent flooding which was America's eighth extreme precipitation event over the past fifteen months.

Atmospheric CO2 levels are increasing approximately two ppm every year, yet would have to fall below 350 ppm by 2100 to substantially slow the planet's warming. The Paris Agreement would not achieve 350 ppm, yet remains the best climate accord to date. Economists widely agree America can only achieve the Paris Agreement by putting a price or tax on CO2. Donald Trump denies climate change and experts believe Hillary Clinton's seemingly ambitious plan would not meet this goal without some form of carbon pricing. A national carbon fee and dividend program that prices carbon when it comes out of the ground and then returns those funds to taxpayers as dividends is

necessary.

Meeting the Paris Agreement requires more than two thirds of the estimated \$150 trillion worth of remaining fossil fuel reserves to remain untapped. Numerous energy companies oppose this because their value is estimated off the reserves they possess the rights to extract. Stanford University's Atmosphere and Energy Program has demonstrated further drilling is unnecessary because America can generate 80 percent of our power from renewable sources by 2030. America meeting our potential alone would cause atmospheric CO2 levels to fall below 350 ppm by the 22nd century.

Climate change's ongoing drought has begun impacting our daily lives on the Seacoast. With experts identifying the Northeast, and not the South, as one of the greatest areas of concern for flooding, I sincerely hope extreme precipitation events will not have to become a regular occurrence before America demonstrates the conviction needed to confront climate change.

Josh Denton  
Portsmouth, N.H.

Josh:

*Once again you've helped us to avoid the tragic error of overlooking the central issue facing mankind today.*

The Editor

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**Dispatch from La-La Land**

To the Editor:

With the cool and confident demeanor exhibited by President Clinton, President Obama and other sociopaths, Hillary Clinton repeated the lie that President Obama was forced to withdraw American forces from Iraq by the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) created by President Bush. This lie has been protected by the media and by the obscurity of the facts.

When President Obama took office, Iraq was stable. President Bush had negotiated a SOFA

based on the assumptions that conditions in Iraq would remain stable or improve, that a significant (30,000 – 50,000) American force would remain, and that a strong American influence would help maintain stability in Iraq.

All parties expected to renegotiate the SOFA if conditions changed. And conditions changed. President Obama refused to follow sensible policies to ensure the continued stability of Iraq. Contrary to the advice of his military and civilian advisors, President Obama refused to leave a large American force in Iraq, and he withdrew the American influence that helped ensure stability in Iraq.

As problems arose, Iraqi leaders and American representatives recognized the need for and began negotiating a new SOFA. But President Obama didn't want a new SOFA.

*[Ludicrous 137-word straw man deleted. — The Ed.]*

President Obama's failures created the instability in Iraq that enabled the ISIS victories in Iraq. ISIS's victories in Iraq made it wealthy, boosted its recruiting efforts, and made it the worldwide threat that it has become. President Obama's and Hillary's immigration and refugee programs have brought ISIS provocateurs here to threaten, kill, and instigate others to kill Americans.

It is President Obama's and Hillary Clinton's policies and actions that enabled the rise of ISIS resulting in the torture, murder, rape, and enslavement of hundreds of thousands of people world-wide.

Don Ewing  
Meredith, N.H.

Don:

*George W.[MD] Bush and Paul Bremer established ISIS by waging an unprovoked war on a sovereign nation — a criminal act — then firing all Hussein's Ba'athists.*

*"Iraq was stable" — dream on. Leaving American troops in a*

*Mash Notes,* **HATE MAIL**

*hellscape under a corrupt government would have created an Arabic-speaking Vietnam.*

The Editor

**Sworn to Protect**

To the Editor:

"Take their guns away, let's see what happens to her." [Donald Trump, in Miami, Fla., September 17th.]

What will happen is that nothing will change. Secret Service agents are sworn to protect the lives of those in their care. They have, gun or no gun, thrown their own bodies into the line of fire as human shields, and will again. How many of us are up to that? The "Officer Down" memorial page of the Treasury Department will continue to list the names of those who have died in the line of duty. To say otherwise is a cheap insult to those who continue to serve today.

Better yet, go to the southeast corner of the Legislative Office Building in Concord, stand at the Fallen Officers Memorial, and read out our own New Hampshire names — those who died in the protection of this democracy. Consider what they have done. Consider how close we stand to the destruction of civil discourse, to a new Alt-Right and the pandering of a new demagogue.

Larry Brown  
Milton, N.H.

Larry:

*Sadly, Trump is not the only politician who seems to see people in uniform as political markers.*

The Editor

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**Followers Blinded by Deceit**

To the Editor:

The Wannabe Billionaire who wants to be President continues to inflate his presence with lies upon lies upon lies. Now, the Chief Promoter of Birther Treachery claims that accusations about President Obama's origin came

from Hillary Clinton. That might be laughable on a TV sitcom, but stunningly indicative of mental dysfunction in the Presidential forum. Equally stunning is the continued loyalty and adulation of the Narcissistic Bully's followers. The Shifty Huckster could stand up in front of a rally and say, "I am not here," and his supporters would leave, disappointed they didn't get to see him.

Bruce Joffe  
Piedmont, Calif.

Bruce:

*Would that be a case of the clothes having no would-be emperor?*

The Editor

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**The Unfunded Mandate King**

To the Editor:

Donald Trump just announced his education plan. He would give a \$12,000 voucher to each underprivileged student through high school. There are 11 million such students resulting in a cost of \$132 billion each year.

Mr. Trump proposes to have the Federal Government pay \$20 billion of this bill and pass the rest onto the states. That is an annual unfunded mandate of \$112 billion. New Hampshire's yearly share would be \$654 million. That would either require the State to back the statewide property tax, creating a sales or income tax or passing the bill onto the cities and towns. If the latter be prepared for a big increase in your property tax bill.

