

*The Fortnightly Rant***“Publish and Be Damned,” Part 2**

Jeff Bezos, as we all know, is the richest man in the world. He achieved that supposedly enviable state by ripping out the guts of the long-established retail side of a capitalist economic system that, given time, was going to destroy the planet sooner or later anyway.

Thanks to his intervention, that end will come sooner. Every day more delivery vans clog the streets. Their idling engines burn fossil fuels and spew carbon dioxide, hastening our doom to bring us tons of useless trifles, most of which will quickly turn to junk.

In order to keep this pointless system tidy, the junk is mostly made of plastic derived from the same petroleum that powers the trucks that bring us the junk. It's suicidal, but elegant in its way.

To be fair, some of what gets delivered would otherwise have been unavailable. Most of it, though, serves little purpose beyond staving off the emptiness which comes from sleep-walking through life as consumers instead of living like humans. Nearly all these items, whether necessary or useless, were formerly bought at physical places where people had jobs. Those jobs might have sucked, but at least they existed.

Not that long ago, only the Pope was infallible. Now, thanks to deregulation, our miraculous Free Market shares that same characteristic. In its infinite mercy and wisdom, that Market gave Bezos the economic power to do damn near anything he could imagine.

He imagined the biggest bribe in history and dangled it before a slew of America's most desperate mayors and the odd governor—our own included: “What am I bid for the right to host this new Death Star for local business?” It was a devil's bargain—the only thing worse than losing would have been to win.

Clearly, a guy with a rap sheet like that deserves neither our sympathy nor our respect. The state of our body politic is so peculiar right now, though, that we can briefly consider him a minor hero.

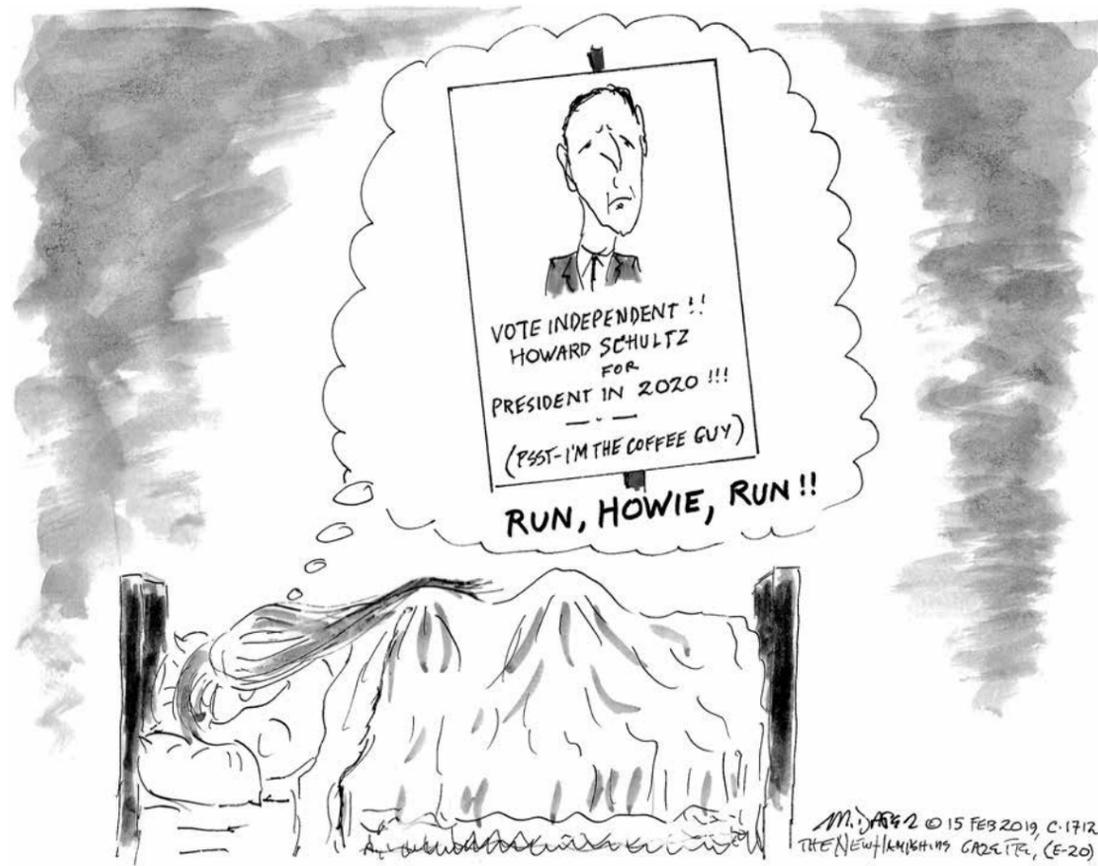
How did he earn that dubious distinction? By standing up to David Pecker, an ambulatory bucket of sleaze whose day job is publishing the *National Inquirer*. His true *métier*, though, is playing freelance J. Edgar Hoover. We do not mean to suggest that Pecker is a closeted homosexual and therefore vulnerable to blackmail by organized crime figures. It's just that Pecker, like Hoover, is widely reputed to maintain secret files that detail the naughty habits of prominent people.

Such files can be useful in any number of ways. Hoover used his to intimidate Presidents. Not knowing what he had on them, they didn't dare fire him. That let him stay in the job he loved—depriving black and radicals of their rights—for decades after the statutes said he should have been retired.

Pecker's MO has generally been to “catch-and-kill” damaging stories to protect special friends. Unfortunately for him, that's not legal if your special friend is running for President. Caught with his arm elbow-deep in the cookie jar, Pecker made a deal.

If he and his company obeyed the letter of the law for three years without fail, Special Council Robert Mueller would not prosecute. If he jaywalked, littered, or committed any other form of moper, Mueller would drag him into Federal court and throwing a law library at him.

Everyone is innocent until they're proven guilty, but recent events make it appear that Pecker has a terminal case of the circumstantial. Since early in 2018 a Saudi dissident named Jamal Khashoggi had



been writing scathing critiques of that country's King Salman, his son Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, and the genocidal war they've been waging against Yemen with a little help from the Pentagon.

The *Washington Post*, which Bezos owns, had been publishing Khashoggi's work right up until last October, when he walked into the Saudi consulate in Istanbul and never came out.

The Saudis had an explanation for his disappearance—several, actually. They progressed in short order from “he's fine, he left,” through “he picked a fight with a dozen big guys and was somehow accidentally dismembered,” to the final version, “pay no attention to that NSA intercept on which the Crown Prince can be heard saying to an aide he would use ‘a bullet’ on Khashoggi.”

Bezos, a sensitive soul for a billionaire, was offended that one of

his writers had been murdered at the orders of a friend of the President.

It was in that context that one of Pecker's minions sent an email to Bezos describing in detail ten intimate photos which they were offering not to publish. All they asked in return was for Bezos to publicly state that the paper's parent company was pure as the driven snow. In other words, tell a preposterous lie.

Bezos pulled a Wellington, instead. Stand back and take notes, folks, this newspaper is about to print with approval something said by a British Field Marshal who later became a Tory Prime Minister.

In 1824, a publisher sent a letter to the Duke of Wellington in which he offered, for a fee, not to publish the intimate memoirs of his former mistress. This was apparently insufficient to intimidate the man who nine years earlier had defeated Napoleon at Waterloo. “Publish and be

damned,” he replied.

Wellington was notoriously terse. It took him just four words to settle the matter. Bezos needed 500 times that many to adequately vent his spleen. Damned profligate, those billionaires.

Pity poor Pecker. He had already been in enough trouble for most men. His paper is reportedly broke—the cost of all those salacious stories, perhaps—and having trouble borrowing. Now he's got Ol' Bulldog Jaws snapping at his bony ankles, too.

It's a cautionary tale, dear reader: be careful about getting close to someone who's close to people with blood on their hands.

Our President is innocent of everything, of course. He's peacefully hitting golfballs in the \$50,000 room-sized golf simulator installed in the White House during the government shutdown.

*The Alleged News®***Is Lyndon LaRouche the New Abe Vigoda?**

The news—if it really was news, and not just some malicious disinformation campaign purveyed by agents of Queen Elizabeth—came late Tuesday evening, on Twitter: Lyndon LaRouche has died.

How can one even begin to sum up such a life? In times such as these we can only move forward by adhering to longstanding practice. We shall begin at the beginning.

For a city of its modest size, Rochester, New Hampshire has birthed more than its share of notable figures: governors, congressmen, an ill-fated Arctic explorer.* No other city, town, or hamlet on Earth, we venture to say, can boast of having produced anyone comparable to Lyndon Hermyle LaRouche, Jr.

Imagine growing up in Rochester in the 1920s: population less than 10,000, horses still competing on the streets with Ford's Model T, shoe factories working full-tilt—a rough-and-tumble sort of place.

