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The Fortnightly Rant

Is There a Future?

Well, folks, here we are: there's a whole, fresh, brand spankin' new year stretching out before us, pristine and unblemished, waiting to be molded into whatever shape we please. What wonders and delights await?

Just kidding, of course.

Last year at this time there were people who said—we know, we heard a few of them—“Thank God 2016 is over,” as if things couldn't possibly have gotten any worse.

After 2017, we haven't heard any talk like that. It's been more like, “Let's just hope we make it to 2019.”

The most obvious cause for the pandemic of anxiety currently gripping much of the planet has been, quite naturally, a certain individual who has been accompanied, wherever he goes, most frequently the golf course, by a fat black briefcase that could... well, not end the world *per se*—it's a pretty robust ball of rock—but, certainly, end any world on which a sensible human might actually care to live. Our real troubles have far deeper roots than that, though.

Incessantly jarring as he is—who ever thought that experiencing a wave of disgust would become a new morning ritual for so many?—the 45th President of the United States is merely a symptom of what really ails us. God knows that in any properly functioning political system a charlatan like him would have been terminally rejected a month into the primary season. In fact—and we find it therapeutic to remember this—most of the Grand Yam's non-nuclear power is confined to the empty chamber that separates his ears and provides a platform for what he calls hair. As far as the Republican leadership is concerned, he easily could be replaced by an Autopen machine.

Speaking of Republican leader-

ship—no, on second thought, let's not start off this year by granting undue respect to oxymorons. There are no Republican leaders in Congress, just Republican Members of Congress who occupy positions of leadership. More to be pitied than envied, they are the servants of more powerful masters.

Just ask John Boehner, who once compared being Speaker of the House with being a garbage man. Now he's getting paid \$400,000 a year for sitting on the board of the company that makes his cigarettes. He's still working for the stockholders, but you can't say his terms of employment haven't improved.

It is the mostly-anonymous owners of this country who call the tune to which we all dance. If you want to know who they are, just follow the tax cuts. If they got a tax cut worth more than the cost of a scratch ticket, you're probably on the right trail.

With that item finally checked off, Congress is turning to what's left on its wish list. Actually, it's more of a wish *not* list, since it consists mainly of things we plebians now have, and which the people who matter wish we didn't: Medicaid, Medicare, food stamps, Social Security, publicly-funded schools, unions, the right to vote, the GI Bill, the Veterans Health Administration, net neutrality, public parks, &c., &c., *ad nauseam*.

This is just a sampling of what the GOP wants to take away or destroy. No doubt they have other nefarious schemes up their sleeves, the likes of which we can't imagine. Considered all together, it makes a pretty gruesome picture.

In their minds, though, the Republican plan will create a perfect system. Just think: 323 million autonomous individuals, each one equally capable of mastering every entrepreneurial skill under the sun,



each one narrowly focusing those skills on selfishly serving his or her own perceived best interests.

It's a vision that is surely bound to create magically a glorious future, just as predicted by the prophetess herself, Ayn Rand. Those who succeed, by miraculously dodging illness, injury, or plain old bad luck, will amass the small fortune needed to avoid a cat food diet during their golden years. The rest should have tried harder or been born smarter.

Republicans have been granted innumerable opportunities over the past 40 years to test out every crank theory imaginable. They've all ended in tears for somebody.

But wait—it gets worse!

The GOP plan is already horrendous if it works as designed. We haven't taken into account yet the law of unintended consequences. We probably can't imagine what kinds of calamity will ensue by accident. Anyone remember regime change in Iraq?

Just in case you're not depressed enough yet, let's remember who our allies are: those Olympians of fecklessness, the Democratic Party.

Yes, the same party that passed on the opportunity to nominate a candidate in 2016 who actually generated excitement.

The same party that instead managed to nominate, through complex chicanery, the only Democrat who could have lost to a vulgar, insane, lying grifter.

Yeah, those Democrats; they're our champions.

This Just In—Fox News reported on Tuesday that “Kim Jong Un Says He Has a ‘Nuclear Button.’” Twelve minutes later the President of the United States tweeted “... I too have a Nuclear Button, but it is a much bigger & more powerful one than his, and my Button works!”

With that, it seems, there is no further need for additional items to make the point that the political situation has become critical.

Yes, There is—If We Make One
Is there a future? Of course there is. But we'd better get busy making it. The lunheads on the job at the moment couldn't do it right if they wanted to—which they don't.

How can we ever hope to prevail? We could begin with believing that we can.

Every American for the past forty years has been subjected to an unrelenting propaganda campaign carried out by a small army of subsidized apologists making a flim-flam case for the unfettered free market as some kind of utopia. It was all horsefeathers.

The good news is, that's kind of obvious now.

John Maynard Keynes once said, “I am sure the power of vested interests is vastly exaggerated compared with the gradual encroachment of ideas.”

Now is the time to put this supposition to the test. Let's free our minds, then the country.

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“Journalism consists in buying white paper at two cents a pound and selling it at ten cents a pound.”

Charles Anderson Dana
(1819—1897), journalist,
born in Hinsdale, N.H.

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A paper mill in Longview, Washington has filed petitions with the federal government asking for tariffs on imported Canadian newsprint. Other paper mills say the petition is groundless, based on misinterpreted data, and could have dire effects on the broader paper industry. More than a thousand newspapers have signed on to a letter warning that if tariffs are imposed, the consequences for newspapers could be catastrophic.

The response so far of the relevant

agencies suggests that the process may be headed towards a forgone conclusion. If tariffs are imposed on newsprint, those agencies will have clearly picked winners and losers.

The winner would be a Wall Street hedge fund. The losers would be the rest of the paper industry, the newspaper industry, and the thousand communities which will be in even greater danger of losing their local newspapers.

Oh, yes—democracy would lose, too.

The Commerce Department is expected to impose tariffs as early as January 18th. The International Trade Commission may follow suit in July.

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North Pacific Paper Co., of Longview, Washington, commonly

known as Norpac, filed the petition last August, nine months after it was bought by One Rock, a mid-dling-sized Wall Street hedge fund. One Rock's largest investor is the Japanese industrial giant Mitsubishi.

According to *TDN.com*, the website of the Longview, Wash. *Daily News*, Norpac filed the petitions with the Commerce Department and the U.S. International Trade Commission on August 9th. The *TDN.com* article, datelined the same day the petition was filed, reads exactly as one might expect a re-written press release issued by a major local employer would.

Reporter Marissa Luck wrote:

“The company alleges that Canadian papermakers benefit from 65 different government subsidies that add up to hundreds of millions of dollars.” The

federal and provincial subsidies include government grants, tax breaks, subsidized loans, raw materials at below-market costs and cheap subsidized electricity, according to Norpac.

“This allows Canadian manufacturers to sell paper at prices 16 percent to 65 percent lower than what the paper would normally sell for.

“We believe that Norpac and other U.S. producers have suffered greatly as a result of the unfair trade practices engaged in by Canadian producers and their governments,” Craig Anneberg, Norpac President, said in a prepared statement.

“While demand for all types of printing and writing papers is in a long-term decline, the burden of dealing with these declines has fallen disproportionately on Norpac and U.S. producers,” the company added in a

statement.”

In an astonishing display of bureaucratic alacrity, the U.S. International Trade Commission [ITC]—which describes itself as “an independent, quasijudicial Federal agency with broad investigative responsibilities on matters of trade”—issued its official response to Norpac's petition the very same day:

“The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of investigations and commencement of preliminary phase antidumping and countervailing duty investigation Nos. 701-TA-584 and 731-TA-1382 (Preliminary) pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”) [... blah, blah, blah—the Ed.]

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Three weeks later, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross announced "the initiation of new antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) investigations to determine whether imports of uncoated ground-wood paper from Canada are being dumped in the United States and whether producers in Canada are receiving alleged unfair subsidies.

"The United States is dedicated to free, fair, and reciprocal trade with Canada, and guarantees that this case will be decided strictly on a full and fair assessment of the facts," said Secretary Ross. "The Trump administration is committed to enforcing America's vital trade laws to ensure U.S. businesses and workers have a fair chance to compete."

In differentiating the two investigations, Ross said that in the AD, or antidumping, investigation, the Commerce Department would "determine whether imports of uncoated groundwood paper from Canada are being dumped in the U.S. market at less than fair value," while in the CVD, or countervailing duty investigation, Commerce would "determine whether Canadian producers of uncoated

groundwood paper are receiving unfair government subsidies."

