

The Fortnightly Rant

Cancelling Eternity

If a kid takes a swing at your mailbox with his Louisville Slugger, 18 U.S. Code § 1705 says he could get three years in the hoosegow and a quarter-million dollar fine.

Louis DeJoy, on the other hand—our new Postmaster General—is sabotaging the whole dang U.S. Postal Service. If he succeeds he'll get a lifetime pass at a string of tacky golf courses, and God only knows what other rewards and emoluments.

DeJoy's petty grifts are the least of our problems, though. Let him have that solid gold toilet Maurizio Cattelan made for Trump, for all we care. What's worrying us are the consequences of what the man's been up to. Let's begin by considering the larger context.

There can be little doubt that Democratic voters take science more seriously than Republicans. No matter how desperate Democrats are to vote against Trump, every polling place is going to look to them like a petri dish crawling with Covid-19.

Republicans, on the other hand—those who are still alive on November 3rd—are likely to put their faith in the Bible, not Dr. Fauci. They won't hesitate to swarm the polls, proudly demonstrating their defiance of science, and their fealty to their sleazy new Messiah.

In other words, because their response to the challenge of Covid-19 was so incomprehensibly awful, the incumbent and his cronies were rewarded with a unique and unprecedented opportunity to rat___k* their opponents, simply by destroying the Postal Service.

* We regret the vulgarity, but it's important to use the proper nomenclature. "Rat___king is an American slang term for political sabotage or dirty tricks, particularly pertaining to elections. It was brought to public attention by Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein in the book which chronicled their investigative reporting of the Watergate affair, *All the President's Men* (1974)." —Wikipedia.

What's that you say? Acting on that opportunity would be a scurvy trick which would irreparably damage the only federal agency important enough to be mentioned in the Constitution, and therefore they should forbear?

Please. Failing to exploit this opportunity would be an insult to God, from whom all blessings flow. Just ask Hank Kunneman, senior pastor of Lord of Hosts Church in Omaha, Nebraska and founder of One Voice Ministries: "God is trying to reelect President Trump. ... Are you gonna side with God...?"

If you don't show up and vote for Trump, you're siding with the Devil. Besides, Armageddon's coming any day now—just ask the Secretary of State. So why worry about a few Post Offices?

In order to fully appreciate our present nightmare—we've bought the ticket, let's take the ride—we need to remember that this is not merely the confluence of a crucial impending election with a lethal pandemic. When Louis DeJoy was appointed Postmaster General earlier this year, it was merely the culmination of a very long campaign.

And why not? From a right winger's perspective, what's not to hate about the Postal Service?

Hundreds of thousands of largely unionized, racially-integrated Americans earning a good living—it sets a bad example. Besides, it represents a huge lost opportunity. Privatize it and you can cut back on services, jack up the prices, slash wages and benefits—just think of the yachts and mansions you could buy with the profits! Its mere existence, in its current configuration, is an insult to the American Dream.™

The foundation of this scheme was laid during the Bush #43 Presidency. In its waning days, the lame duck Republican 109th Congress passed an innocuous-sounding bill



called the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act. As is now the fashion, the bill was grotesquely mis-named. Since it committed the U.S.P.S. to paying in advance 50 years worth of pensions and health care benefits, a more apt title would have been the Subprime Junk Mortgage Exploding Post Office Act.

The results were as expected. By needlessly siphoning off \$5 billion a year, the U.S.P.S. was made to look as if it its operating costs were out of control. When they weren't busy yelling "Benghazi," or "tan suit," Republican Members of Congress and their right wing media shills could bemoan the U.S.P.S.'s manufactured operating deficit.

The allegedly-objective corporate media and NPR played their part, too. By dutifully sticking to their stenographic roles, they amplified this thoroughly bent narrative. God forbid they should quit playing dumb, stick out their necks, and

state the obvious. That's a good way to lose a well-paid job.

So, for 13 years, now, the U.S.P.S. has been marinating in this fiscal acid bath, and the public has been absorbing lies about the reason why.