Into this world was thrust a precocious child, reading at the age of five. His elementary school classmates call him “Big Head” and torment him without mercy. Compound his woes by giving him parents who adhere to a strange subset of Quakerism. Not only is he strictly prohibited from physically defending himself, he's frequently subjected to virulent anti-Bolshevik harangues.

Any ordinary person forged in such a crucible might well go on to

become a notorious serial killer.

Not Lyndon Larouche. He was a man determined to change the world, and he succeeded. Perhaps not exactly as he intended, and certainly not as the rest of us would wish. But, by God, change the world he did.

As a young Quaker, after Pearl Harbor, LaRouche became a conscientious objector. Enrolled at a Civilian Public Service camp in West Campton, N.H. run by the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), he “promptly joined a small faction at odds with the administrators.”†

In 1944, however, LaRouche changed course. Enlisting in the U.S. Army, he became a non-combatant

medic.

According to a 1974 account, he was inspired to do so after reading *Das Kapital* and discussing Marxism with socialists and ex-Communists at the AFSC camp. Stationed in Calcutta, he rejected Stalinism and became a “hardened Trotskyist.”

A 1983 account makes no mention of being deeply influenced by the admiration Indians showed towards American-style capitalism.

Neither account fits with the other; both came directly from Lyndon LaRouche—a pattern of internal contradiction that held throughout his life, and, apparently, beyond it.

From the 1940s through the 1960s, LaRouche was involved with the Socialist Workers Party. Eventually, though, he began to see new possibilities. Somewhat like L.

Ron Hubbard, but with a political rather than a psychological bent, LaRouche founded a fascist cult—and a global publishing empire cum intelligence service with an arms-length connection to the CIA.

At his core, though, LaRouche was a pioneering grifter who used his skills to buy a multi-million-dollar mansion on a 150-acre estate in Virginia and spewed conspiracy theories while running for President.

That reminds us of someone . . .

LaRouche's political high water mark came during New Hampshire's 1980 First in the Nation™ Presidential Primary Election®. He failed as a candidate, but his campaign did manage to get the editor of this newspaper fired.

* Charles Francis Hall (c. 1821–1871) a former newspaperman turned Arctic explorer, led the Congressionally-funded *Polaris* expedition, which attempted to reach the North Pole. He died of arsenic poisoning, accusing his crew of murder. Evidence suggests he was right.

† Throughout this piece we rely heavily on *Lyndon LaRouche and the New American Fascism*, by Dennis King (Doubleday, 1989).

The Alleged News®
from page one

During the summer of 1979, the advertising manager of the weekly *Hillsborough Messenger* rushed into the office simply bursting with joy. "I just got a full-page ad from Lyndon Larouche," she said. Under ordinary circumstances, that would have been just fine. The paper could have used the money. The problem was with the timing.

The timing was bad on two levels. The advertising deadline had passed 24 hours earlier. Call that the micro level. On the macro level, the editor had only been back from ... let's just say that despite having been discharged exactly a decade earlier, he had not yet fully processed his time in the military.

The problem wasn't that he raised his voice—that might have been better. Slowly, and very deliberately, he enunciated something like, "That's just wonderful, May. I'm going to go to lunch now. When I get back, we'll just rip the whole paper apart and put the damned thing to-

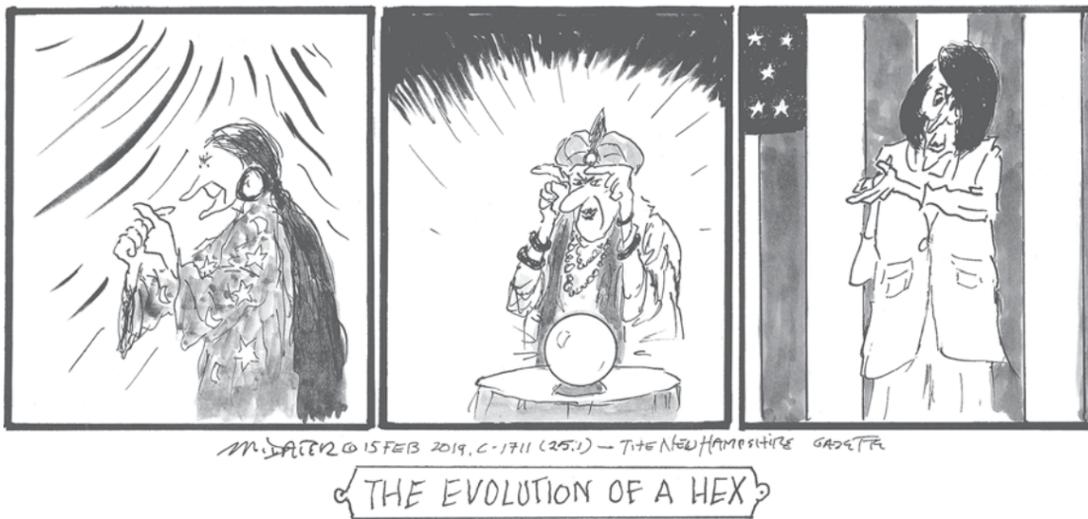
gether again." As it turned out, when he got back from lunch he didn't have a job. LaRouche didn't fare much better. After putting his whole organization into a full-time campaign for the Democratic nomination, and spending more than a million dollars, he won only 2,300 votes.

Now he's dead ... maybe. Matthew Sweet, the British author of *Operation Chaos: The Vietnam Deserters Who Fought the CIA, the Brainwashers, and Themselves*, in which the LaRouche cult plays a major role, summed up the quandary:

"Highly-placed insiders in the organization have tweeted that he's dead, but, because no one outside the organization can trust anything it says, it's impossible to know.

"Here's an irony. Wikipedia is still listing Lyndon LaRouche as living because the only reports of his death are coming from his own organization, which is, in many ways, the original purveyor of fake news."

With all this confusion, we need a LaRouche version of the website *Is Abe Vigoda Dead?*



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THE EVOLUTION OF A HEX

Postscript: No sooner had we typed that line than the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* both published obituaries for LaRouche.

Post-Postscript: A Google search, "Is Lyndon Larouche still dead?" has produced returns suggesting that yes, he is still dead.

Shutdown Obscures Heli-Crash Details

A ten-year old Robinson R44 helicopter was involved in an accident on January 22nd in Grace, Idaho, about 50 miles southeast of Pocatello. No further details about the accident were available at press time because the National Transportation Safety Board had grounded its investigators due to the President having shut down the Government.

NTSB records show that the machine, tail number N4246Z, was involved in a crash-landing four years earlier in Pahrump, Nevada. The pilot had been practicing autorotations—a procedure used in the event of a loss of power—when his engine quit and would not restart. During the subsequent emergency landing a skid snagged the ground and the machine nosed over, damaging the rotors and causing fuel leaks.

The pilot was lucky, escaping with minor injuries. Many older-model Robinsons have aluminum fuel tanks which fail on impact, causing fires which have resulted in multiple fatalities.

Just a Hepatitis Outbreak, No Big Deal

Fortuitously, through a regularly-scheduled appointment with a health care provider charged with the unenviable task of keeping the editor more or less functional, this newspaper has learned that New Hampshire is currently experiencing an outbreak of Hepatitis A. The state's Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) issued an advisory on the matter on Monday, February 5th.

New Hampshire Public Radio broadcast a one-minute report on the hepatitis outbreak that same day. As yet, though, Portsmouth's Award-Winning Local Daily has not broached the topic, even in its six-page Sunday health section.

The press release issued by DPHS announced "a significant increase in the number of individuals in New Hampshire diagnosed with hepatitis A.

"Over the past three months, 13 new individuals have been diagnosed with acute hepatitis A infections, including seven in January, compared to an average of six to seven people annually ... over the past five years. [The range over that period has been between one and ten cases annually.]

"This increase is concerning for the beginnings of an outbreak.

"These new diagnoses have occurred in residents residing across

the southern part of our State in the counties of Hillsborough (five), Rockingham (three), Strafford (three), Cheshire (one), and Merrimack (one).

"Individuals who are at higher risk for hepatitis A are recommended to seek out the vaccine to protect against infection, and anybody wishing to protect themselves from hepatitis A is encouraged to talk with their healthcare provider about obtaining the vaccine, which is very safe and effective.

"There are large outbreaks of hepatitis A occurring in multiple other states across the country," said Dr. Benjamin Chan, N.H. State Epidemiologist, according to DPHS.

"While these outbreaks have often started in individuals experiencing homelessness and those with a substance use disorder, once it is in our communities it can spread very easily even to others without specific risk factors. Thankfully, hepatitis A is a vaccine-preventable disease. ...

"The hepatitis A virus is contagious and is transmitted when a person ingests the virus from objects, food or drinks contaminated by small, undetected amounts of stool from an infected person. The virus can survive for months on surfaces. People at risk of contracting the virus are: persons experiencing homelessness; persons using injection or non-injection recreational



Back in the day, when men were men and New Hampshire town clerks still paid a 25-cent bounty on porcupine snouts, a January thaw would appear fairly regularly towards the end of the month. These days, though, the temperature seems to have gone into a high-speed wobble. Last year the thaw broke up like a destabilized polar vortex, appearing in dribs and drabs. This year a piece of it slipped right into February. The gentleman shown here made good use of the phenomenon on Tuesday, the 5th.