In the manner of a doctor announcing that a surgical operation would proceed, regardless of its effect on the health of the patient, Ross continued:

"If the Commerce Department determines that uncoated groundwood paper from Canada is being dumped into the U.S. market and/or receiving unfair government subsidies, and if the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) determines that dumped and/or unfairly subsidized U.S. imports of uncoated groundwood paper from Canada are causing injury to the U.S. industry, the Commerce Department will impose duties on those imports in the amount of dumping and/or unfair subsidization found to exist.

"In 2016, imports of uncoated groundwood paper from Canada were valued at an estimated \$1.27 billion."

Clearly alarmed, a bipartisan group of six Members of the House of Representatives—five Republicans and one Democrat, evenly balanced by today's standards—wrote to the ITC on September 18th, beseeching that body to put on the brakes before it broke something.

"We write to you today to express



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our deep concern with the pending antidumping and countervailing duty investigations into the import of uncoated groundwood paper from Canada, including imported newsprint. As you investigate this issue, we urge you consider the negative impact that any trade remedy would have on the U.S. newspaper industry.

"Over the last 10 years, there has been a dramatic and well-documented shift toward digital alternatives to printed products—not only by consumers of news and information but also by advertisers. Accordingly, there has been less demand for newsprint in North America given this structural shift in the media and advertising industry. In the last decade, the demand for North American newsprint has dropped by more than 50 percent.

"Duties on imported newsprint would further damage the printed news industry in the United States, which has seen a more than 50 percent decline in advertising revenues over

the last 10 years. Because of dwindling revenues, it is unlikely that newspapers could pass along to consumers any increased production cost associated with antidumping or countervailing duties. The irony is that this trade dispute—brought by only one company with 400 employees—could accelerate the decline for an entire industry and may put small-market newspapers out of business. This result cannot be intended by U.S. trade laws.

"Because of the material negative impacts of a trade remedy on the domestic U.S. newspaper industry and the 175,000 U.S. jobs at stake, we respectfully urge the Commission to deny the petitions during its preliminary investigation."

The denial so fervently sought by Members of Congress failed to materialize: the ITC decided one week later to go forward with its investigation.

The potential consequences of Commerce granting Norpac's re-

quest has given newspapers across the country a case of the heebie-jeebies. A letter to Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, from the News Media Alliance, made clear why:

"On behalf of the thousands of employees working at the more than 1,100 newspapers that we publish in cities and towns across the United States, we urge you to heavily scrutinize the antidumping and countervailing duty petitions filed by North Pacific Paper Company (NORPAC) regarding uncoated groundwood paper from Canada, the paper used in newspaper production. We believe that these cases do not warrant the imposition of duties, which would have a very severe impact on our industry and many communities across the United States. NORPAC's petitions are based on incorrect assessments of a changing market, and appear to be driven by the short-term investment strategies of the company's hedge fund owners. The stated objectives of the petitions



The organizers of First Night prudently erected barriers around these meticulously-crafted ice sculptures, to keep the admiring throngs at bay. Those who have not seen them yet need not be concerned; by our estimate, they'll probably remain on display well into April.

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are flatly inconsistent with the views of the broader paper industry in the United States.”

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“If Canadian imports of uncoated groundwood paper are subject to duties, prices in the whole newsprint market will be shocked and our supply chains will suffer. Some paper manufacturers see the pending tariffs as a harbinger for further declines in the newsprint market and have indicated that they will convert operations to manufacture more profitable paper products. With fewer producers of newsprint, newspapers would face even higher costs or a disruption in supply of this critical raw material.”

“Facing increased costs of newsprint across all suppliers, many small-town papers will be at risk of failing. To survive, some newspapers may resort to increasing print subscription prices, which would only exacerbate the severe challenges facing print newspapers.”

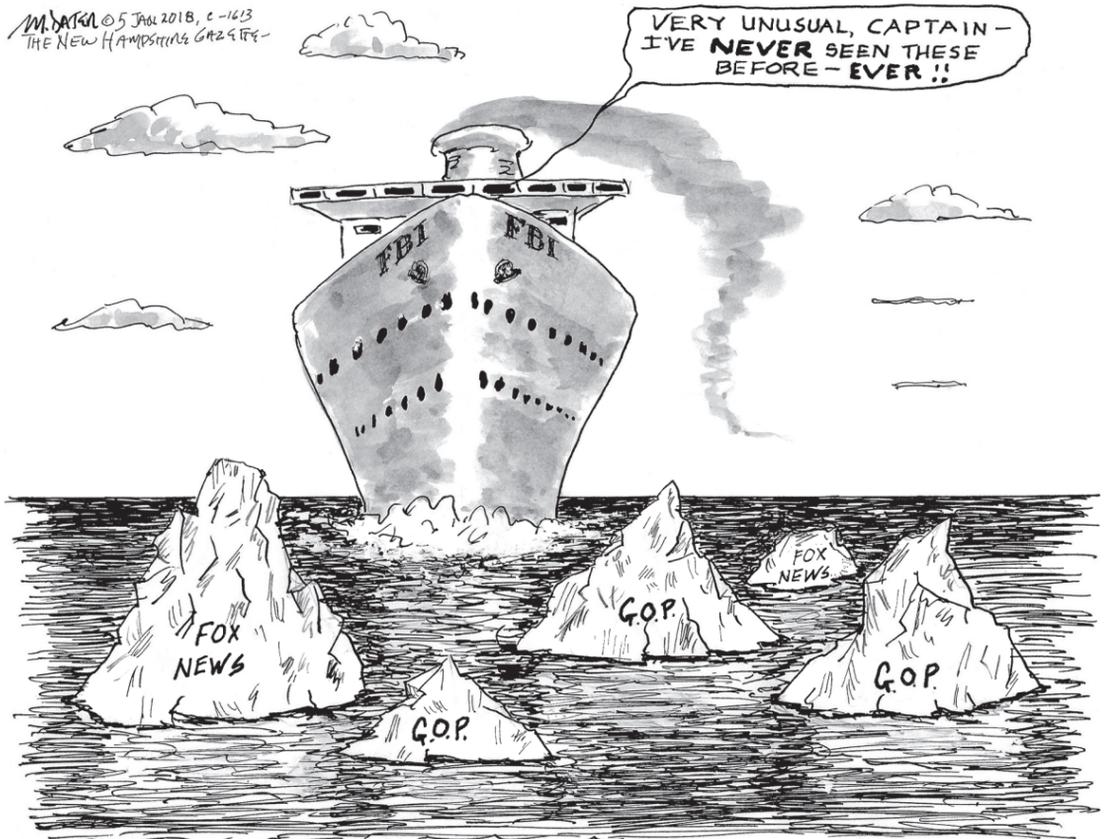
“As to the U.S. paper industry, the industrywide shift from print newspapers to digital news consumption—not imports from Canada—has caused a decline in demand for uncoated groundwood paper. Conversely, in recent years, the market share of Canadian uncoated groundwood paper imports has actually declined.”

“Equally concerning, it appears

that North Pacific’s petitions may be driven by the economic strategies of the company’s hedge fund owners, One Rock Capital Partners, which purchased NORPAC in November 2016. NORPAC’s petitions do not reflect the views of the paper industry in the United States. In fact, the antidumping and countervailing duty petitions are opposed by other U.S. producers of newsprint and the American Forest and Paper Association, which represents the broader U.S. paper industry. Given the outlier status of NORPAC, it appears that One Rock Capital Partners may be using the petitions as a means of increasing the short-term value of this one mill, without any regard for the dramatic negative implications for U.S. newspapers in thousands of small cities and towns.”

“Local newspapers are the core of our communities’ access to local news about governmental activity, local economic and business issues, high school sports, and milestones for local citizens. Our thousands of employees and millions of readers are counting on you to protect the industry from NORPAC’s brazen attempt to manipulate the trade laws in a manner that would inflict widespread harm on the newspaper industry, without the support of others in the domestic paper industry.”

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THE NEW HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE



Republican First District Candidate [?] Declares War on Post Office Regs

A semi-local man has opened a new front in the culture war. Matt Mayberry, a resident of Dover who works in Portsmouth, has vowed to petition the U.S. Postal Service, hoping public pressure will cause it to reverse Section 124.55 of the U.S. Postal Service Operations Manual. Apparently too few elements of American life were subjects of dispute.

In a perfectly routine coincidence, Mayberry is a quasi-candidate for the Republican nomination for the First Congressional District. If his petition moves at the same pace as his Congressional run, Trump will be out of office before the issue is resolved.