This proposal makes Donald Trump the unfunded mandate king. Congressman Frank Guinta is one of Mr. Trump's biggest supporters. He attacked his Republican primary opponent for not fully supporting Trump. If you have been complaining about how low your property taxes are vote for Donald and Frank this November. If that isn't your problem find an alternative for your votes.

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— Aldous Huxley (1894-1963)  
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# And Other Correspondence

I'd suggest Carol Shea Porter and Hillary Clinton.

Gillian Carter  
Exeter, NH  
Gillian:

*You expected, perhaps, accurate accounting from a guy whose self-reported net worth varies from day to day depending on what he thinks his name is worth?*

The Editor

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## Written on The Barracks Wall

To the Editor:

Republican Nominee Donald Trump's remarks in the televised Candidate Forum on Wednesday, September 8, 2016, concerning the high instance of sexual assault in the military were outrageous. In particular, Mr. Trump defended his prior comment on Twitter, in which he asked "What did these geniuses expect when they put men and women together?" Does he mean to suggest that whenever men and women are working in close proximity, the men will unavoidably be driven to commit rape? How absurd!

This morning one of the guests on MSNBC's Tamryn Hall segment was Captain Sarah Travaglio, an Air Force Veteran, 100 percent DAV, Ret. SMSGT Veteran like myself. Capt. Travaglio was visibly offended by Mr. Trump's statement. She asked whether this should apply to co-ed campuses as well. Are we simply to anticipate that women in college will be assaulted a lot, so we shouldn't be surprised? I would like to know whether he also thinks this is business as usual in the workforce, in small business as well as large corporations. Are we supposed to shrug it off and say, "Oh, there they go again"? How about in the halls of Congress, the State House, or City Council? Maybe Mr. Trump also thinks it is risky to have women on the Supreme Court. Gee, do you think

those Justices can control themselves?

Mr. Trump's slogan is "Make America great again." As a people, and in our institutions, we are already greater than he gives us credit for being.

Shannon O'Toole  
Rochester, N.H.

Shannon:

*We will refrain from commenting because that would require that we give a moment's thought to how Trump thinks about sex.*

The Editor

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## Guinta the Fraud

To the Editor:

I'm supporting Carol Shea-Porter for Congress because she is the principled, seasoned leader we need to combat the opioid crisis. She is tough on crime, and will advance legislation to go after drug traffickers. Her career in social services makes her an expert in promoting treatment and prevention of addiction. And while in Congress, she worked tirelessly on bills to help states like ours deal with this epidemic.

In contrast, Frank Guinta's attempts in the 114th Congress have been a sham. You need look no further than his "Stop Meth Labs and Enhance Patient Access Act of 2015" bill (H.R. 3968). First, it does nothing to stop meth labs. Second, it fails to even mention enhancing patient access! This bill is a snappy title with no substance, designed to hoodwink constituents into believing that some good is being done. In addition, when he had a chance as a Budget Committee member, he voted against increasing funding for the opioid crisis. Shame on you, Mr. Guinta, for failing to act at a time when Granite Staters are looking for real solutions to the opioid crisis. Your one-page bill says nothing, and that says it all with regard to how much you

actually care about this issue.

Please join me in voting for Carol Shea-Porter on November 8, and let your vote make a difference in combatting the opioid crisis in our State. She has the experience we need, has always had our back, and will be our voice in Washington.

Roger Dunn  
Stratham, N.H.

Roger:

*As Donald Trump is the RNC's shame, so is Guinta's the NHGOP's.*

The Editor

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## A Bedtime Story

To the Editor:

'Tis election season, and it's a very lumpy bed we've made for ourselves. Nevertheless, soon we'll all be forced to sleep in it. Please reserve which side of the bed you prefer using the form below:

[ ] Right Side: Sheets are starched snow white and artfully accented with bold swatches of righteous indignation, allowing those of similar hue and ilk to rest in camouflaged comfort. However, be advised, you may be tossed abruptly to the floor by a highly unstable platform that can shift violently without warning. In addition to motion sickness, you may also experience colorful frightening visions of black burglars, brown bomb-throwers, beige rapists, red pipeline protesters, yellow off-shore importers, antagonistic white newscasters, and pink same-sex couples kissing. Rare moments of clarity may reveal long lines of lemmings jumping off a cliff. Frequent position reversals make it difficult to distinguish the head of the bed from the foot.

[ ] Left Side: Colorful sheets prove warmer and more inviting to some, but the platform which was cobbled together hastily under duress could leave you feeling queasy and unrested by morning. Also, you might experience vivid recurring flashbacks of a bitterly deadlocked Congress, Wall Street

oligarchs, bursting financial bubbles, crumbling infrastructure, ill-advised trade deals, international meddling, and perpetual warfare. Finally, expect the bed to sag under the weight of aging politicos sleeping on oversized pillows stuffed with cash. However, don't worry about becoming disoriented. Nothing of consequence is likely to change during the night.

[ ] Under the Bed: Bad idea — the whole thing could come crashing down!

Thank you for recording your preference. Feel confident the outcome will be tallied and the results electronically manipulated to suit the high bidder.

Rick Littlefield  
Barrington, N.H.

Rick:

*[Snort ... guffaw.]*

The Editor

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## Tells It Like What?

To the Editor:

Some people say they like Donald Trump because "he tells it like it is." Well, he certainly is outspoken. So far, Trump has described his political opponents for the presidency as low energy, little, weak, homely, cheaters, sweaty, liars, and dumb. That does not speak well for the state of American politics if its leading practitioners can be described in such uncomplimentary ways.