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drugs, including marijuana; people experiencing homelessness or with unstable housing (e.g. “couch surfing”); gay and bisexual men; people with ongoing, close contact with individuals who use injection and non-injection drugs, or with individuals; experiencing homelessness; close contacts of individuals diagnosed with hepatitis A; and travelers to countries with high rates of the virus.

“Hepatitis A causes inflammation of the liver; severe infections can result in liver failure and even death. Symptoms include fever, tiredness, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, dark urine, clay-colored bowel movements, joint pain, and jaundice (yellowing of the skin and eyes). These symptoms can last weeks to months and there is no specific treatment for hepatitis A. Hepatitis A is preventable and the vaccination is safe and effective. The vaccine is recommended for: all chil-

dren starting at one year of age and older; people who are at increased risk of hepatitis A infection (as noted above); those with chronic liver diseases (such as hepatitis B and hepatitis C infections); and anybody wishing to obtain immunity.”

More information on hepatitis A, is available at www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdc/hepatitisa/.

Welcome [Back] to the Dark Ages

The practice of devoting precious editorial space to the publication of notices issued by public health authorities smacks of the days of Typhoid Mary. (Look it up, kids, you know how.) Thanks to the rising popularity of atavism as a “lifestyle choice,” though, it seems advisable.

Measles is the deadliest disease for which a vaccine is available. The U.S. used to average 3.5 million cases per year, resulting in 450 to 500 deaths. A vaccine was introduced in the 1960s, causing the rate of infection to plummet. The rise of the



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According to Marion Zyla, who works at Fisher Auto Parts, formerly Robbins, on Islington Street, someone was walking from the downtown towards the West End, and set this little fella on one of the windowsills. “I just kind of moved him over in front because that’s where the sun was shining and it was a nice day. It was almost 60 degrees. I’m like, ‘well, maybe he can catch some sun and maybe his people will show up if I take a picture.’ So I took a picture and I put it on the Unofficial City of Portsmouth Facebook Page, and other people said that they shared it to other pages ... all that fun stuff. It garnered a lot of attention. People came, they stopped, they looked ... I don’t know if it was a dog’s toy, or a little kid’s toy, but it was all of a sudden gone after the second day out there.”

internet appears to have been accompanied, though, by an epidemic of brainworms, a side effect of which has been distrust in vaccination.

This phenomenon appears to mirror the faith with which some people buy lottery tickets. The odds of suffering ill effects from measles vaccination are probably lower—we cannot be bothered to pretend to do the math on so fatuous an exercise—than the odds of winning Megabucks.

There is another parallel at work here that goes beyond the fate of a few foolish individuals. As long as the percentage of vaccinated individuals in a given population stays above a certain threshold, highly contagious diseases like measles cannot survive. If you want a measles outbreak, though, just let the level of vaccinations drops below that threshold, because that’s how you get measles outbreaks.

About 20 percent of the children in Clark County, Washington have

not been vaccinated. To the surprise of no one with medical credentials, Clark County is currently experiencing a measles outbreak.

A measles-related protest was held one week ago in Olympia, the state capital. In keeping with the Bizarro World tenor of our times, though, the 700 banner-carriers were protesting a bill which would restrict their ability to opt out of vaccinations. A photo in the *Washington Post* showed them packed together cheek to jowl on the steps of the Capitol—thus providing a perfect environment for the spreading of a lethal virus.

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Fine, Frugal Folks Left Money for Medics

Sam Yarnold was born in New Hampshire around 1908. The son of poor immigrants, he began working at an early age, mostly in the blueberry fields and cranberry bogs of New Jersey. His nephew, Stephen H. Roberts, remembers that Sam and his wife Alice (*nee* Pinkham) were

“quiet, sincere, and kept pretty much to themselves. Sam was very frugal and would only read a newspaper left over from a neighbor.” The Yarnolds retired to Rollinsford in 1958. Their 52 year marriage ended with Alice’s death in 1991; Sam survived her by three years.

As a tribute to their doctors, the Yarnolds left a legacy of \$800,000 to fund scholarships in the range of \$1,000 – \$5,000 for New Hampshire residents already in the process of post-secondary education pursuing careers in nursing, medicine, or social work. This year’s applications are due by May 20, 2019; scholarships will be awarded this fall. Applications may be requested from the Alice M. Yarnold and Samuel Yarnold Scholarship Trust, 127 Parrott Ave., Portsmouth, N.H., 03801.

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Trump's Gut: Substantial But Unreliable
To the Editor,

Donald Trump recently gave opinions regarding important foreign policy matters which directly contradict those of the United States intelligence community (CNN, "New Day," January 30, 2019).

Donald Trump: "We have won against ISIS. We have beaten them and we have beaten them badly."

But, said Dan Coats, Director of National Intelligence, "ISIS is intent upon re-surg-ing, and still commands thousands of fighters in Iraq and Syria."

Trump: "Chairman Kim and I have a great chemistry. And we're well on our way. You know we signed an agreement that said we will begin an immediate de-nuclearization."

But, said Coats, "North Korea will seek to retain its WMD capabilities. It is unlikely to completely give up its nuclear weapons and production capabilities."

Trump: "I have President Putin. He just said it's not Russia. I will say this: I don't see any reason why it would be."

But, said Christopher Wray, Director of the FBI, "Not only do the Russians continue to do it (interfere in American elections) in 2018, but we have seen indications they are willing to adapt their model . . ."

Donald Trump makes his decisions based on feelings and intuitions, not on data and facts. For someone like Trump, intuition is a gratifying way to decide things. It doesn't require any work, like scientific analysis does. And, for someone with a large ego, it must be pleasing to Trump that intuition allows him to decide on his own without input from anyone else.

But intuition is shot through with biases, wishful thinking, and misinformation. I had a professor once who said, "Experimental designs and statistical analyses protect the researcher from himself." By that she meant that the scientist must satisfy some external objective standard, not just his gut feeling. In so doing, the researcher drastically reduces the chance of making a mistake. Donald Trump had an intuition that a government shutdown

would force Congress to give him the \$5.7 billion he wanted to build a border wall. His intuition was very much mistaken.

Intuition is okay for everyday decisions where the outcome isn't terribly important. For example, you may feel that you shouldn't give a person an honest answer when they ask you whether or not you like the clothes they are wearing. But the decisions Donald Trump is making aren't trivial; they are vital to our very lives and well being.

It is one more reason in a long list of reasons why Donald Trump should be removed by legal and non-violent means just as quickly as possible from the office of President of the United States.

Gary Patton
Hampton, N.H.

Gary:
There is a popular adage—often attributed to Stalin, but apparently without any documented foundation—which maintains that "quantity has a quality all its own."

Whoever its author, the expression obviously has merit in certain cases: the mass of a planetary object creates gravity; the magnitude of a fortune creates the potential for political power in a system where money equals speech. Abundant recent evidence has also made clear, though, that in the case of presidents, there is no positive correlation between girth and wisdom—or even basic understanding of simple, common facts.

Sadly, it is also obvious that no amount of evidence, no matter how clear and voluminous, is sufficient in itself to cause even a depraved moral moron and obvious idiot to be ejected from the world's most powerful position.

We suspect that what is required is popular clamor so loud and pervasive that it cannot be ignored by even the most corrupt and dysfunctional excuse for a democratic republic.

The Editor

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Nixon a Peacemaker?

Dear Editor,
Richard Nixon as "peacemaker"? I think the Viet Cong guerrilla in Larry Heinemann's *Close Quarters* was clos-



er to the truth when he said, "Richard Nixon is an egg-sucking lump of runny owl shit."

Bill Ehrhart
Sergeant, USMC, 2279361
Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Dear Bill:
Our Standards and Practices Department strictly prohibits the gratuitous use of scatological language. In this case, however, its use is necessary to accurately describe the 37th President of the United States.

The Editor

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Are You Ready For Some 5G?

To the Editor:
There is a new cell phone technology that's in the beginning stages of being rolled out and within a couple years it will be ubiquitous throughout New Hampshire and the rest of the country. You will be able to hook everything up to the web including your garage door opener, dishwasher, security cameras, sex toys, drones, and drones you use as sex toys. This seems great on the face of it, but serious unseen dangers lie in wait. Among them:

Health implications: these go beyond the usual lowering of sperm counts and the general sedation of the population associated with typical Deep State/One Worlder weapons such as chemtrails and fluoridation. The waves and radiation emanating from these new cell towers cause numerous health problems. It's basically turning our neighborhoods into giant microwave ovens. Your only hope is to keep moving so you "heat" evenly. People are setting timers to remember to face a different direction every hour or so, making it difficult to get a good night's sleep, for example. Also, an increase in tumors and cancers and autoimmune disorders have been observed in those who live in close proximity to these new towers. A concurrent decrease in cognitive functioning and school test scores have been

documented in their children as well. "Slow children" signs will take on new significance.