The Hamlet of the First District has been talking about running for the open seat since last spring. In May he told NH1 News’ Paul Steinhauer that “there’s no set timetable, but I also don’t want to keep people waiting. So I’d say sometime in June

[2017] there would be some kind of decision made.” In August the *Union Leader*’s John DiStaso reported that Mayberry “continues to strongly consider running for the 1st District U.S. House seat held by Democratic U.S. Rep. Carol Shea-Porter.”

Mayberry is a former Vice Chairman of the N.H. GOP. When he was elected to that post in June, 2015, an NH1 News story noted that “Mayberry works for Carlisle Capital in Portsmouth, which along with NH1 News is owned by Bill Binnie. Mayberry has worked for many Republican political candidates and elected officials for over 36 years.” Mayberry is an ardent Trump supporter. Carlisle Capital is located in the old City Hall, next door to the Post Office.

Presidential portraits have hung in the lobby of the Portsmouth Post Office at least since the George W.[MD] Bush administration, despite a Postal Service regulation prohibiting their display.

Mayberry, according to a Decem-

ber 26th story in the *Union Leader*, complained to the Post Office in July that there were no portraits of President Trump and Vice President Pence on display. He was told at the time that official portraits had not yet been issued.

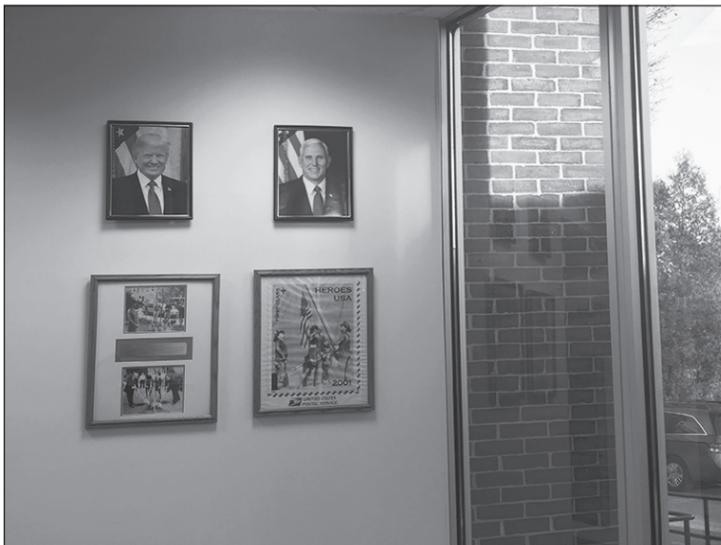
The week before Christmas, portraits of Donald Trump and Mike Pence did finally appear in the lobby.

The day after Christmas, the *Union Leader* got into the act.

The paper reported that [Postal Service spokesman Pete] “Doherty said he was assured the portraits were removed,” and that Mayberry wouldn’t stand for that. “Mayberry said Tuesday afternoon the fight is just beginning. He used social media to rally support in July. Now, Mayberry plans to start a petition to keep Portsmouth’s tradition alive.”

Mayberry may or may not have begun collecting signatures. These things take time.

Apparently you can’t keep a bad President down, though: regs or no regs, the portraits are back up.



Presidential portraits have been displayed in the Daniel Street Post Office’s lobby at least since the George W.[MD] Bush administration. As it turns out, that’s against regulations. Now it’s all a big kerfuffle.

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Silence Emboldens Tyranny

To the Editor:

Although the Merriam Webster Dictionary strictly defines a "Tyrant" as "a ruler who has no legal limits on his or her power by law or constitution and who uses authority or power harshly," a psychologist, who I heard on NPR, described the three major character traits of a tyrant as: "Someone who does not seek first to understand, but expects to be understood; someone who blames first and is accountable second; and someone who doesn't practice what they preach."

Sounds like a prominent figure with whom we're all familiar! My theory was substantiated the other day when I heard the 45th POTUS tell a Fox "News" interviewer, in response to a question about many unfilled State Department positions, "Let me tell you, the one that matters is me. I'm the only one that matters, because when it comes to it, that's what the policy is going to be. You've seen that, you've seen it strongly."

#45's own national security apparatus agrees. Secretary of State Tillerson has never denied calling his boss a "moron." Defense Secretary Mattis was heard telling U.S. troops, "Our country right now, it's got problems we don't have in the military. You just hold the line until our country gets back to understanding and respecting each other and showing it." USAF General John Hyten, the top U.S. nuclear commander, recently assured us that he would resist the current President if he ordered an "illegal" launch of nuclear weapons.

Now I wish to ask a question of those of you who ascribe to the rationale that ordinary citizens have the right to own modern day military weapons (designed solely for the purpose of expeditiously killing humans in mass) to protect citizens from a tyranny. To be clear, I'm not even remotely suggesting armed insurrection, but simply want to know why you don't feel emboldened enough by your M-16s and AK-47s to exercise your First Amendment rights (i.e. speak out or write) to redress the tyranny that many of you thrust on your fellow

citizens?

Your silence of the tyrant is not protecting us but is actually emboldening the tyranny.

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, N.H.

Wayne:

Hey, wait a minute—you don't suppose all that Constitutional righteousness business is just a pose, do you?

The Editor

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We the People Shall Rule

To the Editor:

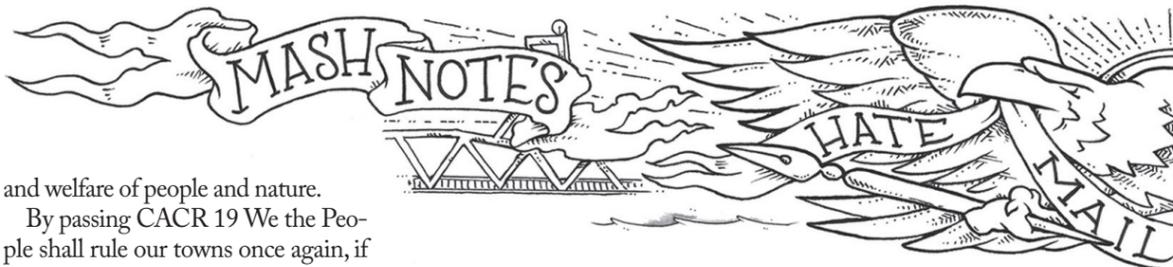
Throughout recorded human history there has been an ongoing struggle between the rulers and the ruled. The rulers have been the wealthy, powerful elite, and the ruled have been the working classes and the poor.

The American Revolution was a time when the ruled rose up to take control of their destiny from the King of England and his wealthy patrons. It is time for We the People to rise again!

Today's rulers are the huge Wall Street banks, the energy monopolies, health care profiteers, the military-industrial complex, and their corporate media. They control our government through "the best politicians money can buy," who are funded by legal bribes from political action committees (PACs) and wealthy donors. The voters get to choose the lesser of evils and the rich ruling elite win either way, as they control both Parties!

The Silent Majority gives its consent to the rule of this corrupt status quo by remaining meek, disorganized, uninformed and uninvolved. The N.H. Community Rights Network (NHCRN) is working to revitalize our democracy by empowering every city and town with the right of local control.

The Community Rights Amendment (CACR 19) has been introduced by Rep. Ellen Read (Newmarket) and eight other sponsors to give people the right to stop corporate exploitation that harms our communities. Whether it be Northern Pass, dredging Great Bay, gas pipelines, or toxic sludge dumping, the local voters should have, and will have, the right to pass ordinances that protect the health, safety,



and welfare of people and nature.

By passing CACR 19 We the People shall rule our towns once again, if enough people take action. Contact the NHCRN at info@nhcommunityrights.org and get involved, our democracy needs you!

Sincerely, Peter A. White, Board Member, New Hampshire Community Rights Network
Nottingham, N.H.

Peter:

It's good to know that the people of Nottingham are standing up to defend their community. Keep us posted, please.

The Editor

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Reflections Upon This Last Historical Year

To the Editor:

Lord, forgive them for they do not know what they let happen to them.

We have watched as the rule of law has succumbed to the rulers of law. Our "leaders of power" in all three branches of government and our press desire to bring down a President.

They do this with the laws we had hoped to protect us from trampling our inalienable rights and our system of self rule by the people. The laws on the books now rule us as the rulers so see fit to apply to those they dislike or perceive hurt their powers.

Yes law breakers must be brought to justice, but who among us now is not a law breaker when there are so many laws to rule us and keep us in fear.

Example of rulers out of control: the first and most powerful FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, the Pelican Papers, Water Gate, [sic] and NSA spy gate, all were exposed individuals in power abusing your Constitutional rights. Do we know for sure that our private conversations are safe if they can be used by individuals to defeat political enemies?