Trump demeans others for political gain. I suppose we all have unworthy thoughts and fantasies from time to time. But most of us have enough common sense and decency to keep them to ourselves, as they might offend or even alarm others. And most of us tell white lies once in a while to spare others feelings. We don't tell other people that they look older or fatter or unattractive or their clothes are unbecoming. What's the point in making them feel bad for no good reason?

In Congress and other legislative bodies, members purposely



speaking of others, even their political enemies, in formal and complimentary ways. "My good friend from Minnesota," or "My respected colleague from Colorado." Why do this? Because political debate can grow heated, and these respectful forms of address help lower the temperature and keep the discussion rational.

But not Donald Trump. He goes out of his way to insult and bully others. Stanger still, some people think that such boorish behavior is admirable or "telling it like it is," when in the long run all it does is lower the standards of civility and hasten the day when we will all feel free to walk around insulting and offending others.

Let me "tell it like it is." I want a president who is intelligent, experienced, collegial, productive, and respectful of others. I do not want someone who insults and bullies his way into the presidency. I do not want Donald Trump to be my president.

Gary Patton  
Hampton, N.H.

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## Ayotte Wrong on Foreign Policy

To the Editor:

Senator Kelly Ayotte says her foreign policy experience is a reason to keep her. I see the opposite.

She acted like a lobbyist for Canadian pipeline and oil companies by pushing for the Keystone pipeline at a time when American oil companies were laying off workers

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# Endless Septembers

by William Marvel

September brings me the same involuntary introspection that October did for Thomas Wolfe. Perhaps the earlier autumn of New Hampshire reflects the October atmosphere of North Carolina.

It may have been a September afternoon, well over half a century ago, when I first discovered the Hatch family cemetery on Davis Hill. The Hurleys, who lived in the house opposite the cemetery during the summer, had already gone back to Boston, where Mrs. Hurley still taught at one of the colleges. It was warm enough that I was rambling around in short sleeves, but just enough leaves had fallen that I caught a glimpse of the wrought-iron fence in the woods and went up to investigate.

The fence gate was frozen shut then, and I scratched my elbow pretty badly climbing over. A couple of the stones had fallen down, trees were taking over the interior of the cemetery, and a young maple had grown around part of the fence. There were eight

graves — those of Calvin and Mehitable Hatch, three of their children, a grandson, and two men who turned out to be the Hatches' sons-in-law. One of their sons and one of the sons-in-law had been soldiers in the Civil War, in which both had died. I expected great interest at home when I reported the discovery at dinner that evening, but my father just shrugged; he had known of the cemetery since his own youth, when it stood on a knoll in open pasture.

The Civil War centennial was about to begin, and I was ready for it. I'd been reading everything I could find about it practically since I could read at all, but what I could find was not terribly sophisticated. I still imagined the war as having been fought by small armies, with a few hundred men on either side in each battle. The two soldiers buried near my house therefore seemed all the more prominent, and I supposed that someone important might be delighted to know that their graves had been found. My father suggested I call the Commander of the American Legion post, whom

he knew, but I was thinking of somebody really big, like President Eisenhower or even Bruce Catton, who was writing a new book about the war every year, and would want to know.

As I later pieced their story together, Enoch Haselton was only 19 when he married Grace Hatch in 1862, and he enlisted in a new regiment soon afterward, followed a few days later by his 17-year-old brother-in-law, James Hatch. They were both probably living at the Hatch home on what we now call Baird Hill Road; it didn't really have a name then, or need one. Their regiment, the 9th New Hampshire, left Concord on August 25th that year, and on September 14th Haselton was wounded at South Mountain, in Maryland. He died as October opened, and Hatch perished on a hospital transport four months later, a few days past his 18th birthday.

Twenty years later I learned that neither of the two soldiers really lay in the South Conway cemetery. Hatch was carried off the steamer at Washington and

buried in the Soldiers' Home cemetery, across Seventh Street from the cottage where President Lincoln spent his summers. In 1866 a quartermaster's detail exhumed Haselton from a Lutheran churchyard in Middletown, Md., and reinterred him in Antietam National Cemetery. Whatever of their bones and buttons remain still lie in the Potomac watershed, but I grew up thinking they were right here, where they once lived.

In more than one September since then have I strapped on a backpack to hike the countryside where Haselton and Hatch made their first grueling march on blistered feet. The Appalachian Trail once followed the very ridge where they first met the enemy in battle. I have sat on the stone wall they clambered over to make their first and only bayonet charge and eaten lunch on the edge of the cornfield — still a cornfield — where Haselton's knee was shattered by a piece of shell, 154 Septembers ago.

The first cool breezes of September have always reminded me of that cemetery, of the sol-

diers I thought it contained, and of the passing of the century that began with their war. I was, and still am, gripped by so nearly mystical a fascination with their era that even in my early teens I felt a nostalgic personal loss to see it pass beyond the reach of human memory. As a child I met an old lady who, when she was a little girl, had watched Confederate and Union soldiers tramp the streets of Savannah — the first departing in retreat and the latter entering in triumph. One hundred Septembers marks the outer limit of such recollections, after which the lives and deeds of all those who peopled a society fade into secondhand stories of uncertain accuracy and blurring detail. It seems to be the threshold beyond which the most significant characters and momentous events of an entire generation become irrelevant. One century to flourish, and another to be forgotten.



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due to the oil glut.

On Iran she lobbied against that country destroying its stockpile of enriched uranium, against it destroying its nuclear reactor and against ridding the country of most of its centrifuges. She signed a letter to Iran's leader warning him not to agree to a nuclear deal that included America.

Now she is supporting Donald Trump, whose former campaign director was a lobbyist for a puppet of the Kremlin. Trump seems friendlier with the Russians than NATO. Trump needs

to be friendly to Russia. He owes Putin's cronies over \$350 million.

Senator Ayotte's foreign policy choices have been against American workers and American national security. She does not deserve your vote.