Surveillance: the Deep State is either putting 5G into production, or piggy-backing along private installation of 5G, for the purpose of surveillance, not just listening in to our conversations, or adding our web activities to their giant databases, which they already do using current technology. These could be sensitive acoustic spying devices or even more sophisticated devices that can see through walls. We know our military can see through walls to distinguish between the good guys and bad guys before obliterating them all. It has been suggested that these towers also contain directed energy weapons so they can set fire to or melt anything they see as a threat or to create chaos as the need arises.

Local weather control: the Globalist Elites have been miniaturizing their infamous weather controlling machines and can now control the environment in an area on a block by block basis. Can you imagine if there was an ice storm a couple streets over while you are in the middle of a Force 5 hurricane and your mother calls from across town to tell you an F4 tornado is barreling towards her, and mysteriously, at City Hall it's 75 degrees and sunny? Your local TV weather woman will just give up the ghost and go back to professional dancing.

Mind control: why does there need to be so many of these towers? Why so close? Why are they being put up as quietly as possible? Why the launching of 20,000 5G satellites? Simple. To control the populace. The One Worlders have been trying to influence us for years. A malleable populace can do their bidding! Now technology has gotten to the point where it can

beam thoughts, emotions and actions into our brains. This could be the beginning of a zombie-like population taking direction exclusively from the Deep State via 5G with an unlimited data plan.

These are the terrifying scenarios of the new 5G technology that is now in the beginning stages of implementation. And yes, there will be some surface benefits. For example, you will be able to feed your house cat from your office. But underneath lies a lurking horror. Is it too late to stop it? We must retain hope, but the time is nigh for action! 5G must be opposed at every turn!

Robert "Wheel Gun Bob" Ford
Portsmouth, N.H.

Wheel Gun Bob:
Congratulations on capturing the zeitgeist with such precision. We can't tell where—or if—the straight reporting shades into satire.

We must take issue with your suggestion about 5G marking the beginning of a zombie-like population. Beginning?

Thanks for writing. We've missed you.
The Editor

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About the President's Asinine Wall

To the Editor:
You've no doubt heard that the 45th POTUS' appointed intelligence chiefs (FBI Director Christopher Wray, CIA Director Gina Haspel, and Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats), recently testifying to the Senate Intelligence Committee, offered an almost completely opposite assessment to that of their boss regarding threats to America. This has been the pattern with the State Department, Pentagon, and intelligence community since inauguration day for #45, which illustrates his incompetence as Commander-in-Chief. He ignores the ad-

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tutes a national emergency.
Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, N.H.

Wayne:
More terrifying than the knowledge there's a certifiable loon in the Oval Office is the certainty that the Republican Party's so-called leaders are happy to leave him there so long as they can fill the ranks of our judiciary with Right Wing judges.
The Editor

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The Right of Local Self-Governance
To the Editor:

Dear Readers, selectmen(persons), legislators of the General Court and all citizens of the State of New Hampshire. I endeavor to appeal to the civic mindedness of our democracy with a republican form of government to follow the plea in attention of 2019 legislative session CACR8. This bill is not an innovation but an address to preserve and strengthen the rights of people in their municipalities. CACR8 is the third effort of proposing an amendment to our State Constitution to follow Article 39 with an Article 40. This is the Right of Local Self-Governance to protect the self determination and future vision of our communities where we live.

We the People in this state share the first Constitution ratified out of the thirteen states under the Articles of Confederation that declared these United States of America. The uniqueness of our State Constitution exemplifies the spirit of the revolution of 1776 establishing the rights of free people by Virtue and Principal in that foundation.

The present structure of law through past litigations observing property rights and court interpretation of Constitutional rights has been stretched by augmentations. As an example, the "Citizens United" court

decision of corporate money contribution being free speech. Asserting Corporate Personhood and the language created, the Special Private Law notwithstanding, is not understood by real persons.

CACR8 in amending the New Hampshire Constitution is an assertion reserving Community Rights to Self-Government that protects a municipality, its citizens, selectmen, and our representatives. When a corporation of multi-corporate money proposes a project and is given power equal to the state through a contractual agreement they receive an issued permit. Unless that corporate body regards and respects the goodwill of the community, with their idea of the future vision of that community, as to health, safety and welfare, that being of self-determination, our citizens, selectmen and our representatives by law must comply or face lawsuit litigation.

Corporate property rights are 14th Amendment Rights that were not written for corporations but specifically the civil rights of citizens or people that reside in the United States. The progress and development of big money corporate projects with the help of authoritarian minded government, charged through Dillon's Rule rule against the community, preempts our civil rights. Justice Dillon in justifying preemption, stated that people are mere tenants living in jurisdiction of the municipality and citizens have no jurisdiction in their towns and the municipality is under the jurisdiction of the state. These doctrines are not explicit in our constitution but a judge's interpretation of the law.

Without the use of Art.10 in our New Hampshire Constitution's Bill of Rights, CACR8 would give a rebirth of liberties that would empower a republican form of government, our representatives and selectmen to protect the inherent rights of their constituents and the democracy, solid-

ifying, a renaissance and awakenings of a sustainable future that works with harmonious results; an awakening of civil responsibility through an education resulting in healing our nation.

Talk to your neighbors. Contact your Representatives and Senators to advance CACR8 and let the people decide on the 2020 ballot.

Douglas Darrell
NHCRN Board Member
Center Barnstead, N.H.

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The "S" Word -- Look It Up
To the Editor:

Socialism: A political theory advocating collective or governmental ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods.

Would a Medicare-for-All compulsory insurance program abolish an American citizen's right to own private property? No.

Under Medicare-for-All, would the U.S. Government seize, nationalize, and take over ownership of America's hospitals and clinics? No.

Under Medicare-for-All, would personnel in the employ of the U.S. Government come in and displace existing health-care staff? No.

Under Medicare-for-All, would the government force doctors and nurses to work at assigned locations rather than where they prefer to work? No.

It's apple-pie American to hate socialism. It's also apple-pie American to show financial responsibility for your care if you become ill.

Rick Littlefield
Barrington, N.H.

Rick:
You know what's most American of all? Sean Hannity becoming apoplectic at the suggestion that this nation should pass laws establishing a health care system that treats its citizens with compassion—you know, like Jesus said we should.

The Editor

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Members of Congress Are an Elite Class
To the Editor:

Wearing the latest fashions, displaying fashionable jewelry, "working" only four (4) days a week, receiving lucrative pay and pensions plus other

benefits not relegated to the average citizen, a U.S. Representative or Senator to Congress has an enviable life!

Swearing an oath to support the U.S. Constitution, these individuals are sworn to protect the interests of U.S. citizens and the territory of the United States of America.

However, recent facts reveal the opposite. While 800,000 plus federal employees worked for no pay during the recent government shutdown, our Representatives and Senators did no work for plenty of pay! While our Federal agencies were closed, our Congressmen and women and Senators enjoyed their holidays with their families, some even enjoyed elaborate vacations far away from Washington, D.C. They refused to debate, and negotiate a reasonable resolution to protect the American citizens and taxpayers they swore to protect by securing our southern border.

If our Representatives and Senators really wanted to do good for the hard-working U.S. citizens they say they represent, the same hard-working U.S. citizens who pay their lucrative salaries and benefits, it would make sense for them to introduce legislation which eliminates their own pay while the government is shut down. Their legislation should further mandate that these same Representatives and Senators stay in Washington, D.C., and negotiate until a reasonable, beneficial compromise for the common good of U.S. citizens is reached.

These Representatives and Senators may enter the hallowed halls of Congress as middle-class wage earners, but climb to elitist millionaires after only a few short terms in office. Rank and file Congressmen and women receive \$175,000 a year while "leaders" collect \$193,000 a year; the "Speaker" of the House "earns" \$225,000! For what, I ask?

Is it any wonder that these same people run for office again and again establishing dynasties of power for themselves and their families?

Take Nancy Pelosi, for example.

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vice of his experts and is a pathological liar to boot.

This time around, those in charge of our intelligence community (backed up by the work of approximately 80,000 intelligence/counterintelligence career professionals) warned the committee about the growing China-Russia relationship that undermines U.S. efforts at home and abroad. They also contradicted their boss by insisting that ISIS is far from defeated and still a regional threat; that North Korea will not be giving up its nuclear ambitions; and that Iran has been in full compliance on the Iran nuclear agreement for which the U.S. was the only party to back out (against the advice of the six other parties and #45's own advisors). Meanwhile, #45 and the Neocons in his cabinet (Bolton, Pompeo and Pence) are chomping at the bit to initiate hostilities with Iran and Venezuela.