Curiously, during Trump's first three years in office, the Postmaster General was an Obama holdover. Why did he ever put up with that?

The U.S.P.S. isn't part of the Executive Branch—he can't hire and fire. It has its own "independent" Postal Board of Governors, whose members—Governors, they're called—must be approved by the Senate—if the Senate feels like acting.

As their terms expired during the Obama administration, the Board dwindled due to forced attrition. Since 2018, though, Trump has refreshed the Board, appointing six new members. In May, that Board, all Trump appointees, named Louis DeJoy to be the 75th U.S. Postmaster General.

And why not? He deserves something, after all he's done for his country President. This year alone, DeJoy has donated \$360,000 to the Trump re-election campaign and another \$70,000 to the RNC. And he knows the business—he's got \$75 million invested in direct competitors of the U.S.P.S.. If you're going to brazenly steal an election, well—be brazen about it!

Being The Nation's Oldest Newspaper,™ we're quite comfortable with taking the long view. Even so, when the Postal Service announced in 2007 that it had begun selling "Forever Stamps," that struck us as perhaps a little too optimistic.

We also tend to take what could be called a rather dark view of both the past and the future. We never suspected, though, that just 14 years later, the whole enterprise—the Postal Service, and the nation it serves—would be teetering on the brink of destruction.

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Fifth Avenue Pedestrians: Wear Your Body Armor

Wednesday evening we completed the latest Rant, in which we accuse the President of sabotaging the U.S. Postal Service in order to steal the election. Pretty routine stuff; just another fortnight at the Nation's Oldest Newspaper.™

Thursday morning, in a telephone interview, he told Fox's Maria Bartiromo that's exactly what he's doing:

"They want \$3.5 billion for something that will turn out to be fraudulent, that's election money basically. They want 3.5 trillion... billion dollars for the mail-in votes, OK, universal mail-in ballots, 3.5 trillion. They want \$25 billion, billion, for the Post Office. Now they need that money in order to have the post office work so it can take all of these millions and millions of ballots. But

if they don't get those two items, that means you can't have universal mail-in voting because they're not equipped to have it."

That was... unexpected.

To be clear, the specific methods to which the President confessed—choking off the funds necessary to process mailed-in ballots—are not exactly those of which we accused him. His intent, however, was perfectly clear—which is no mean feat, considering his limited vocabulary, garbled syntax, and readily-apparent neurological symptoms.

The good news is that Trump's confession has helped clarify the situation. The Postal Service is suddenly big news.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez [D-NY] tweeted, quite correctly, "It's

not just Trump that's destroying the U.S. Post Office. It's the entire Republican Party. Senate & House GOP could easily override a Trump veto of postal funding and help oversight. Republicans are working with Trump to destroy the U.S.P.S. and sabotage the delivery of ballots."

Postmaster General DeJoy's stock portfolio is also coming under increased scrutiny. As we noted in the Rant, he's got a whopping lot of money invested in competitors to the Postal Service, which a layman might misconstrue as a conflict of interest. The Postal Service's ethics watchdogs gave DeJoy a pass, though. As a multi-millionaire he can, of course, afford top-shelf legal advice; our advice would be, don't try this at home.

A story CNN reported Wednesday suggests that the watchdogs might be giving DeJoy another sniff. Citing ethics experts, and referring to "newly obtained financial disclosures," Marshall Cohen wrote that DeJoy "continues to hold a multimillion-dollar stake in his former company XPO Logistics, a United States Postal Service contractor, likely creating a major conflict of interest."

According to Cohen, DeJoy and the U.S.P.S. have both said he is in compliance with the relevant regulations. It's not clear, though, if that OK covers the new information:

"Raising further alarms, on the same day in June that DeJoy divested large amounts of Amazon shares, he purchased stock options giving

him the right to buy new shares of Amazon at a price much lower than their current market price, according to the disclosures."