Walter Hamilton  
Portsmouth N.H.

### Trump: A Voice of Sanity

To the Editor:

In order to frighten the ill-informed, liberals speculate from snippets take out of context as to what Trump might do as Com-

mander In Chief. By doing so they hide what we know Hillary Clinton actually will do, and that is all summed up in her channeling Julius Caesar — "we came, we saw, he died!" — as she broke out into a fit of laughter about Gaddafi's brutal torture and death, after which she should have been confined to an asylum for the criminally insane, but instead is now running for President.

So instead of speculating about what Trump might do, we should concentrate on what we know Hillary will do. As an amalgam

of Neoconservative foreign policy, Neoliberal economic policy, and a puppet of the war party and Wall Street, she will continue the quest to dominate the world militarily and economically for the benefit of the one-percent while the ninety-nine percent suffer the pain of austerity, while at the same time making up the poverty draft that provides the cannon fodder for her wars.

Of course Hillary and her puppeteers tremble at the thought of good relations with Russia and China, and of Trump's question-

ing as to just what we are accomplishing with our rampage throughout the Middle East. And he correctly questions why Europe, Japan, and South Korea don't pay for their own defense. And while Trump identifies how America has suffered from the trade deals that he wants to renegotiate, Hillary will involve America is even more job-destroying trade deals.

Peace with Russia and China, along with stability throughout the Middle East, and a focus on rebuilding of America, strikes

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## Who Says America Doesn't Need Unions?

by Jim Hightower

In their ongoing, all-out assault to crush labor unions, corporate forces have fabricated a cultural myth to undermine popular support for labor: Unions, they insist, are no longer needed. They tell us that in today's entrepreneurial economy, workers must compete with each other not cooperate.

Before swallowing that wad of hornswoggle, let's revisit Flight

1549. As it took off from New York City in 2009, the jet hit a flock of geese, lost all power, and had nowhere to try a crash landing. But Capt. Sully Sullenberger knew what to do: Use the Hudson River as a landing strip! Amazingly, it worked! Dubbed the "Miracle on the Hudson," the lives of all 150 passengers were saved.

But no supernatural powers were at work — Captain Sully himself is not only a member of

the Airline Pilots Association, but also served on that union's national governing committee and was its former safety chairman. Indeed, he and the APA union have had to fight airline chieftains who keep trying to cut back on the safety training programs that teach crews how to save lives.

Nor was Sully alone in this "miracle." The cool-headed flight attendants who quickly moved 150 nearly-panicked people off

the plane were members of the Association of Flight Attendants, another union that trains to avert disasters. The ferry crews that zipped into action, skillfully maneuvering their boats within four inches of the plane's wings to rescue passengers — they're in the Seafarers International Union, which gives them the safety courses that enabled them to respond as they did. The cops, firefighters, and air traffic controllers

also performed marvelously — all union trained.

At a time when corporate interests in all sectors of our economy are trying to eliminate unions, remember Flight 1549 — the Union-Made Miracle on the Hudson.

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fear into the hearts of Hillary and her supporters. They will not rule America for the benefits of America, but only as springboard for their mad delusions of world conquest and the establishment of the New World Order of which they see themselves as the natural leaders.

Trump is not the crazy one.

John Dente  
Wilmington, DE

John:

Thanks for continuing to undermine our complacency.

The Editor

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### Quit Complaining

To the Editor:

This election is about much more than party ideology — it is about the future of democracy in America and about the stability of the Western world. One of the two major candidates will become President of the United States.

One of them is knowledgeable about world affairs and is eminently qualified to manage the work of governing. The other one is not only ignorant of both, but thinks he knows everything. And that is the worst kind of ignorance. He doesn't even know that Vladimir Putin is playing him! A narcissist so susceptible to praise and so thin-skinned that he viciously attacks when criticized is dangerous in a position of power.

To quote former C.I.A. Director Robert Gates on Trump, "on national security I believe he is beyond repair. He is stubbornly uninformed about the world and how to lead our country and government, and temperamentally unsuited to lead our men and women in uniform. He is unqualified and unfit to be Commander-in-Chief."

It is time to stop complaining about the choices we have and face reality — not the reality show but the reality within which we have to live. Those who want their party to be in power at any cost or are considering a throwaway vote on a third party candidate because they don't like Clinton or Trump are risking being complicit in a disaster for the country.

Cynthia Muse  
Rye, N.H.

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### Her Three Champions

To the Editor:

My husband and I live in New Hampshire because we treasure its clean air and water, as well as its beautiful scenery. In November, I will vote to send champions for the environment to represent me in Washington.

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) has endorsed Carol Shea-Porter for Representative to Congress, NH District 1... "a proven champion for the envi-

ronment and protecting our air, land, water and wildlife." During her three terms in the U.S. House, Shea-Porter earned a 96% lifetime score from the LCV in contrast to the 10% score for her opponent, Frank Guinta.

Neither Guinta nor Donald Trump acknowledges the reality of climate change. LCV's endorsement of Hillary Clinton for president points out her environmental leadership both in the U.S. Senate and as Secretary of State.

Similarly here in the Granite State, Maggie Hassan has a long record of working for the environment including the establishment of a New Hampshire Energy Strategy that focuses on clean, renewable energy and combating climate change. Hassan has promised to work in the U. S. Senate to achieve a cleaner environment and stronger energy future for all citizens and businesses.

Please join me in protecting our environment by voting for Carol Shea-Porter, Maggie Hassan, and Hilary Clinton in November.

Margaret Merritt  
Center Sandwich, N.H.

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### They Rebuilt Our Nation

To the Editor:

Many Americans who don't like Hillary Clinton seem to forget the horrible situation we faced when President Obama took of-

fice. Our domestic economy, and much of the world economy, was crumbling in the last months of President George W. Bush's administration. Financial institutions and businesses were declaring bankruptcy and hundreds of thousands were losing their jobs each month.