Furthermore, and very telling, not one of the three intelligence chiefs made the slightest mention of an existential threat on our southern border. Hence, the 45TH POTUS would not be justified in declaring a national emergency in an attempt to fund his astronomically expensive and useless wall.

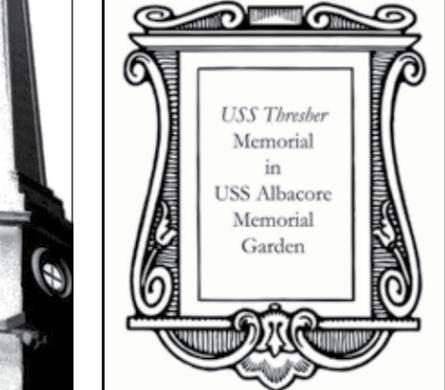
As U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders has very clearheadedly stated, "Building a border wall to satisfy Fox News (and Trump's base) is not a national emergency. Things that are national emergencies include: 30 million Americans without health insurance, 15 million children in poverty, tens of thousands of Americans dying from opioids and gun violence and Global Climate Change." If I might add, shutting down vital government functions and depriving 800,000 federal employees of pay over an asinine wall also consti-

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Snapshots of America

by William Marvel

Memory can be a sore subject in my family, because my wife's is so bad while mine is better than I would sometimes prefer. Like any self-respecting Irishman, I never forget a favor or a grudge, but I also remember a lot of unpleasant things, such as inadvertent social blunders long forgotten by everyone else. Both good and bad recollections linger as black-and-white snapshots, and many of them went with me on a recent trip, or came back to me along the way.

After I graduated from Kennett High School, in 1967, I embarked on three separate hitchhiking trips up and down the East Coast. Twice I traveled alone, and at the end of that summer two friends accompanied me. The solo trips were both devoted to touring Civil War battlefields, which I had hungered to see since the first grade, and I even managed to bend the third trip to that purpose despite resistance within the party. My companions were more inter-

ested in the exaggerated delights and imagined romance of the beaches in south Florida.

All three of the 1967 trips included Gettysburg and Fredericksburg, but this time I skipped Gettysburg, which I've scoured a couple of dozen times. Fredericksburg covers four separate battlefields, and three of them now offer long hiking trails through what was impenetrable brush and forest in both the 1860s and 1960s. I'm an early riser unfazed by drizzle or cold, so I had most of those trails to myself. Similar paths have been blazed now through the battlefields around Richmond and Petersburg, and I also followed those.

On those earlier journeys I was mainly interested in what had happened on those fields during the war. I soaked up the human-interest stories they were peddling at all the battlefields to illustrate the familial nature of the conflict. Conspicuous acts of kindness to wounded enemies were memorialized in plaques and statuary, and every battlefield

seemed to have its tale of brothers or old friends meeting as enemies.

That summer, now gone more than half a century, passed amid the twilight of devotion to the reconciliation myth. Soon after Appomattox, generals-turned-politicians began weaving a fraternal fable about how quickly the reunion impulse swept the once-divided country in 1865—partly in wishful thinking, perhaps, but partly also as political convenience. The Spanish-American War furthered that sense of reunification, and into the Teens and the Roaring Twenties veterans' magazines blossomed with personal depictions of how closely knit the opponents in the Brothers' War had been. The popularity of that interpretive metaphor persisted in some circles for a full century.

Most of us who have delved deeper into the topic understand how little that orchestrated image matched the reality of the postwar years. This autumn I spent most of my solitary battlefield trekking pondering what I've learned about our history since

the summer of 1967, but I couldn't help reflecting on how I viewed it then, as well. In my innocence I credited the reconciliation myth, and only now is it apparent how comforting it was. The old men who hated each other at Gettysburg in 1863 but stood arm-in-arm there in 1913 seemed to take solace in it. That spirit of unity prevailed over deep regional differences through two World Wars, the Red Scare, and the civil rights struggle that then seemed near triumph.

To my 17-year-old self, even the military entanglements precipitated by our anticommunist paranoia seemed incapable of posing an existential threat. Our national resilience after all previous conflicts appeared to confirm the implied moral of the reconciliation saga, illustrating the underlying strength of the Union that had survived such determined rebellion, as though tempered in that crucible. Short of celestial or nuclear cataclysm, it felt as though there would always be a United States to defend the constitutional principles

the nation represented. The sacrifices of my parents' generation had promised to secure that legacy, and I thought mine would surely carry on in turn.

Looking back on the beginning of what I considered my adult life from so much closer to the end of that trail, I am no longer certain we retain the same resilience. As a nation we once tackled our easiest problems first, often by mutual agreement, with concessions and conciliation to ease dissent; we saved thornier issues for more deliberate resolution, one at a time. Today no principle is universally held—let alone sacred—and everything has to be fought out immediately, in a winner-take-all decision, with no quarter on either side. When we run out of conflicts, we simply invent new ones. Against the bitter hostilities of today, the 1860s and the 1960s both seem almost to have been eras awash in justifiable hope.

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She owns a Napa Valley vineyard in California, lives in a posh San Francisco mansion surrounded by an insurmountable "fence." And, she's the tip of the iceberg!

Nick De Mayo
Sugar Hill, NH
Nick:

Don't be so envious—how would you like to spend 30 hours a week on the phone, sucking up to rich people?

According to Rep. Rick Nolan of Minnesota, that's what members of both the Republican and Democratic Parties are told they should spend "dialing for dollars." (As a member of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, presumably Nolan gets to give that chore a pass.)

The Editor

Consequences: The Homophobic View To the Editor:

There are natural consequences to our choices. A homosexual orientation is an unnatural, abnormal and destructive choice, as confirmed by Charles Darwin, that naturally results in the check of discrimination by those with a natural, normal and creative heterosexual orientation who resent the proactive immoral homo-promo targeting children in the name of equality. Pedophilia is next and pedo-promo is already being pitched by females like same-sex marriage, transgender opposite sex facilities use and homosexual inclusion in the Boy Scouts was (mothers

and cub scout den mothers) even though the vast majority of homosexuals and pedophiles are males.

While everyone has the right to make the unnatural, abnormal and destructive choice to practice homosexuality, they do not have the right to indoctrinate other people's children in the immoral art; while challenging parental rights, freedom of religion and freedom of speech. Children do not understand the destructiveness or the rational discrimination that does and should go with the practice of homosexuality that is outside minority class protection and elevates bigotry to a virtue.

May God bless ex-homoelectives and vindicate LGBT-persecuted virtuous bigots with the repeal of the same-sex marriage PR hoax. I think God sends Muslims and illegal immigrants to America to help in the effort.

Sincerely,
Michael W. Jarvis
Salt Lake City, Utah
Michael:

In comparing this letter with your earlier work, we've concluded that staying in Salt Lake City and stifling your true self may be having a deleterious effect on your writing ability.

For example, in July, 2010, you wrote that "The earthquake in Haiti

was a warning to the United States that Congress did not heed. The U.S. Congress is responsible for polluting the Gulf of Mexico; not BP. I, along with a lot of other people I'm sure, petitioned every member of the U.S. House and Senate that would accept e-mails from voters outside their constituency voting districts, with sound reasons why they should vote against the legalization of homosexual marriage in Washington D.C. ... Since Congress was willing to facilitate the pollution of our society by demeaning and mocking the most sacred and fundamental institution of our society in such a fashion, and thereby encourage and legitimize the abominable practice of homosexuality, God rewarded us in kind. ... I think it is time that heteroelectives embrace the name Homophobic-Bigot the way



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Why a 70 percent tax rate on the superrich would be good for America

by Jim Hightower

Once upon a time, there was a place where the prevailing ethic of the very richest people was that monetary self-indulgence was tacky and that wealth was a matter of good fortune, carrying with it an obligation to the Common Good.

Believe it or not, that place was the U.S.A.! Where did it go?

The prevailing ethic of today's billionaire's club is one of entitlement,

superiority, and grandiosity—including flaunting their wealth like the robber barons of old. For example, a ludicrously large "house" is under construction in Florida for one of our modern-day barons, boasting 11 kitchens, five swimming pools, and a 30 car garage.

Worse, the billionaire class is asserting its sense of plutocratic privilege by weaponizing their huge fortunes. They've been spending massively (and often secretly) to

build a culture of inequality across our land. To their dismay, however, America's workaday majority is rebelling, with newly-elected democratic populists like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez proposing a 70 percent tax rate on incomes above \$10 million. "Oh, the horror," shrieked billionaires like computer magnate Michael Dell: "Name a country where that's worked," he demanded dismissively.

Okay, Michael: How about the

United States?

Yes, between the end of World War II in 1945 and Ronald Reagan's start of coddle-the-rich government in 1981, the top tax rate never fell below 70 percent—and that was a period of unparalleled growth and prosperity for America's middle class.

Dell, who lives in a sprawling 33,000-square-foot house with all the charm of a shopping mall, confuses value with money and has no

grasp of the essential richness of American egalitarianism. We should not be listening to people like him (much less being governed by them) just because they are rich.