We see—No; General Flynn's Russian Gate were not illegal private conversations but are being used anyway to undermine a dually [sic] elected

President. He lies under oath about his illegally exposed private conversations and gets criminal penalties; Bill Clinton does lies under oath as well and gets a slap on the wrist. The rulers of law set their standards as they see fit to their political liking. This demise was fore warned by our founding fathers.

Hillary Clinton breaks a number of laws, most exposed in the email gate to date and its cover up, yet she walks untouched. The mere accusations of Russian Gate [sic] against Trump and we have a rush to impeach because it is the will of the rulers of law, their political minions, and the mob.

Polls are used to justify lynch mobs to undermine an election and fracture a nation not yet convinced of impeaching this president even before he took office [sic]. Party politics have so convinced the mobs of their self righteousness while all without regard to our own Constitution.

We shall see the outcome and price this will cost no matter how it turns out—for or against Trump—because it exposes how any little or large law can be wielded against even the most powerful person—guilty or not—to destroy them. The rulers of law are unaccountable for the destruction of trust in them that these public exposures have brought in this Russian Gate [sic] year.

It is very scary to behold the extent of which we are all under the rulers of law and not the rule of law.

The rulers of law can unleash a mountain of laws against any of us and we are helpless. And these rulers are unaccountable for any actions they "claim" were used to go after their citizens no matter how bad and abusive—little or small—it is still suppression and oppression. Keep the citizens in fear and they shall rule by their powers as government agents. Laws are a ne-

cessity in a peaceful society but when does that power to dictate behavior become its own power to selfish rule.

Making one new law can stop the blatant abuse and waste and destruction of these abuses, make individuals accountable for their abuses of power as government agents. Hamilton understood that individuals in power, like King George, will abuse other individuals to stay in power and or to continue wielding it.

Rail in [sic] abuses by making rulers of law no longer immune for their actions. Yes there are laws that give them that power of immunity for breaking the law. Make the government pay for its abuses and attorney fees when Constitutional rights or wrongful prosecutions are proven abused when there is no escaping those facts of abuse.

Make them accountable to juries of their peers. These protections happens in private citizen court cases and judgments when private citizens abuse each other with unfair actions or crimes. Why not for government individuals so too under our Constitution?

No lowly private citizen escapes being responsible for knowing and being under the rule of law. Only the government agents and rulers of law escape undeniable violations of constitutional rights and many other laws.

But this year exposed this truth—Trump the private citizen became President and that is not what the rulers of laws, or dare I say, the rulers of the two parties wanted.

Today we have two standards, the rulers of law are mostly immune and all laws apply only to the non government individual—the people citizens [sic]. Yes some exposed politicians get expelled but that is the political will of the rulers of law to protect their party's

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set that a Richy Rich Kid turned failed casino operator turned fake reality TV typhoon [sic] turned failed political party candidate turned catastrophic President is now in trouble for the innumerable shenanigans of the host of stooges he assembled around his rather significant circumference.

Well, snowflake, get used to it. There's more where that came from—a lot more, and every ounce deserved.

Sheesh—that came off as rather hostile, didn't it. Sorry.

Actually, there's a lot in your letter we rather liked—though we also yanked 518 words, because concision is kind of our thing.

Clearly you care—there's a start! And clearly you're disgusted with the product of American government. Can't argue with that!

What we cannot understand, but wish we could, is why you cannot see your alleged secular savior for the amoral infant that he so clearly is.

The Editor

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Blinded by Science!

To the Editor:

Did you know that an entrenched community of hysterical environmental alarmists funded by wealthy Hollywood elites is misappropriating science to trick you into thinking climate change is for real?

It's true—these so-called "climate experts" are lying to us with such impunity that they deserve to be shackled and thrown into jail! I know it must be true because I heard these words spoken on talk radio just this week. Spoken and then reinforced by the President's tweet Friday telling us record cold in the Northeast proves global warming is a joke.

No matter that seas are rising, permafrost is melting, California is burning, and parts of the Middle East,

Africa, and India are becoming uninhabitable. It's freezing in New England, and any damn fool knows cold is the opposite of hot.

Little doubt we are being blinded by science! However, it's the science of Propaganda and not Climatology that threatens to destroy our vision.

Students of Political Science will immediately recognize that scapegoating, shackling, and carting away knowledgeable scientists and academics is nothing new. History records how it has been done before—with chilling success—on the dark and bloody road to dictatorship. All as part of "the big lie."

Through government funding cuts, departmental purges, hack appointments, cancelled programs, website censorship, and a coordinated right-wing propaganda campaign against the independent scientific community, the big lie is happening again. This time, in our back yard and on our watch!

Rick Littlefield
Barrington, N.H.

Rick:
Welcome back—we've missed you.
The Editor

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A Fable of Our Time

To the Editor:

Once upon a time, children, about 230 years ago or so, some troublemakers started a china shop, and it's had 44 proprietors in its 230 years. The china shop is still in business, although barely. Some of the proprietors have run the shop pretty well, a few not so well, but most were more or less adequate. Each proprietor tried his best, and while a few plates and glasses got chipped, &c., the shop has stood the test of time.

Through the years the shop has changed a little, of course, as tastes and history have changed. But the shop of 2016 was still close to the shop which began 230 years ago.

Then, children—uh-oh!—in 2017 the 45th proprietor took over. He wasn't like the 44 previous proprietors. This proprietor lived in a palace of gold toilets and glitzy schmaltz, and even though he was very rich he didn't know his ass from his elbow about running the shop. Not knowing what to do, he took a golf club and swung it around with abandon. Plates and dishes and glasses went flying and crashing to the floor. Nobody could stop him. Despite all the damage, despite all the chaos, he was the best proprietor the shop had ever had. Do you know why he was the best, children? This is why—because he said so. In fact he was more than the best, that he was The Greatest, also because he said so. Not only was he The Greatest, but he was also The Richest, and got even richer by swiping heaps and heaps of dollars from the shop's cash register.

Someday, maybe, there will be a new proprietor, number 46, and woe be to that luckless wretch, because number 46 will try to cope with 45's colossal mess of shards, and will try to glue back together as many dishes and plates as possible. But he or she will never be able to clean up the chaos completely. It will take many, many subsequent proprietors, for many, many years, to get the shop back on its feet. But because of the extreme and extensive damage inflicted by number 45, it will never, ever, be the same china shop that it once was, and in fact there may not even be any china shop left at all. And then, children, as you have probably guessed, nobody will live happily ever after.

The End. Happy New Year, children.

Barnabas Umbrage
Portsmouth, N.H.

Barnabas:
Thanks for that uplifting message!
Happy New Year to you, too!
The Editor

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2018 Could Be Benedict Arnold's Year

To the Editor:

In the world of military Human Resource Intelligence, of which I was a part (as a linguist/de-briefer) half a lifetime ago, the phrase "Intelligence

Asset" meant "Any resource—person, group, relationship, instrument, installation, or supply—at the disposition of an intelligence organization for use in an operational or support role. Often used with a qualifying term such as agent asset or propagand asset."

I'd never personally heard this phrase used to describe a sitting POTUS until Former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, when discussing a series of peculiar calls and encounters between #45 and Russian President Vladimir Putin, told a national audience, "This past weekend is a great demonstration to me of what a great case officer Vladimir Putin is. He knows how to handle an asset and that's what he's doing with the President. You have to remember Putin's background. He's a KGB officer. That's what they do."

Clapper had actually presided over an intelligence briefing during the transition in January 2017 for #45, VP-elect [Mike] Pence, designated National Security Advisor Michael Flynn, and designated CIA Director Mike Pompeo, *et al.*, where they were fully briefed, "We assess Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered an influence campaign in 2016 aimed at the U.S. presidential election. Russia's goals were to undermine public faith in the U.S. democratic process, denigrate Secretary Clinton, and harm her electability and potential presidency. We further assess Putin and the Russian Government developed a clear preference for President-elect Trump." Additionally, the CIA presented #45's transition team an intelligence stream that had captured Putin's specific instructions to carry out said influence campaign.

To substantiate Clapper's assessment of the POTUS, I recently heard Luke Harding, a Russian affairs expert, discuss his new book, *Collusion*, with Terry Gross of NPR's "Fresh Air." He informed her that there appears to be an emerging pattern of collusion between Russia, #45, and his campaign, and how Russia appears to have

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power.
Trump was dually [sic] elected by Constitutional rule of law yet since day one, in both parties behind closed doors and with both theories of governing, they plug away with open and obvious display against the man in spite of the Constitution's clear mandate of—For The People.

Our Constitution is not a party or individual but a code and laws of principle of governing and protection of rights.