Meanwhile, our foreign relations were in shambles. As the result of President Bush's unilateral military invasion of Iraq (based on fraud), most countries and international institutions were unwilling to partner with or trust the United States government. They condemned Bush's pre-emptive war and the U.S. government's claim that it has the right to kill or incarcerate anyone in the world they suspected of being a terrorist. The use of the Guantánamo facility to incarcerate prisoners without trial was seen as a violation of international law, including the Geneva Conventions. As President Obama took office, most of the world had an extremely low opinion of the policies of the U.S. government. Americans traveling abroad at the time found it difficult to find fans of America anywhere.

While President Obama was focusing on rebuilding the economy, stopping job loss, and reducing bankruptcies and foreclosures, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

was rebuilding our poor relations with the world. She worked tirelessly and was universally praised for her work by Democrats and Republicans alike. The hostility towards her only began when Republicans suspected that she may run for President. Every possible issue was used to attack her. From her use of an email server, trying to accuse her of treason, to the phony charges surrounding the tragic events in Benghazi.

That incident was more the responsibility of CIA Director Petraeus. Even though the CIA complex in which suspects were being interrogated was the target, Mr. Petraeus has neither accepted responsibility nor explained what went wrong. This is the same Mr. Petraeus who intentionally handed over classified documents to his biographer.

When Americans now travel abroad they hear that people in most countries have a high opinion of the U.S. government, and that America is once again admired and trusted as a global leader. This is the direct result of Hillary Clinton's hard work.

Peter Somssich  
Portsmouth, N.H.

Peter:

We're shocked that you would suggest General Petraeus ought to be held accountable for his actions.

The Editor

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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

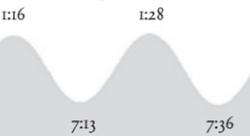
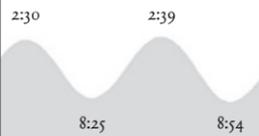
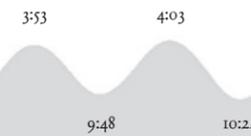
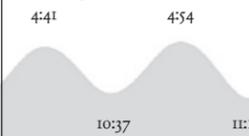
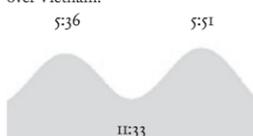
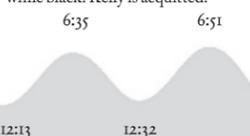
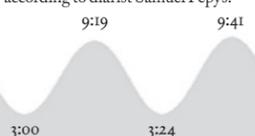
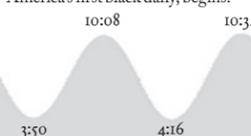
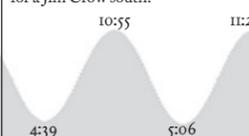
drags about seventeen billion gallons of seawater — enough to fill 2,125,000 tanker trucks — up the river and into Great Bay. This creates a roving hydraulic conflict, as incoming sea and the outgoing river collide. The skirmish line