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Populist author, public speaker, and radio commentator Jim Hightower writes The Hightower Lowdown, a monthly newsletter chronicling the ongoing fights by America's ordinary people against rule by plutocratic elites. Sign up at HightowerLowdown.org.

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homoelectives have embraced the name Queer. [Signed] Michael W. Jarvis, Homophobic-Bigot.

In October, 2015 you offered this gem: "Parties to a wombary-sanctum invasion to kill its innocent, helpless and faithful fruit that has a divine spiritual identity, for convenience or profit rather than to mitigate the effects of rape or incest or to save the mother's life, would be better off to have a millstone tied around their neck and be dropped into the depths of the sea."

That vivid, zany joie de vivre seems sadly lacking from this latest bitter screed. Have you considered moving to a larger, more cosmopolitan place? Some large, coastal city, perhaps, where you could make new friends? It might do you a world of good.

The Editor

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Jim Crow Jumps Into The Game:

History in blackface

slaps the present moment awake
By Robert C. Koehler

What? The governor put that picture on his yearbook page? In 1984? The wave of outrage, the demand for his resignation — from Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam's own party, the Democrats — can't be dismissed with a shrug and an apology. His career may be over, thanks not simply to an act of youthful stupidity but to the context that made it possible: good old American racism.

The controversial picture shows two guys standing next to each other, holding cans of (most likely) beer. One is dressed up in a Klan hat and robe; the other is smeared in blackface. For reasons that now seem incomprehensible, it was posted on



Northam's own page in the 1984 Eastern Virginia Medical School yearbook. He has publicly denied that he himself is in the picture, but . . . too bad. That's not enough to make the scandal disappear. The picture's impact is visceral.

Should Northam resign because of it? This is a question that instantly pulls me in two directions: yes and no. For now I'll let it hover as "maybe" and move on to the real story here, which isn't the governor's youthful indiscretion or personal morality, but America's dark, still-buried history: not simply of racism and violence, but the of the apple-pie normalcy of it.

Suddenly it is the normalcy of it that is being clawed into accountability and purged. Consider how much things have changed. Remember Robert Byrd? He was the longest-serving senator in U.S. history and a liberal Democrat. He was also a member, in his younger days, of the Ku Klux Klan — an officer, for God's sake. He was a Kleagle and an Exalted Cyclops.

Remember Hugo Black? He was also a liberal Dem, serving for 10 years in the Senate and 34 years on the U.S. Supreme Court. He also joined the Klan in his younger days and never exactly apologized for doing so. "I would have joined any group if it helped get me votes," he once said, by way of explanation.

All that was back in the days before racism had come undone as a core feature, if not a basic requirement, of being white in America.

The fact that this has changed is worth acknowledging. Most Democrats, including most of the declared 2020 presidential candidates, have called on Northam to resign. I'm sure this is as much pragmatic awareness as moral outrage. The Dem base has no tolerance left for idiots in blackface, much less for pseudo-Klansmen. Unavoidably, a line of connection runs straight from the yearbook photo to the worst of American history: lynching, slavery, genocide.

The history of blackface makes this clear. A singing-and-dancing white man with his face blackened by burnt cork was at the center of what was once the country's most popular form of entertainment: the minstrel show. It's where Jim Crow began:

Weel about and turn about and do jis so,

Eb'ry time I weel about I jump Jim Crow.

"Jim Crow grew to be minstrelsy's most famous character," Blair L. M. Kelley wrote at TheGrio. ". . . The gag in Jim Crow performances was that Crow would show up and disturb white passengers in otherwise peaceful first class rail cars, hotels, restaurants, and steamships. Jim Crow performances served as an object lesson about the dangers of free black people, so much so that the segregated spaces first created in Northern states in the 1850s were popularly called Jim Crow cars. Jim Crow became synonymous with

white desires to keep black people out of white, middle-class spaces."

The history of blackface entertainment grows ever more chilling, populated with such characters as Jim Crow and Zip Coon and Mammy the faithful slave, with her illiterate, disposable pickaninny children.

"Minstrelsy," Kelley wrote, "desensitized Americans to horrors of chattel slavery. These performances were object lessons about the harmlessness of Southern slavery. By encouraging audiences to laugh, they showed bondage as an appropriate answer for the lazy, ignorant slave. Why worry about the abolition of slavery when black life looked so fun, silly, and carefree? Even the violence of enslavement just became part of the joke."

What begins to emerge with increasing clarity is how little this country has atoned for its past. No, a shrug and an apology aren't quite enough.

Suddenly the governor of Virginia is assigned the role of scapegoat. This also concerns me. His resignation may have pragmatic necessity, but the blame for the horrors summoned by his yearbook photo require a collective acceptance of responsibility.

As Rhae Lynn Barnes wrote recently in the Washington Post: "In Jim Crow's century-long reign, a strange, visible and highly pervasive world of blackface minstrel shows took hold in nearly every city and town in the United States. Amateur blackface minstrel shows and

parades were so central to civic and campus life in 20th-century America that it's hard to find a university yearbook without a blackface image or a town that didn't hold such a parade.

"... Northam's blackface yearbook spread is a small shard of an expansive and ever-present national story, one that shows how racism defined what it means to be a patriotic, successful and civically oriented white man in modern America."

The undoing of American racism has been a long, fierce, painful process, and we're hardly beyond it. From our prison complex to police shootings to voter purges aimed at people of color to Muslim bans, border cages and the brutal thuggery of ICE, racism still rules. Standing in moral judgment of the past won't, in and of itself, heal the harm we're inflicting on the future.

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Portsmouth, arguably the first town in this country not founded by religious extremists, is bounded on the north and east by the Piscataqua River, the second, third, or fourth fastest-flowing navigable river in the country, depending on

whom you choose to believe. The Piscataqua's ferocious current is caused by the tide, which, in turn, is caused by the moon. The other player is a vast sunken valley — Great Bay — about ten miles upriver. Twice a day, the moon

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

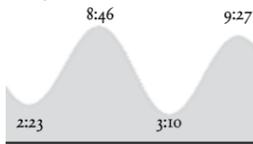
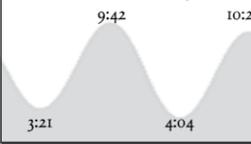
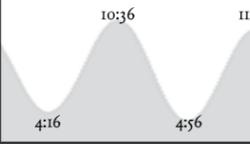
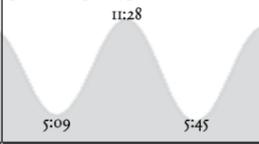
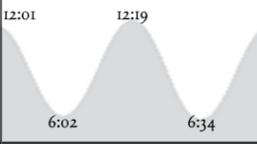
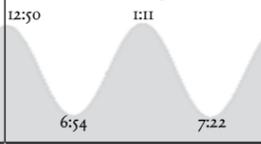
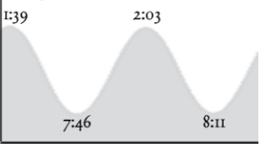
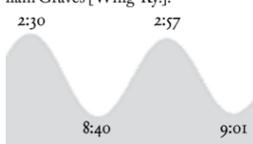
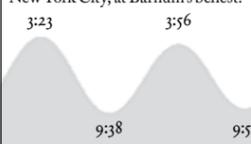
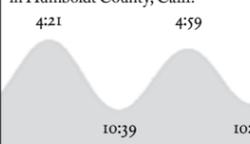
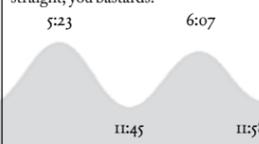
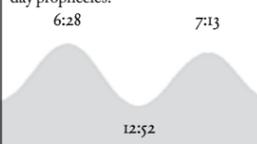
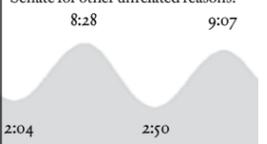
moves from the mouth of the river, up past New Castle, around the bend by the old Naval Prison, under Memorial Bridge, past the tugboats, and on into Great Bay. This can best be seen when the tide is rising.

Twice a day, too, the moon lets all that water go. All the seawater that just fought its way upstream goes back home to the ocean. This is when the Piscataqua earns its title for xth fastest current. Look for the red buoy, at the upstream end of

Badger's Island, bobbing around in the current. It weighs several tons, and it bobs and bounces in the current like a cork. The river also has its placid moments, around high and low tides. When the river rests, its tugboats

and bridges work their hardest. Ships coming in laden with coal, oil, and salt do so at high tide, for more clearance under their keels. They leave empty, riding high in the water, at low tide, to squeeze under Memorial Bridge.