But this party rule vice Constitution rule [sic] has not happened yet—the People still have the Constitutions they live under—the States' and Federal—Constitutions.

The principle of self government can only last if—We the People—take responsibility for it and do not give up our rights without fighting. We must join with those that respect the principles of rule of inalienable rights laws for all individuals under them.

Stand up and fight with free speech, in court, to your elected officials, in your votes, by protests, and if you have to; by the power and reality in our own New Hampshire Constitution Rights Article 10 to change our government.

Make individuals, all U.S. citizens, government or not, subject to our Constitutions—Federal and State rule of law—or we must live under with what we let happen against us.

Jeff Frost
Alexandria, N.H.

Jeff:
Regarding the headline you proposed for this letter, which we were pleased to use without alteration, all we can say is—Good Lord! Let's hope this is not our last historical year! Oh, wait a minute—you didn't mean it the way we took it. Tricky business, words.
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Microliving

by William Marvel

“Little” was my stepdaughter’s eternal preference in any subject or object. When she herself was small, big things seemed to frighten her—such as the apparent infinity of space, which she would not allow anyone to talk about around her. She liked little figurines, and doll-sized chinaware. Small notebooks and fine-line pens appealed to her. She wrote (or rather printed) in neat and tiny letters. As she approached and entered her teens, she demonstrated a remarkable facility for drawing thumbnail sketches that I always wished she had cultivated, but they stayed in her pocket-sized notebook. Her affinity for tiny things prompted one of her early teachers to suggest, in ridiculous reflection of the educational mania of the day, that she must be suffering from low self-esteem.

She was not yet 11 when I built an 8’x10’ shed to house the four family bicycles and all the skis and snowshoes. During much of the construc-

tion she hung out nearby, watching me work and asking questions while sizing up some of my scrap lumber for potential projects. I stayed home to apply siding to the shed one day while she made a trip to town with her mother, to whom she remarked that the new building was plenty big enough for her to live in. “I’ve been doing some measuring,” she said.

She also had a propensity for deep thought, during which her face would assume expressions deceptively indicative of pouting, or annoyance. As though sensing a chance to justify the employment of a guidance counselor at an elementary school, the guidance counselor at Pine Tree once discomfited our shy thinker by sitting beside her and asking what was “wrong.” That little girl’s retiring nature allowed her considerable time for puzzling out problems; later on, teachers and professors found her diligently studious and adroitly inquisitive, just as we had at the dinner table. The year I home-schooled her proved downright exhausting, and she unintentionally imparted some education

herself with her persistent quest for basic truths and root causes. “How do you know that” constituted her most frequent question, and she pursued it relentlessly, sometimes leading me to the realization that—well—perhaps I didn’t “know” that, after all.

Because of her fondness for the miniature and her extremely good economic sense, it seemed predictable that after saving more than enough money for a down payment on a house she decided instead to build her own “tiny” house for cash. Nor was I at all surprised when she bought professional architectural plans for the project, or when she redesigned those plans to suit her purposes, compiled a complete materials list, and figured her budget to the last piece of plywood.

The only question was where to build it, and for her there was only one alternative. I was visiting her grandparents in Kansas when she called to ask if she could do it in our back yard. As a practical element in her home-school year I had planned to build another shed with her, but

time and other distractions intervened to prevent it, so her tiny-house project found no obstacle in me.

My approval might have been more qualified had she asked if she could start the project at the end of autumn, with snow threatening to bury \$10,000 worth of trailer and lumber before we could get it roofed. As more of summer expired I presumed she had concluded to delay the start until spring, but when I returned from a research trip at the end of October, a 28-foot trailer was sitting right behind the house. Thenceforward it became a race against snowfall as we worked every weekend and holiday, and I made particular mention of it as we reached each stage where we might have capped it for the winter. My part of the project consisted primarily of consultation and cutting, however, and she was the general contractor who made the decisions. As always she showed bold determination, and she put off the seasonal surrender until the last possible moment. The first serious storm of the year started the day after we sealed

off the roof and boarded up the door and windows.

So now the next impediments will be mud and black flies, but by the middle of next summer the girl who contemplated living in an 8’-x-12’ shed will have more than twice as much space as that. She isn’t yet twice as big, so that should still be plenty.

Her tiny house will suit several of her preferences at once, including the aversion to debt that I may have helped instill. It will also fulfill her desire to help save the planet, not only by sharply reducing her fuel and electrical consumption but also by discouraging her from the acquisition of material goods. With hardly any room for storage, dwellers in tiny houses don’t have much incentive to participate in our destructively profligate consumer economy, and that may be their most beneficial environmental feature. I always had a feeling this “little” girl would make her mark on the world, and in an emblematically microscopic way that’s just what she’s doing.

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started cultivating #45 back in 1987.

I can see 2018 being the year the name of “Benedict Arnold” will finally be retired and replaced as the synonym for “traitor.”

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, N.H.

Wayne:

Yours would be a harsh assessment, were it not warranted.

It reminds us of times when we have found ourselves growing grim about the mouth, involuntarily pausing before coffin warehouses. Then we tend to think back on our own time in the enlisted ranks and imagine Dolt 45 there alongside us. As soon as we do, clarity descends: at least we were spared that!

The Editor



===== ’Twas Ever Thus

[Note: On Tuesday, October 15, 1907, a group of financial geniuses attempted to make a fortune by cornering the copper market. As things turned out, they had slightly misjudged their opportunity. As a result of their finagling, the share price of United Copper collapsed.

The Knickerbocker Trust Company was heavily invested in copper. On October 21, 1907, the National Bank of Commerce announced that it would no longer accept checks drawn on the Knickerbocker Trust Company. One

unintended consequence led to another, in what came to be called the Panic of 1907.

On December 28th 1907, the socialist newspaper Appeal to Reason published the following piece by Eugene V. Debs.—The Ed.]

Panic Philosophy

“The average man understands in a vague way that there is a panic, so-called, and he is more or less concerned about it according as it affects his business or his employment. But he has never studied economics and knows nothing about the laws

governing social development. The panic distresses him, it is true, but he is not philosophic enough to inquire into its cause; he simply wants to get rid of the plague.

“And so the average man falls easy prey to the political quack in the service of the industrial baron who glibly rings the changes on ‘financial stringency,’ ‘elastic currency,’ ‘lack of confidence,’ ‘tariff revision,’ ‘trust regulation’ and like meaningless twaddle.

“It is a fact to be deplored that the average man is a mental child; reads little and that mostly rapid

nonsense; thinks less, and reasons not at all.

“He has to have a ‘leader’ in politics, a ‘boss’ in industry, and a ‘shepherd’ in religion, and they all have a hand in fleecing him to a respectable standstill.

“When this average nonentity who is potentially a man hears of a panic he thinks of it as a screw loose in a machine which a turn or two of the magical monkey-wrench of ‘confidence’ will tighten up, when all will be well again.

“That a panic, i. e., industrial congestion and social paralysis, accompanied by widespread poverty, misery and despair, is the logical effect of an antecedent cause; the poisoned fruit of a corrupt and de-

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by Jim Hightower

In the 1980s, when I was Texas Ag commissioner, my staff and I proposed a comprehensive set of state rules to protect farmworkers, public health, our water supplies, and farmers themselves from the life-threatening consequences of toxic pesticides.

But trying to enact these policies in Texas (a state that back then made

and sprayed more agricultural poisons than any other) meant taking on the enormous money and power of the chemical lobby, as well as a hostile Republican governor and a legislature largely made up of corporate lapdogs. All of the above were howling furiously at us, snarling that they'd kill the new protections we'd laid. When I told my legislative director that it seemed like the political odds were against us, his response

was not a confidence booster: "Some of the evens are against us, too," he said.

Yet—by rallying a big coalition of family farmers, consumers, environmentalists, church leaders, and others—then bringing these "outsiders" inside the usually closed legislative lair to confront the cozy club of lawmakers and lobbyists—we won!

As in that firefight, today's Good Food forces (made up of the grass-

roots people and groups across the country striving to build a sustainable, equitable agriCultural system) are under constant attack by the moneyed forces of agriBusiness, which view food as nothing but another assembly line product to be fabricated by any means that fatten the corporate bottom line. We're in an ongoing, momentous struggle (cultural, economic, political, and moral) over the very nature

and future of food, and our best path to victory is to do as we did in Texas three decades ago: Forge coalitions of outsiders to confront and expose the self-enriching cabal of insiders.

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caying system, does not occur to his inchoate mentality. This point, the simplest and yet most fundamental in the philosophy of panics, must be driven home to his simple mind.