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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| <p><b>2003</b>—Survey chief David Kay reports that his three-month, \$300 million search for Saddam Hussein's WMD has turned up squat.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—George W.[MD] Bush calls Iraq "a threat of unique urgency," because of its WMDs.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—The Philippine Senate destroys Olongapo's sex industry by voting to chuck the U.S. Navy out of Subic Bay.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—At a Washington, D.C. hotel, a representative of Ayatollah Khomeini speaks to senior members of the Reagan campaign team, offering to release U.S. hostages.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—Michael Myers (D-Pa.) becomes the first Rep. expelled in 120 years, for bribe-taking and conspiracy. Why only him? Who knows.</p> <p><b>1978</b>—With the Yankees and Red Sox tied for the season, a playoff game is held; it's decided by a three-run homer hit by New York's Bucky F. Dent.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Thurgood Marshall becomes the first black Supreme Court Justice.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—In Natchez, Miss., 500 people are sent without trial to the Parchman Penitentiary for protesting the denial of their right to register to vote.</p> <p><b>1919</b>—Woodrow Wilson suffers a massive stroke; America gets its first woman president.</p> <p><b>1918</b>—The Lost Battalion, 550 former New York street urchins, get cut off behind German lines in the Argonne. In one week, two thirds are killed or captured.</p>   | <p><b>2009</b>—Combat Outpost Keating, in Nuristan, badly-sited and scheduled for abandonment, is mostly overrun by Taliban fighters who capture weapons and ammunition, leaving eight Americans dead and 27 wounded.</p> <p><b>2006</b>—Republicans in Congress try to "roll over" \$20 million set aside for a celebration of victory in Iraq.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—<i>The National Enquirer</i> reports that Rush Limbaugh is being investigated for illegally procuring prescription opioids.</p> <p><b>1993</b>—Berlin, N.H. native Michael Durant's helicopter is one of two shot down in the First Battle of Mogadishu. He's played by Ron Eldard in <i>Black Hawk Down</i>.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—House Speaker Tom Foley (D-Wash.) says members owe the House restaurant \$300,000.</p> <p><b>1986</b>—A fire breaks out aboard the Soviet missile sub <i>K-219</i>. The Reds blame an alleged collision with the <i>USS Augusta</i>. The Pentagon blames sloppy Commy work habits.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—Moral Majority co-founder and U.S. Rep. Bob Bauman (R-Md.) is charged with making sexual solicitations to an under-aged boy.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—Donald Segretti testifies before the Senate about dirty tricks he used to get Nixon re-elected.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Gen. Curtis LeMay, former Strategic Air Command chief and American Independent Party Vice Presidential Candidate, advocates use of nuclear weapons in Vietnam.</p>      | <p><b>2010</b>—Germany is finally free of its WWI reparations debt.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—<i>SpaceShipOne</i>, Burt Rutan's tourist rocket, makes its second trip above the atmosphere in five days, and wins the Ansari X Prize.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—Knight-Ridder reports that "The White House and the Pentagon ... are pressuring intelligence analysts to highlight information that supports Bush's Iraq policy." Only one paper prints the story.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—An El Al cargo plane carrying depleted uranium and precursors for sarin nerve gas crashes in Amsterdam, killing 47.</p> <p><b>1986</b>—CBS News anchor Dan Rather is attacked on the streets of New York by two men yelling, "What's the frequency, Ken?"</p> <p><b>1971</b>—Declaring victory in a race in which he ran unopposed, South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu calls his margin "an achievement for democracy."</p> <p><b>1957</b>—Two U.S. military facilities in Saigon are bombed; 13 are wounded—the first announced U.S. casualties in Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1946</b>—On President Truman's orders, the Navy seizes American oil refineries to break a 20-state strike.</p> <p><b>1918</b>—The world's largest munitions factory explodes in South Amboy, N.J. About 80 die immediately, and thousands are displaced. Among them, 300 more die from the flu, caused by exposure.</p> | <p><b>2003</b>—Timothy Treadwell and girlfriend Amie Huguenard discover the hard way that the grizzly bears they've been associating with in Alaska are not vegetarians.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—George W.[MD] Bush tells N.H. Guardsmen that Saddam could inflict "massive and sudden horror" on the U.S. It's not true.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—Robert Stevens, photo editor of the supermarket tabloid <i>The Sun</i>, dies of anthrax. The terrorist who infected him remains at large.</p> <p><b>1995</b>—Rush Limbaugh says, "if people are violating the law by doing drugs, they ... ought to be sent up." After his own arrest in 2003 his position becomes more nuanced.</p> <p><b>1988</b>—In a Vice-Presidential debate, Lloyd Bbentsen informs Dan Quayle he's "no Jack Kennedy."</p> <p><b>1986</b>—Nicaraguans shoot down a U.S. plane illegally supplying Contras with arms bought with the proceeds of illegal U.S. arms sales to Iran.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Undetected by U.S. radar, a Cuban defector lands his MiG-17 at Homestead AFB, where <i>Air Force One</i> is waiting to take Richard Nixon back to Washington.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—The Fermi nuke plant 30 miles from Detroit partially melts down.</p> <p><b>1960</b>—Radar alerts NORAD of a massive Soviet ICBM launch heading for the U.S. It's wrong.</p> <p><b>1871</b>—Ballooning Samuel King takes several passengers on the first aerial traverse of the White Mountains.</p>                           | <p><b>2004</b>—The top U.S. arms inspector in Iraq says there is no evidence Saddam Hussein had tried to manufacture any WMDs after 1991.</p> <p><b>1989</b>—RIP Bette Davis. Years earlier, told she was rumored to have died, she said, "During a newspaper strike? I wouldn't dream of it."</p> <p><b>1982</b>—A Robinson R22 helicopter sheds parts over Santa Ana, Calif., then crashes, killing the pilot.</p> <p><b>1976</b>—Cubana Flight 455 is bombed over Barbados, killing 73. Miami resident Luis Posada Carriles is wanted in Cuba and Venezuela for the crime, but the U.S. won't extradite him.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—Egypt and Syria attack Israel on Yom Kippur. This backfires.</p> <p><b>1961</b>—President Kennedy recommends that, in case of nuclear war, American families get ready to live for a while in holes in the ground.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—"In time of war," says Sen. Robert LaFollette, "the citizen must be more alert to his right to control his government."