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<p>2017—President Trump declares the press to be the enemy of the people. 2015—A study finds that previous tallies of lynchings in the U.S. had under-counted by at least 800. 2009—Donald Trump files his fourth petition for bankruptcy. 2006—Six days after being shot in the face, Harry Whittington apologizes to the Vice President for "all that [Dick] Cheney had to deal with." 2003—Covert CIA agents grab Abu Omar in Milan, ruining an Italian surveillance program and leaving evidence that gets 23 agents convicted of kidnapping. 2000—"I hate the gooks," Sen. John McCain tells reporters. "I will hate them as long as I live." 1985—Gen. William Westmoreland abandons his libel suit against CBS, which had reported he had covered up VC troop strength. 1979—China invades Vietnam—again. Some countries never learn. 1974—Disgruntled U.S. Army private Robert Preston steals a Huey from Ft. Meade and lands it 150 feet from the White House. After a quick trip back to Ft. Meade he returns to the White House and lands in a hail of bullets. 1971—The U.S. Army's top enlisted man is indicted for conspiracy to defraud enlisted men's clubs. 1864—The U.S.S. <i>Housatonic</i> becomes the first ship to be sunk by a submarine, the Confederate <i>H.L. Hunley</i>, which also sinks.</p>	<p>2012—Indiana State Rep. Bob Morris [R] asserts that the Girl Scouts are using "feminists, lesbians, and Communists" as role models to promote a "homosexual lifestyle." 2007—The <i>Washington Post</i> reveals the sordid conditions at Walter Reed Army Hospital. 2001—Robert Hanssen, a devout Catholic, exhibitionist, patron of strippers, and ex-FBI Special Agent, is arrested for selling U.S. secrets to the U.S.S.R., then to the Russians. 1976—Pres. Ford tells the CIA, "no more political assassinations." 1970—Although the Chicago Seven are found not guilty of conspiring to incite riots, five are found guilty of crossing state lines to incite riots. 1962—"We are going to win in Vietnam," says Bobby Kennedy during a stopover in Saigon. "We will remain here until we do win." 1954—Ike's A.G. OKs a memo saying the CIA need not report criminal activity by its employees. 1952—Four Coast Guardsmen in a 36-foot lifeboat brave 70-knot winds to rescue 32 sailors from the sinking <i>Pendleton</i> off Monomoy Island. 1916—Having admitted to poisoning his wife, expecting a life sentence, Oscar Comery is hanged instead by the State of New Hampshire. His underage girlfriend sealed his fate. 1915—Pres. W. Wilson watches his first movie, also the first ever shown in the White House: <i>Birth of a Nation</i>.</p>	<p>2009—A Robinson R44 helicopter explodes over the Tocumen, Panama airport; the pilot and two others die. 2009—Outraged that the government might assist homeowners, CNBC's Rick Santelli has a fit the floor of the Chicago Board of Trade. His convulsions spawn a Tea Party. 2000—"I understand small business growth," says George W.[MD] Bush, "I was one." 1988—Prosecutors in Passaic County, N.J., move to dismiss 1966 murder indictments against Rubin "Hurricane" Carter. 1986—After due deliberation—37 years—Congress ratifies a UN treaty outlawing genocide. 1975—Watergate burglar James W. McCord, Jr. admits that "basically, Martha [Mitchell]'s story is true"—she was abducted and drugged to cover up the break-in. Her abductor, Steve King, is later made an ambassador by Donald Trump. 1965—Protests against the Vietnam War are held in 30 U.S. cities. 1964—The CIA informs the State and Defense departments that South Vietnam is making little progress against the Viet Cong. 1945—In a Burmese mangrove swamp, several hundred Japanese soldiers are killed by crocodiles. 1942—FDR puts 120,000 Americans into concentration camps. 1847—Rescuers reach the leftovers of the Donner Party.</p>	<p>2016—In Michigan, an Uber driver between fares allegedly kills six people in two separate shootings. 2005—Dr. Hunter S. Thompson takes his leave the way he lived—entirely on his own terms. 1950—Joe McCarthy (R-Booze), on the floor of the Senate, delivers a five-hour rant which, though fact-free, sparks a four-month investigation. 1945—At Iwo Jima, Jacklyn "Jack" Lucas, 17, dives on one live grenade and pulls another under him. One goes off, one doesn't. He sets off metal detectors until dying at 80. 1943—Hollywood film makers say they'll let the Office of War Information censor their movies. 1939—Fritz Kuhn, a German veteran of WWI and naturalized U.S. citizen, leads 22,000 people in a pro-Nazi rally at Madison Square Garden. 1862—Abe Lincoln's son Willie dies of typhus at the age of 11. 1815—Almost two months after the Treaty of Ghent ends the War of 1812, the U.S.S. <i>Constitution</i> captures two British sloops off the coast of Portugal. 1725—Indian fighters under Captain John Lovewell take 10 scalps from Indians killed in Wakefield, New Hampshire, which they later redeem in Boston for £100 each. 1524—In Germany, Count von Iggleheim is stoned to death by a mob angry at his refusal to let them board a three-story ark he had built to escape a predicted apocalyptic flood.</p>	<p>2012—Caught by the Piscataqua's current during construction of the New Memorial Bridge, the tugboat <i>Miss Stacy</i> nearly sinks. 2001—"You teach a child to read," says G.W.[MD] Bush, "and he or her will be able to pass a literacy test." 1988—Televangelist Jimmy Swaggart interrupts his usual broadcast to confess to an unspecified but heinous sin. 1975—Three of R. Nixon's former henchmen, John Mitchell, H.R. Haldeman, and John Ehrlichman, are sentenced to prison. 1965—Malcolm X is assassinated. 1958—British anti-nukes adopt the now-iconic "peace symbol." 1934—The U.S.-backed Nicaraguan National Guard assassinates rebel leader Augusto Sandino. Legend says his head is then delivered to D.C. 1931—In Arequipa, Peruvian revolutionaries make Pan Am's Byron Rickards the first pilot ever hijacked; 30 years later he's hijacked a second time. 1930—Witnesses faint and Arizona abandons hanging after "Cheerful Eva" Dugan's accidentally-decapitated head rolls across the floor. 1922—The Italian-made U.S. Army airship <i>Roma</i> crashes in Norfolk, Va., killing 34 in the nation's greatest aeronautical disaster to date. 1437—Fleeing assassins, James I of Scotland enters a sewer under his tennis court. Blocked by a grate he had installed days earlier to prevent tennis ball loss, he's stabbed to death.</p>	<p>2006—A Robinson R22 makes a series of "popping sounds" over residential Scottsdale, Ariz., then crashes between two houses. A prospective flight student using a gift certificate dies, along with his instructor. 2006—Clarence Thomas asks a question—the last one for 10 years. 2004—A Pentagon document leaks: climate change may spell doom. 1994—The FBI arrests a spy: CIA officer Aldrich Ames. 1974—Samuel Byck, planning to crash an airliner into the White House, carelessly shoots the pilot before takeoff. He's then shot dead, too. 1967—Operation Junction City begins in Vietnam—largest U.S. offensive operation of the War. 1966—Barry Bondhus dumps human digestive byproduct on draft files in Elk River, Minn. He gets 14 months. 1965—Gen. Westmoreland asks LBJ for Marines to protect the Danang airbase. Despite Ambassador Taylor's qualms, LBJ says "OK." 1965—Sam Lovejoy cuts down a weather tower for a proposed nuke plant in Montague, Mass. 1945—Rep. John Rankin [D-Miss.] calls Rep. Frank Hook [D-Mich.] a Communist, whereupon Hook calls Rankin a "God damned liar." Rankin, 63 and 140 lbs., attempts to punch out Hook, 52 and 195 lbs., to little effect. 1837—In the White House, Andy Jackson celebrates Washington's Birthday with a 1,400 pound cheese.</p>	<p>2016—GOP Senators brazenly conspire to deny a hearing to Pres. Obama's nominee to the Supreme Court. 2008—Because one maintenance crew fails to warn another that humid air confuses its sensors, a \$1.4 billion B-2 bomber crashes in Guam. 2004—Rod Paige, U.S. Sec. of Education, calls the nation's largest teachers union a "terrorist organization." 1974—Days after presiding over his paper's 100th birthday, and owing mobsters thousands, <i>Oakland Tribune</i> owner and ex-Sen. William Knowland (R-Calif.) shoots himself dead. 1971—Lt. Wm. Calley confesses to mass murder, and says his CO, Capt. E. Medina, ordered it. 1945—Five Marines, including Manchester, N.H.'s René A. Gagnon, plant the U.S. flag atop Mt. Suribachi. "Do not glorify war," he says later. "There's nothing glorious about it." 1942—The huge (356-foot) Japanese submarine <i>I-17</i> fires more than a dozen 5.5 inch rounds at the Richmond oil refinery near Santa Barbara, Calif. 1922—Henri Landru is executed in France for having 11 wives. (Hadn't he suffered enough?) 1868—In Great Barrington, Mass., W.E.B. Du Bois is born. 1836—The siege of the Alamo begins. 1775—"Give me liberty, or give me death," says Patrick Henry—maybe. 1455—In Mainz, Germany, Johannes Gutenberg gets started on the world's first print job. It's a Bible.</p>
						