"The business 'panic' follows in the wake of its corollary, 'business prosperity,' as inevitably as the tides rise and fall in obedience to the laws governing their motion.

"In a word, the 'panic' and its attendant suffering and distress are the corrupt fruit of the corrupt system of capitalism, whose foundations are laid in the broken lives of a quivering mass of wage-slaves.

"Abolish the capitalist system and the 'panic' will scourge the people no more."

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[Note: The Panic of 1907, following as it did the Panic of 1901, which followed the Panic of 1896, which followed the Panic of 1893, which followed the Panic of 1884 which followed the Panic of 1873, inspired Senator Nelson W. Aldrich [R-R.I.], apparently embarrassed for his capitalistic friends, who couldn't seem to stifle their greed enough to avoid throwing the economy into a panic every 5.6 years, established a commission which eventually led to the creation of the Federal Reserve System: a desperate effort to save capitalism from itself. Aldrich also drove the creation of the income tax.

Now, of course, the leading conservative minds of the day would like to

abolish both and return to the exciting times when a few greedy bastards could put the whole country on the skids as they attempt to get richer. — The Ed.]

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The Capitalist System by Michail Bakunin

[Note: The following is an excerpt from The Knouto-Germanic Empire and the Social Revolution, included in The Complete Works of Michael Bakunin under the title "Fragment." It was lifted from The-AnarchistLibrary.org, where it was attributed to Spunk.org.—The Ed.]

Is it necessary to repeat here the irrefutable arguments of Socialism which no bourgeois economist has yet succeeded in disproving? What is property, what is capital in their present form? For the capitalist and the property owner they mean the power and the right, guaranteed by the State, to live without working. And since neither property nor capital produces anything when not fertilized by labor—that means the power and the right to live by exploiting the work of someone else, the right to exploit the work of those who possess neither property nor capital and who thus are forced to sell their productive power to the lucky owners of both. Note that I have left out of account altogether the following question: In what way

did property and capital ever fall into the hands of their present owners? This is a question which, when envisaged from the points of view of history, logic, and justice, cannot be answered in any other way but one which would serve as an indictment against the present owners. I shall therefore confine myself here to the statement that property owners and capitalists, inasmuch as they live not by their own productive labor but by getting land rent, house rent, interest upon their capital, or by speculation on land, buildings, and capital, or by the commercial and industrial exploitation of the manual labor of the proletariat, all live at the expense of the proletariat. (Speculation and exploitation no doubt also constitute a sort of labor, but altogether non-productive labor.)

I know only too well that this mode of life is highly esteemed in all civilized countries, that it is expressly and tenderly protected by all the States, and that the States, religions, and all the juridical laws, both criminal and civil, and all the political governments, monarchies and republican—with their immense judicial and police apparatuses and their standing armies—have no other mission but to consecrate and protect such practices. In the pres-

ence of these powerful and respectable authorities I cannot even permit myself to ask whether this mode of life is legitimate from the point of view of human justice, liberty, human equality, and fraternity. I simply ask myself: Under such conditions, are fraternity and equality possible between the exploiter and the exploited, are justice and freedom possible for the exploited?

Let us even suppose, as it is being maintained by the bourgeois economists and with them all the lawyers, all the worshippers and believers in the juridical right, all the priests of the civil and criminal code—let us suppose that this economic relationship between the exploiter and the exploited is altogether legitimate, that it is the inevitable consequence, the product of an eternal, indestructible social law, yet still it will always be true that exploitation precludes brotherhood and equality. It goes without saying that it precludes economic equality. Suppose I am your worker and you are my employer. If I offer my labor at the lowest price, if I consent to have you live off my labor, it is certainly not because of devotion or brotherly love for you. And no bourgeois economist would dare to say that it was, however idyllic and naive their reasoning becomes when they begin to speak about

reciprocal affections and mutual relations which should exist between employers and employees. No, I do it because my family and I would starve to death if I did not work for an employer. Thus I am forced to sell you my labor at the lowest possible price, and I am forced to do it by the threat of hunger.

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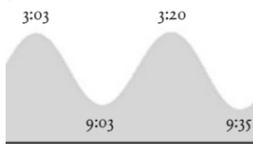
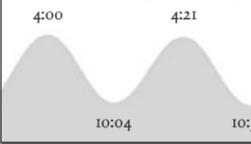
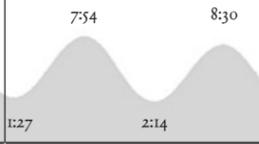
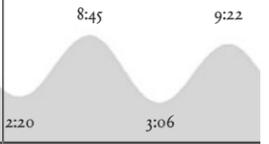
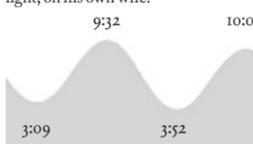
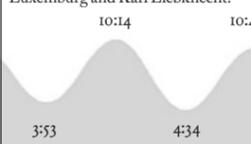
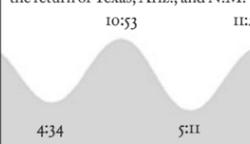
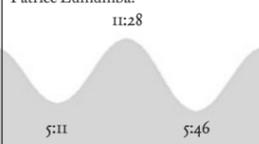
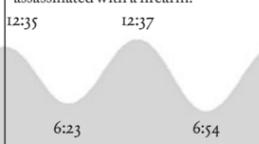
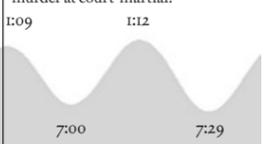
drags about seventeen billion gallons of seawater — enough to fill 2,125,000 tanker trucks — up the river and into Great Bay. This creates a roving hydraulic conflict, as incoming sea and the outgoing river collide. The skirmish line