</p> <p><b>1886</b>—After spotting a 75-foot sea serpent near the mouth of the Piscataqua, its head four feet above the surface, two Kittery men "[ply] their oars lustily for the shore."</p> <p><b>1856</b>—Portsmouth celebrates the centennial of the founding of <i>The New Hampshire Gazette</i>; the railroad lays on extra trains to accommodate the crush of visitors from around New England.</p> <p><b>1536</b>—William Tyndale is burned for printing a Bible people could read.</p> | <p><b>2011</b>—On her 62nd birthday, Walmart heir Alice Walton gets her 2nd DWI; but, no charges were filed. The second wealthiest woman on Earth, she killed a woman in a 1989 car wreck, but no charges were filed.</p> <p><b>2007</b>—Bangor, Maine celebrates the death of Al Brady, Public Enemy No. 1, in a 1937 shootout downtown.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—President George W.[MD] Bush announces that "on any given day" Iraq could attack the U.S. with chemical or biological weapons, a situation which therefore creates "an urgent duty" to stop them.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—U.S. forces invade Afghanistan. George W.[MD] Bush writes his Poppy, "I feel no sense of the so-called heavy burden of the office."</p> <p><b>1996</b>—Fox News begins broadcasting mass quantities of insidious swill.</p> <p><b>1985</b>—Attorney General Ed "Meese is a Pig" Meese explains that "Miranda only helps guilty defendants," because "if a person is innocent of a crime, then he is not a suspect."</p> <p><b>1980</b>—Rep. John Jenrette, Jr. [D-S.C.] is convicted of conspiracy and bribery.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—Allen Ginsberg reads "Howl" at the Six Gallery in San Francisco.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—Relief forces reach the Lost Battalion in the Argonne Forest.</p> <p><b>1756</b>—Daniel Fowle and enslaved pressman Primus X begin printing <i>The New Hampshire Gazette</i> in Portsmouth. It achieves national seniority in 1839 when the <i>Maryland Gazette</i> folds.</p> | <p><b>2004</b>—American warplanes miss Abu Musab al Zarqawi but kill 13 people at a wedding instead.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—Speaker of the House Tom Foley [D-Wash.] announces that the House's sergeant-at-arms will no longer fix traffic tickets for Members.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—The Senate votes to postpone confirming Clarence Thomas until after hearings on his alleged sexual harassment of Anita Hill.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—The Franklin National Bank collapses, undermined by Mafia boss Michele Sindona, a close buddy of President Nixon's Treasury Secretary David Kennedy.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—A three-day riot branded "Days of Rage" begins in Chicago.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Washington, D.C. riots after police shoot a black man.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Ernesto "Che" Guevara is captured by Bolivian troops led by the CIA's Felix Rodriguez.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—"The nations of the world will have to unite" warns Gen. D. MacArthur, "for the next war will be an inter-planetary war."</p> <p><b>1942</b>—Shot down on a mission for which he volunteered, Capt. Earl Pease, of Plymouth, N.H., is beheaded by his Japanese captors.</p> <p><b>1918</b>—In the Argonne, ex-pacifist Cpl. Alvin C. York kills 25 German soldiers and captures 132.</p> <p><b>1871</b>—According to myth, a cow starts a fire that burns Chicago and kills 200. Meanwhile, Peshtigo, Wisc. burns completely and 600 die.</p> |
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| <p><b>2005</b>—Four die as the Cold River floods Alstead, N.H.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—A bulge in his suit suggests George W.[MD] Bush is wearing a wire during a Presidential debate.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—Two Democratic Senators receive letters carrying anthrax spores.</p> <p><b>1998</b>—In "a mockery of the regulatory process" that "brazenly violates existing law," Citicorp and Travelers Group merge into Citigroup, enriching Sandy Weill and Jamie Dimon but costing taxpayers billions.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—Hearing a loud bang, Michelle Knapp of Peekskill, N.Y. goes outside and finds a hole punched through the trunk of her 1980 Chevy Malibu and a warm 26-pound meteorite lying on the pavement beneath it.</p> <p><b>1985</b>—"We should declare war on North Vietnam," says Ronald Reagan. "We could pave the whole country and put parking strips on it, and still be home by Christmas."</p> <p><b>1974</b>—Rep. Wilbur Mills [D-Ark.] is stopped at 2 a.m. for speeding with his headlights off. His passenger, Fanne [sic] Foxe, aka "The Argentine Firecracker," hops out of the car and into the Tidal Basin.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Dr. Ernesto "Che" Guevara taunts a hesitant executioner, saying "Just shoot, you coward. You are only killing a man."</p> <p><b>1966</b>—Lt. JG William T. Patton, flying a prop-driven Douglas A1 Skyraider, downs a MiG-17 jet fighter over Vietnam.</p> | <p><b>2002</b>—In an unusually craven display, the U.S. Senate votes 77-23 to let George W.[MD] Bush have his way with Saddam Hussein.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—Seven of New Hampshire's largest banks, holding 25% of all deposits and 60% of all commercial loans, are closed by regulators.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—Vice President Spiro "Ted" Agnew resigns in disgrace, pleading <i>nolo</i> to charges he dodged taxes on bribes and kickbacks.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Richard Nixon, putting his "madman theory" into practice, orders a gratuitous global nuclear alert for all U.S. military.</p> <p><b>1957</b>—A fire in a British nuclear facility causes a radiation leak contaminating milk over a 200 mile radius. The contaminated milk is dumped in the Irish Sea.</p> <p><b>1933</b>—A Boeing 247 airliner is destroyed by a bomb over Indiana. Seven passengers and three crew die in the first such act in history.</p> <p><b>1911</b>—Jasper "Jack" Daniel, distiller, dies of blood poisoning from an infected toe injured by kicking a safe whose combination he'd forgotten.</p> <p><b>1888</b>—Two trains leaving an abstinence rally collide in Pa.; 66 die. Newspaper accounts suggest many survivors abandoned their pledges.</p> <p><b>1871</b>—Octavius Valentine Catto, 32, a teacher at Philadelphia's Institute for Colored Youth, is shot dead by Frank Kelly for having the temerity to vote while black. Kelly is acquitted.</p> | <p><b>2003</b>—Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez gives Yankee coach Don Zimmer a shove, knocking the 72-year old Zimmer to the ground.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—Anita Hill testifies before Congress that her former boss, Supreme Court Justice-to-be Clarence Thomas sexually harassed her.</p> <p><b>1983</b>—In Bryant, Maine, the last hand-cranked phones in the U.S. are taken out of service.