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<p>2001—"My plan reduces the national debt, and fast," says G.W.[MD] Bush, "...economists worry that we're going to run out of debt to retire." 1991—Ground war against Iraq begins amid concerns about anthrax and botulism sold to Iraq by U.S. companies with the Commerce Dept.'s OK. 1989—On United Airlines Flight 811 from Honolulu to New Zealand, nine are sucked out a hole in the plane. 1988—Larry Flynt's right to portray Jerry Falwell losing his virginity to his mother in an outhouse while intoxicated is upheld by SCOTUS. 1988—At 1:17 a.m., Capitol police carry Sen. Robert Packwood (R-Ore.) into the Senate chamber feet first to make up a quorum. 1942—Turned away from Istanbul, <i>MV Struma</i>, a decrepit hulk carrying 791 Jewish refugees, is torpedoed by a Soviet sub. Sole survivor David Stolar, 19, lives to be 91. 1942—Anti-aircraft guns in Los Angeles fire 1,400 rounds at a weather balloon. Three are trampled to death in the resulting panic and dozens more are injured. 1922—Lewis Vernon Harcourt, 1st Viscount Harcourt and former British Secretary of State for the Colonies, commits suicide rather than face exposure as a pederast. 1836—Rep. and N.H. native Jonathan Cilley [D-Maine], is killed in the 3rd volley of a rifle duel by Rep. William Graves [Whig-Ky].</p>	<p>2011—"[A]ny future Defense Secretary who advises the President to again send a big American land army into Asia or into the Middle East or Africa should have his head examined," says Defense Sec. Gates. 2003—Army Chief of Staff Eric Shinseki warns Senators that Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld's plan to occupy Iraq dramatically underestimates troop requirements. 1991—Mechanized units of "The Big Red One" complete their breakthrough of Iraq's defensive line, having buried hundreds, if not thousands, of Iraqi troops alive. 1988—Sam Donaldson broadcasts excerpts from President Reagan's schedule, making it clear he still reads scripts for a living. 1968—"I do not believe Hanoi can hold up under a long war," says Gen. William Westmoreland. 1913—The IWW's Paterson, N.J. strike begins; Concord, N.H.'s Elizabeth Gurley Flynn helps organize. 1899—In London, Edwin Sewell, 31, becomes the first automobile driver to die in a car wreck. 1870—Erstwhile minister Hiram Rhodes Revels (R-Miss.) becomes the first black U.S. Senator. 1836—Colt patents the six gun. 1836—Joice Heth, formerly exhibited by P.T. Barnum as George Washington's 162-year-old "Mammy," is autopsied before 1,500 paying spectators in New York City, at Barnum's behest.</p>	<p>2003—Saddam Hussein tells interviewer Dan Rather he would like to debate George W.[MD] Bush on TV. 1998—After a Robinson R22 helicopter makes a loud "schwapp-like noise," it plummets to earth near Litterock, Calif., killing its pilot. 1993—A truck bomb explodes beneath the World Trade Center in NYC; 6 are dead, 1,000 injured. 1991—George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush admits the U.S. has been supporting the Khmer Rouge. 1982—A Robinson R22 helicopter loses its tail rotor over San Marcos, Texas. The pilot dies when it crashes. 1974—A Senate report finds close ties between Ford Motor Co. and Nazis. 1972—Pittston Coal's cheap-jack dam on Buffalo Creek in West Virginia collapses killing 118, injuring 1,121, and leaving 5,000 homeless. The company ends up paying less than \$15,000 per casualty. 1970—NPR incorporates. 1954—A C-119 "Flying Boxcar" buzzes the Huntingdon, Tenn., courthouse, then crashes, killing four on board and injuring two on the ground. 1906—Pianist and Bolshevik Nikolay Burenin, with 15 comrades, rob the Helsinki branch of the Russian State Bank to fund the Revolution. 1860—Encouraged to do so by the local paper, a small band of white men massacre about 150 Wiyot Indians, mostly old men, women, and children, in Humboldt County, Calif.</p>	<p>2014—Senate Republicans block a bill to fund veterans health care because it would cost too much. 2003—Deputy Sec. of Def. Paul Wolfowitz says "the notion that it will take several hundred thousand U.S. troops to provide stability in post-Saddam Iraq, [is] wildly off the mark." 2001—Rep. David Vitter [R-La.] skips a House vote honoring 28 Desert Storm KIA's to take a call from the D.C. Madam. 1986—Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos are chased out of the Philippines by their own people. 1975—The FDA recalls a batch of 1,241 GE pacemakers—after they've all been implanted. 1973—The American Indian Movement occupies Wounded Knee. 1970—The <i>New York Times</i> reports that the U.S. Army no longer conducts illegal domestic surveillance; untrue then, and now. 1968—Walter Cronkite says on the news that "we are mired in stalemate" in Vietnam. 1962—Renegade South Vietnamese pilots bomb Saigon's Presidential Palace with U.S. airplanes. 1938—Britain and France recognize Franco's fascist government. 1933—Nazis burn the Reichstag and blame the Communies. 1902—To his firing squad, Lieut. Harry "Breaker" Morant says "Shoot straight, you bastards."</p>	<p>1997—A blue dress becomes soiled. 1997—Two heavily armed—and armored—men rob a North Hollywood, Calif. bank. Twelve police are wounded; the two robbers die. 1993—The ATF bungles an assault on a heavily armed colony of religious wackos in Waco. 1991—"By God," says George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush, "we've kicked the Vietnam Syndrome once and for all." 1986—Ronald Reagan calls reporters "sons-of-bitches" for asking questions during a photo-op; press aide Larry Speakes explains he really said, "It's sunny and you're rich." 1958—In New York, a first batch of 27 people die after drinking "King Kong" moonshine. 1947—Taiwanese civilians riot over corruption. Kountingfang forces respond by killing thousands. 1921—The Kronstadt Rebellion against bolshevism begins in Russia. "Shoot them down like partridges," orders Leon Trotsky. 1893—Birth of Ben Hecht, author of <i>The Front Page</i>. 1877—The U.S. seizes the Black Hills, in violation of a treaty. 1854—A group of political activists meet in Ripon, Wisc., and may or may not found the GOP. 1840—Joshua V. Hines begins publishing <i>Signs of the Times</i>, a newspaper devoted to William Miller's Doomsday prophecies.</p>	<p>2002—U.S. forces in Afghanistan begin Operation Anaconda, aimed at capturing or killing Taliban fighters in the Shah-i-kot Valley. 1985—President Reagan calls the Nicaraguan Contras "the moral equivalent of our Founding Fathers." 1978—Charlie Chaplin's corpse is stolen and held for ransom. It's retrieved two months later. 1971—The Weather Underground bombs the U.S. Capitol. 1954—After 39 combat missions in Korea, Ted Williams breaks his collarbone at spring training. 1954—H-bomb test Castle Bravo delivers thrice its expected yield at Bikini Atoll. Unanticipated winds spread millions of tons of radioactive debris over occupied islands. 1954—Four Puerto Rican nationalists in the Gallery fire 30 rounds towards the floor of the U.S. House, wounding five U.S. Congressmen. 1953—Joseph Stalin spends the day lying in a puddle of urine because his aides don't dare open his door. 1910—In Wellington, Wash., an avalanche pushes two trains 150 feet into the Nye River, killing 96. 1906—Emma Goldman publishes the first issue of her anarchist newspaper, <i>Mother Earth</i>. 1872—Yellowstone, the world's first national park, is created. 1860—Abraham Lincoln speaks at Phenix Hall in Concord, N.H., and again later in Manchester.</p>	<p>2004—Oops—UN weapons inspectors report that Saddam Hussein didn't have WMDs after all. 2002—A U.S. gunship mistakenly fires on a U.S./Afghan convoy during Operation Anaconda. Afghan soldiers flee. The remaining U.S. forces are attacked by the Taliban. 1974—Spain executes anarchist Alvarado Puig Antich by garrot. 1965—The U.S. begins a bombing campaign over North Vietnam, under the brand name Rolling Thunder.TM 1944—Fumes from a locomotive stalled in an Italian tunnel kill 521. 1942—Lt. Gen. John DeWitt announces all Japanese-Americans will be required to move away from the West Coast and should do so voluntarily for their own good. 1877—The Compromise of 1877 hands over the Presidency to "Rutherford" B. Hayes & southern blacks to the tender mercies of southern whites. 1860—Abraham Lincoln visits the Amoskeag mills, then speaks at City Hall in Dover. 1859—Pierce M. Butler, grandson of a signer of the Constitution, sells 439 men, women, and children in a two-day auction in Savannah, Ga., to settle his gambling debts. 1807—Congress votes to prohibit the importation of slaves; only 250,000 or so are subsequently imported illegally. 1805—Aaron Burr, first Vice President to shoot a man, resigns from the Senate for other unrelated reasons.</p>
						

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