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>2015—Two brothers, Wahhabi extremists, kill 12 and wound 11 at <i>Charlie Hebdo's</i> offices in Paris.</p> <p>1999—The U.S. Senate puts President Bill Clinton on trial for lying about his canoodling with a zaftig young intern. Chief prosecutor: Rep. (and adulterer) Henry Hyde [R-III].</p> <p>1998—<i>The Washington Post</i> reports that George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush's repeated denials notwithstanding, the Veep was in fact present at meetings about arms sales to Iran.</p> <p>1980—San Francisco honors the 100th anniversary of the death of Emperor Norton I with a party.</p> <p>1970—Bethel, N.Y. farmer Max Yasgur is sued by his neighbors for damages resulting from his entertaining over 500,000 guests.</p> <p>1969—<i>Look</i> magazine calls Jimi Hendrix a "menace to public health."</p> <p>1943—Nicola Tesla, electrical genius, dies in obscurity in New York City.</p> <p>1920—Five socialists are expelled from the New York Assembly.</p> <p>1861—Mayor Fernando Wood, a Democrat, proposes that New York City secede from the Union.</p> <p>1851—"That a war of extermination will continue to be waged ... until the Indian race becomes extinct," Gov. Peter H. Burnett informs the California legislature, "must be expected."</p> <p>1806—Cherokees in Tennessee and Alabama cede 7,000 square miles of land to whites, in return for which gesture they are not killed.</p>	<p>2008—Hillary Clinton wins the New Hampshire primary.</p> <p>2007—The sub <i>U.S.S. Newport News</i> collides with an oil tanker in the straits of Hormuz.</p> <p>2005—The sub <i>U.S.S. San Francisco</i> collides at full speed with an undersea mountain near Guam. One sailor dies, 98 are injured.</p> <p>2003—"The war on terror involves Saddam Hussein," explains George W.[MD] Bush, "because of the nature of Saddam Hussein, and his willingness to terrorize himself."</p> <p>1992—At a formal dinner in Japan, Bush #41 turns his head to Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa and vomits in his lap.</p> <p>1982—The Reagan White House announces a new policy: granting tax-exempt status to racially-segregated colleges. (It lasts 4 days.)</p> <p>1973—The Watergate Burglar trial begins.</p> <p>1958—An accident at Chelyabinsk plutonium plant in U.S.S.R. kills hundreds.</p> <p>1956—Ecuadoran Hoaroinis register their annoyance with missionaries by spearing five to death.</p> <p>1946—Over 10,000 GIs in Saipan, Guam, and France protest slow re-deployment back to the U.S.</p> <p>1811—A small group of enslaved black men attack a plantation owner, take up arms, and march for New Orleans; their numbers grow as they go.</p>	<p>2002—Future Attorney General Alberto Gonzales writes that parts of the Geneva Conventions are "obsolete" and "quaint."</p> <p>1980—On orders from King Saud, 63 participants in the 1979 seizure of the Grand Mosque at Mecca are beheaded with swords in the public squares of eight Saudi cities.</p> <p>1967—In Vietnam: 116,858 South Vietnamese troops deserted this year, up from 113,000 from last year. North Vietnamese desertions: 20,242.</p> <p>1964—Panama suspends relations with U.S. after U.S. troops kill 21 anti-American protesters.</p> <p>1952—In Phenix City, Ala., anti-vice crusader Hugh Bentley's house is destroyed by a bomb.</p> <p>1939—In Missouri's "Bootheel," 1,700 homeless sharecroppers, black and white, stage a sit-down strike in the middle of Highways 60 and 61.</p> <p>1918—The 10th Cavalry and Yaqui Indians conduct the last battle of the Indian Wars at Bear Valley, Ariz.</p> <p>1913—Richard Milhous Nixon is born in Yorba Linda, Calif.</p> <p>1811—The number of enslaved but armed black men marching on New Orleans rises into the hundreds.</p> <p>1805—Ohio passes "Black laws" — no blacks may testify in court.</p> <p>1766—In Portsmouth, N.H., stamp master George Meserve is forced to surrender his commission by "a grand mob," which then raises the first "No Stamp" flag in the colonies.</p>	<p>2015—A Robinson R22 over San Juan Bay, Puerto Rico emits white smoke, gyrates as its rotors bend, then plunges 800 feet, killing the pilot.</p> <p>2002—George W.[MD] Bush denies ever meeting Enron CEO Ken Lay, his largest campaign donor.</p> <p>1984—Responders to a false alarm about an accidental missile launch at Warren AFB, Wyo., park an armored car atop the silo as a precaution.</p> <p>1967—Lester Maddox, a school dropout who gave ax handles to his restaurant customers to ward off integration, becomes Governor of Georgia.</p> <p>1957—Four black churches and homes of two black leaders in Birmingham, Ala. are bombed.</p> <p>1946—"I hate war as only a soldier who has lived it can, only as one who has seen its brutality, its stupidity," traitorous U.S. Army Chief of Staff Dwight D. Eisenhower reveals in Ottawa, Canada.</p> <p>1920—Victor Berger (Socialist-Wis.) is refused a seat in Congress for opposing WWI.</p> <p>1860—The Pemberton Mill in Lawrence, Mass., overloaded with machinery to boost profits, collapses killing 145 and injuring 166: worst industrial disaster in state history.</p> <p>1855—The last 88 Clackamas Indians sign away the best timberland in Oregon for \$500 and some food.</p> <p>1776—In Philadelphia, <i>Common Sense</i> is published, by Thomas Paine, who eschews all royalties.</p>	<p>2008—"There will be a signed peace treaty [between Israel and the Palestinians] by the time I leave office," says George W.[MD] Bush.</p> <p>2003—"You can count on this," Donald Rumsfeld tells Saudi Prince Bandar, showing plans for the Iraq War. "This is going to happen."</p> <p>2002—Joe Foss, 86, ex-Governor of South Dakota, is detained at a Phoenix airport; security personnel mistake his Medal of Honor for a weapon.</p> <p>2000—"Rarely is the question asked," says George W.[MD] Bush, "is our children learning?"</p> <p>1974—Joint Chiefs Chair Admiral Moorer is reported to have spied on the executive branch to get secret info on U.S. diplomatic initiatives.</p> <p>1964—Twenty-three years after journalist George Seldes first warned that smoking is hazardous to health, the U.S. Surgeon General does, too.</p> <p>1943—Anarchist newspaperman Carlo Tresca is gunned down in New York City, probably by Carmine Galante on orders from Generoso Pope, Sr. as a favor for Mussolini.</p> <p>1918—Edward Aloysius Murphy Jr., of "Murphy's Law," is born.</p> <p>1917—Fire consumes 39 buildings comprising a munitions plant in Lyndhurst, N.J. Switchboard operator Tessie McNamara's warnings help 1,400 workers escape.</p> <p>1912—In Lawrence, Mass., 32,000 women and children strike for bread — and for roses, too.</p>	<p>1991—Congress authorizes the first Bush vs. Hussein War.</p> <p>1984—Reagan Deputy Secretary of Defense W. Paul Thayer resigns after being charged with insider trading. He ends up in the can.</p> <p>1971—Rev. Philip Berrigan is indicted for conspiring to kidnap Henry Kissinger and bomb federal buildings.</p> <p>1968—Lima Site 85, a tiny USAF navigational facility on a remote mountaintop in Laos, is rocketed, bombed, and strafed by two NVA-piloted, Soviet-built Antonov biplanes. One, damaged by groundfire, crashes. A flight mechanic in a CIA Huey shoots down the other with an AK-47.</p> <p>1962—U.S. helicopters fly their first combat mission in South Vietnam.</p> <p>1951—Convicted of bombing an airliner, wheelchair-bound Albert Guay rolls to Canadian gallows.</p> <p>1943—Federal bureaucrats announce that hot dogs will henceforth contain less meat and more soybeans, and be called "victory sausages."</p> <p>1932—Ms. Hattie Wyatt Caraway (D-Ark.) becomes the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate.</p> <p>1931—Raymond Gunn, 27, accused of killing Maryville, Mo. schoolteacher Velma Colter, is burned alive by a lynch mob on the roof of her schoolhouse.</p> <p>1928—Tom Howard of the <i>New York Daily News</i> takes an unauthorized photo of Ruth Snyder as the State of New York kills her in an electric chair.</p>	<p>2002—George W.[MD] Bush passes out and hits the floor of the White House. He blames a pretzel, but an ex-British Foreign Secretary later says that lab techs found alcohol in a sample of Bush's blood.</p> <p>1992—Japan apologizes for having made sex slaves of tens of thousands of Korean women during WWII.</p> <p>1987—Lee Atwater says the Reagan anti-drug campaign was "the epitome of the bad issue, a classic really. It came and went in three weeks, max."</p> <p>1974—Dr. Hunter S. Thompson throws a Super Bowl party; one guest: George W.[MD] Bush.</p> <p>1964—Turbulence snaps the tail off a B-52, which then crashes in Barton, Md. with two nukes aboard. Four crewmen bail out and live, but two of them soon die of exposure, one just 800 yards from a streetlight.</p> <p>1961—In a house 100 yards from the home of the future editor of this paper, Alan Ginsberg and Jack Kerouac take psilocybin provided by Tim Leary.</p> <p>1946—In Paris, 500 GIs adopt an Enlisted Man's <i>Magna Carta</i>. It's for radical reform of the master-slave relationship between officers and enlisted.</p> <p>1874—NYC Police Commissioner Abram Duryée says 1,600 cops beating unemployed demonstrators was "the most glorious sight I have ever seen."</p> <p>1842—Riding into Jalalabad alone is William Brydon, sole survivor of the 4,500 British soldiers who began a retreat from Kabul one week earlier.</p>