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—Henry Kissinger tells Brent Scowcroft that President Nixon can't take a call from the British Prime Minister because he's too "loaded."</p> <p><b>1960</b>—Nikita Khrushchev employs footwear to make his point at the podium of the UN.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—The Viet Minh take over North Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—Mao and the Red Army go to war against Chiang Kai-Shek's alleged government.</p> <p><b>1937</b>—Physicians warn the AMA that Massengill's new miracle drug "Elixir Sulfanilamide" is causing their patients to die in agony.</p> <p><b>1906</b>—The City of San Francisco decrees that Japanese children must go to segregated schools.</p> <p><b>1868</b>—Thomas A. Edison gets his first patent, for an electric vote recording machine.</p> <p><b>1809</b>—At a tavern called Grinder's Stand, explorer Meriwether Lewis cuts his wrists and shoots himself twice—according to the official version of events.</p>                     | <p><b>2004</b>—Someone breaks into Lucas County Democratic Party HQ in Toledo, Ohio, and takes computers holding essential information.</p> <p><b>2000</b>—A small boat explodes alongside the <i>U.S.S. Cole</i> in the port of Aden, Yemen, killing 17 sailors.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—A race riot aboard the <i>U.S.S. Kitty Hawk</i> injures 47.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—Lieut. William Calley is court-martialed for 102 murders.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Navy nurse Susan Schnell drops anti-war leaflets from a plane onto a California military base.</p> <p><b>1961</b>—The FBI launches a "Socialist Worker Disruption Program."</p> <p><b>1960</b>—Otoya Yamaguchi, 17, a right-winger, runs a sword through Inejiro Asanuma, leader of the Socialists, during a televised debate.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—Corporal Desmond Doss, a medic and conscientious objector, becomes the first non-combatant to receive the Medal of Honor.</p> <p><b>1943</b>—Combat medic Willi Graf is guillotined by the Wehrmacht for undermining the war effort.</p> <p><b>1929</b>—Black Diamond, a nine-ton elephant in the Al G. Barnes Circus, breaks from a parade in Corsicana, Texas and kills Eva Speed Donohoo.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—Passchendaele begins: 13,000 Allied casualties, no advance.</p> <p><b>1902</b>—Mine owners in Pana, Ill. import strike-breakers. Violence ensues. Fourteen die and 25 are wounded.</p> <p><b>1492</b>—A lost European begins oppressing native Americans.</p> | <p><b>2004</b>—Andrea Mackris sues her former boss, Bill O'Reilly, for making lewd phone calls. Two weeks later O'Reilly pays her to shut up.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—George W.[MD] Bush claims during a televised debate, "Gosh, I don't think I ever said I'm not worried about Osama bin Laden. That's kind of one of those exaggerations," directly contradicting his own statement of March 3, 2002 that he's "not that much concerned about him."</p> <p><b>1991</b>—A lie detector test suggests Anita Hill is telling the truth about Clarence Thomas.</p> <p><b>1988</b>—Experts call the Shroud of Turin a 13th century fake.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—Seventy-five years after the land for it was allocated, the Burns Paiute Indian reservation in Oregon is created.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—A plane carrying a Uruguayan rugby team crashes high in the Andes, leading to culinary experimentation.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Two Marines die and 21 are wounded when a Marine pilot accidentally bombs them at Con Thien.</p> <p><b>1925</b>—Birth of Lenny Bruce.</p> <p><b>1812</b>—U.S. Gen. Van Rensselaer sends his regulars across the Canadian border. Those who aren't shot are forced to surrender. A troop of U.S. militia then refuses orders to invade.</p> <p><b>1660</b>—Major General Thomas Harrison goes to his hanging, drawing, and quartering "looking as cheerful as any man could do in that condition," according to diarist Samuel Pepys.</p>                                   | <p><b>2012</b>—Felix Baumgartner uses gravity to break the sound barrier.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—Delta Flight 458 (Atlanta-Newark) is diverted to Charlotte after two praying Orthodox Jews are mistaken for terrorists.</p> <p><b>2000</b>—A Robinson R22 emitting "a loud popping noise" crashes in residential area of Pembroke Pines, Fla., killing the pilot and a passenger on her first helicopter flight.</p> <p><b>1982</b>—Ronald Reagan "declares war" on certain substances.</p> <p><b>1978</b>—Jimmie Carter legalizes home brewing of beer.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—The Pentagon orders 24,000 troops back to Vietnam for an involuntary second tour.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—At the Presidio stockade, 27 soldiers are arrested for mutiny.</p> <p><b>1962</b>—A U-2 flying over Cuba photographs medium-range ballistic missile sites being built.</p> <p><b>1947</b>—Broken ribs be damned: Chuck Yeager breaks the sound barrier.</p> <p><b>1943</b>—Prisoners of Sobibor revolt, killing officers and guards. Half the 600 prisoners escape under fire.</p> <p><b>1915</b>—Rudolfo Fierro, Pancho Villa's executioner, is thrown from his horse into quicksand. His men let him sink.</p> <p><b>1912</b>—William Schranck shoots Teddy Roosevelt in the chest, later saying "any man looking for a third term ought to be shot." TR, though bleeding, delivers his speech.</p> <p><b>1864</b>—The <i>New Orleans Tribune</i>, America's first black daily, begins.</p>             | <p><b>2008</b>—The Dow loses 7.8 percent of its value in its 2nd worst day ever.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—Jon Stewart appears on CNN's "Crossfire" and begs Tucker Carlson to "stop hurting America." Less than 90 days later CNN announces the show is over.</p> <p><b>1997</b>—On Nevada's Black Rock Desert, RAF pilot Andy Green breaks the sound barrier in a jet-driven, 110,000 horsepower car.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—The Senate confirms Clarence Thomas as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—Huey Newton and Bobby Seale form the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—David Miller becomes the first to publicly burn his draft card in Vietnam War protest.</p> <p><b>1959</b>—A nuke-laden B-52 and a fuel-laden KC-135 collide over Kentucky, but we get off easy.</p> <p><b>1923</b>—The Senate begins investigating suddenly prosperous Interior Secretary Albert Fall, a Republican who leased the Navy's Teapot Dome oilfield to a friend.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—Exotic dancer Mata Hari, convicted of spying for Germany, is shot by a French firing squad.</p> <p><b>1910</b>—Melvin Vaniman, aboard the airship <i>America</i>, transmits the first in-flight radio message: "Roy, come and get this goddam cat."</p> <p><b>1883</b>—The Supreme Court guts the 1975 Civil Rights Act, paving the way for a Jim Crow south.</p>                                 |
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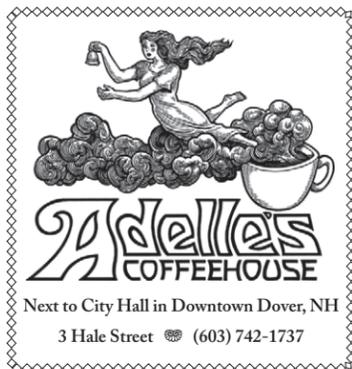
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