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<p>2005—"[M]an should never try to put words in God's mouth," says George W.[MD] Bush on TV.</p> <p>2000—"This is still a dangerous world ... of madmen and uncertainty and potential mental losses," warns George W.[MD] Bush.</p> <p>1969—Near Hawaii, a rocket explosion aboard the nuke-powered <i>U.S.S. Enterprise</i> starts a fire. The fire sets off about 18 500-lb. bombs, killing 27 and injuring 85.</p> <p>1967—The First Human Be-In is held, in San Francisco, of course.</p> <p>1957—"I never should have switched from Scotch to Martinis," says the dying Humphrey Bogart.</p> <p>1898—Rev. Charles L. Dodgson, author of <i>Alice</i> and admirer and photographer of little girls, dies at 65.</p> <p>1893—Joseph Conrad forgoes the sea of salt water for another of ink.</p> <p>1878—The U.S. Supreme Court confirms the right of railroads to provide unequal levels of service to humans on the basis of their race.</p> <p>1850—Imprisoned anarchist Mikhail Bakunin, 35, is sentenced to death. That sentence suspended, he spends years in a dungeon, comes down with scurvy, is sent to Siberia, escapes, travels the world making trouble for authorities, and eventually dies in Switzerland at 62.</p> <p>1794—In Edom, Va., Dr. Jesse Bennett performs the first successful Caesarean section in the U.S., by candlelight, on his own wife.</p>	<p>1992—George H.[H.]W. Bush, in N.H. for votes, says "[W]e are blessed. So don't feel sorry for ... don't cry for me, Argentina."</p> <p>1989—On "Larry King Live," guest Donald Trump asks his host, "Do you mind if I sit back a little bit? Because your breath is very bad."</p> <p>1989—On Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, President Reagan says some civil rights leaders are "doing very well ... keeping alive the feeling that they're victims of prejudice."</p> <p>1968—Near Dak To, SP/5 Dwight H. Johnson engages so fiercely in a firefight that he is later awarded the Medal of Honor. In 1971 he's shot to death in a suicidal robbery.</p> <p>1968—Ex-Rep Jeanette Rankin [R-Mont.], 87, who voted against WW I and WW II, leads a march against the Vietnam War.</p> <p>1961—Air Force's "Texas Tower 4," damaged during construction and again by Hurricane Donna, collapses into the Atlantic 60 miles off New Jersey with a loss of 28 lives.</p> <p>1943—Future S.C. Senator Strom Thurmond has backseat sex with murderer Sue Logue as she's being driven to the electric chair.</p> <p>1919—In Boston, a badly-built tank collapses, releasing a flood of molasses—a raw material for war munitions; 21 die, 150 are injured.</p> <p>1919—In Berlin, moderate Social Democrats murder their rivals, Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht.</p>	<p>2008—Megachurch pastor, Bushian "Point of Light," and confessed serial adulterer Earl Paulk confesses to perjury: he <i>did</i> sleep with his sister-in-law. Also, his "nephew" is really his son.</p> <p>2003—Space Shuttle <i>Columbia</i> takes off for the last time.</p> <p>1996—Mistaken for a drug trafficker, Jimmy Buffet and his seaplane are fired on near Jamaica.</p> <p>1986—The Department of Energy announces a seven-year search for a nuclear waste dump site. One potential site: Hillsborough, N.H.</p> <p>1981—Jeanne Kirkpatrick is confirmed as Ambassador to the UN. Within days she complains that her office, her limo, her staff, and her security are "inadequate."</p> <p>1980—Anti-drug pencils are recalled in New York: "Too Cool to Do Drugs" becomes, on sharpening, "Cool to Do Drugs," then "Do Drugs."</p> <p>1979—Rep. Michael Myers [D-Pa.] is charged with assault and battery after a drunken brawl.</p> <p>1972—Vesna Vulovic falls 33,000 feet from a bombed DC-9, lands on a snow-covered slope, and lives.</p> <p>1936—Serial killer and cannibal Albert Fish is executed at Sing Sing.</p> <p>1920—Prohibition takes effect: 13 years to the next legal drink.</p> <p>1917—German Foreign Secretary A. Zimmermann telegraphs his ambassador in Mexico, proposing a German/Mexican alliance and offering the return of Texas, Ariz., and N.M.</p>	<p>2014—NRA Board Member Ted Nugent, on TV, calls President Obama a "mongrel," and says liberals should be prosecuted for treason.</p> <p>2003—George W.[MD] Bush tells wounded troops at Walter Reed we "must provide the best care" for veterans the same day the VA cuts off health care for 164,000 veterans.</p> <p>2003—Gertrude Janeway, the last known widow of a Union Civil War veteran, dies at 93. When they married, he was 81 and she was 18.</p> <p>1998—As Drudge is reporting that <i>Newsweek</i> has spiked a story about his having sex with an intern, Bill Clinton denies under oath having had sex with Monica Lewinsky.</p> <p>1991—Gulf (& Exxon) War I begins with air attacks on Iraq.</p> <p>1986—Ronald Reagan, 74, has polyps removed and authorizes the secret (and illegal) sale of weapons to Iran.</p> <p>1968—George W.[MD] Bush miraculously passes the Texas Air National Guard's pilot aptitude test with a score of 25 percent.</p> <p>1966—An Air Force tanker and a B-52 collide over Spain, dropping H-bombs & scattering radiation.</p> <p>1961—Good ol' Ike warns against the "acquisition of unwarranted influence" by the "Military-Industrial Complex."</p> <p>1961—At the behest of CIA chief Allen Dulles, Katangan rebels murder deposed Congolese Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba.</p>	<p>1990—Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry is busted in a drug sting.</p> <p>1982—During a training mission at Indian Springs, Ariz., four Air Force Thunderbirds fly their T-38 jets into the ground.</p> <p>1969—Peace talks begin in Paris between U.S. and Vietnam.</p> <p>1943—The Red Army breaks the 890-day Nazi siege of Leningrad.</p> <p>1941—Epinard, one of the great race horses of its time, is stolen in France. The nag is later discovered hauling a delivery wagon.</p> <p>1932—Spanish anarchists proclaim a libertarian commune; the government soon jails its members.</p> <p>1911—In San Francisco Bay, Eugene B. Ely becomes the first man to land a plane on a ship.</p> <p>1884—Five are killed and many injured when a steam boiler explodes at the Wallace Brothers Shoe factory in Rochester, N.H. Its malfunctioning safety valve had been weighted down with bricks.</p> <p>1863—Apache chief Mangas Colorado, having entered Fort McLane, N.M. under a flag of truce, is manacled, tortured, then shot. His skull is sent to a phrenologist.</p> <p>1676—Rhode Islander Joshua Tefft, the Algonquin-speaking widower of a Wampanoag woman, accused of high treason during the Great Swamp Fight, becomes the only Englishman ever drawn and quartered in North America.</p>	<p>2004—Weeks after telling Chris Matthews, "we're going to break up the giant media enterprises," Howard Dean addresses a screaming crowd in Iowa. Video techs create a clip using sound from his mike only, which makes him sound unhinged. It is aired 633 times over the next four days.</p> <p>2001—On his last full day in office, Bill Clinton admits he perjured himself when he denied having sex with "that woman," Monica Lewinsky.</p> <p>1996—Hollywood producer Don Simpson [<i>Crimson Tide</i>], 52, succumbs to his \$2,000/day drug habit.</p> <p>1985—An audience of 35,000 at the Houston Astrodome watch as Canadian daredevil Karel Soucek's 180-foot barrel drop goes wrong. He dies hours later.</p> <p>1968—The AEC sets off an H-bomb 90 miles from its usual test site in an attempt to placate Howard Hughes. Alas, the site is unsuitable.</p> <p>1915—Two Britons are killed and three injured in the first Zeppelin attack of WWI.</p> <p>1915—Factory guards in Roosevelt, N.J. shoot 20 rioting strikers.</p> <p>1847—Charles Bent, the new Territorial Governor of New Mexico, is scalped at his Taos home in front of his wife and children.</p> <p>1810—Portsmouth's temperature drops 50 degrees overnight.</p> <p>1570—In Linlithgow, the Earl of Moray becomes the first man to be assassinated with a firearm.</p>	<p>2009—Administering the Oath of Office to President Obama off the top of his head, Chief Justice John Roberts blows his lines.</p> <p>2009—Top Congressional Republicans gather and scheme to sabotage the administration of the newly-inaugurated President.</p> <p>2005—J.P. Morgan Chase admits two banks it swallowed had taken slaves as collateral years before.</p> <p>2001—George W.[MD] Bush becomes #43. Chaos ensues.</p> <p>1981—Minutes after Ronald Reagan is sworn in as president, 52 American hostages in Iran are released: a coincidence. He goes on to trade arms for hostages, bankroll the future al-Qaeda, rob Social Security, and triple the national debt.</p> <p>1942—Nazi officials at Wannsee determine a "final solution" to the "Jewish problem."</p> <p>1936—England's King George V is euthanized with an injection of cocaine and morphine, timed so his death could be reported in the more-dignified morning newspapers, rather than the evening rags. His last words were, "God damn you."</p> <p>1932—A peasant uprising begins in El Salvador, eventually leading to the Matanza Massacre in which 30,000 are killed.</p> <p>1902—In the Philippines, U.S. Major Littleton Waller summarily executes 11 native guides. He is acquitted of murder at court-martial.</p>
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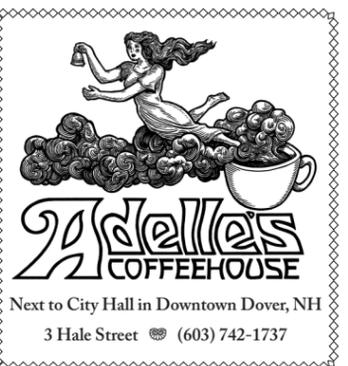
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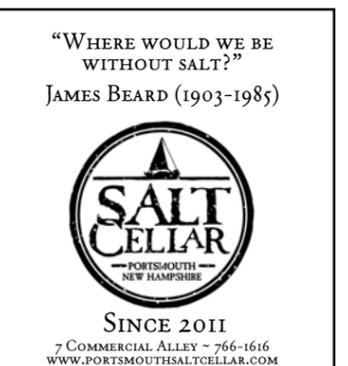
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