Not to worry, though. Senator Susan Collins is on the case. She wrote to DeJoy on Thursday, saying that "While I support efforts to improve the U.S.P.S.'s financial condition, **I am concerned** that the reported changes will have the opposite effect, &c., &c."

For the record, it was Senator Collins, in 2005, who introduced the bill which begat the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act and brought the Postal Service to the brink of ruin.

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We Have Been Warned
“Given my experience working for Mr. Trump, I fear that if he loses the election in 2020, that there will never be a peaceful transition of power. And this is why I agreed to appear before you today.”

—Michael Cohen, former lawyer for Donald Trump, before the House Oversight Committee, Wednesday, February 27, 2019.

There ought to be a law against what Postmaster General Louis DeJoy is up to. For the sake of argument, let’s say there is. Law enforcement is the responsibility of the Attorney General.

Maybe we’re too cynical, but we suspect the only question Attorney General William Barr has for Louis DeJoy is “When do we tee off?”

Maybe we’re too paranoid. During the lame duck phase of George W.[MD] Bush’s administration, we confessed to apprehension about some sudden national security concern “making it necessary” to postpone his regularly-scheduled departure.

Well, this time it’s not just us.

On Tuesday, *DefenseOne.com*, a

well-established and deeply serious website that “delivers news, breaking analysis, and ideas” for “national security professionals, stakeholders and citizens . . . from senior leaders in Washington to commanders abroad and next-generation thinkers far from the political scrum,” published a piece under the headline, “...All Enemies, Foreign and Domestic’: An Open Letter to Gen. Milley.”

By two former U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonels, it considers the same situation we pondered 12 years ago. John Nagl and Paul Yingling began,

“Dear General Milley:

“As chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, you are well aware of your duties in ordinary times: to serve as principal military advisor to the president of the United States, and to transmit the lawful orders of the president and Secretary of Defense to combatant commanders. In ordinary times, these duties are entirely consistent with your oath to “support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic...”

“We do not live in ordinary times. The President of the United States is actively subverting our electoral system, threatening to remain in of-

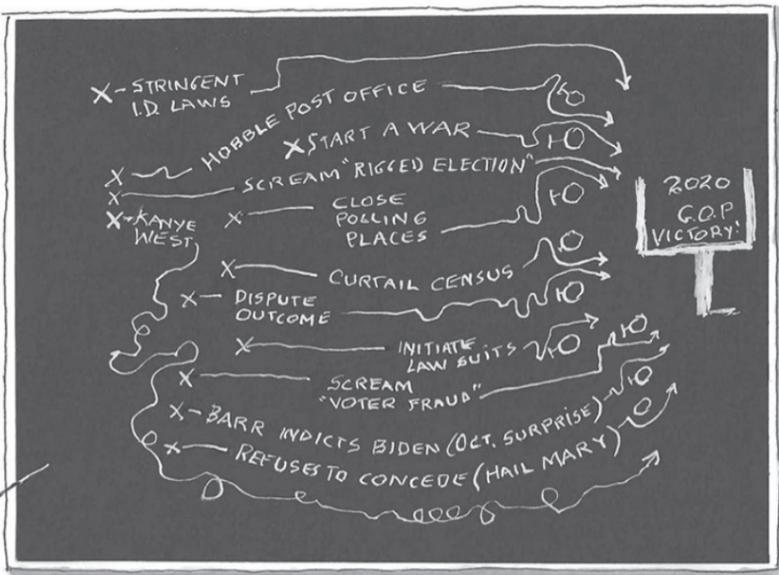
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In general—this will come as a big surprise to no one—we look with disfavor on the practice of burning fossil fuel to keep a noisy machine flying in circles over a populated area. Whoever was flying this rig last Sunday, though, we’ll cut them some slack. “Wear A Mask,” reads the banner, “#Don’t Go Viral.”

fice in defiance of our Constitution. In a few months’ time, you may have to choose between defying a lawless president or betraying your Constitutional oath. We write to assist you in thinking clearly about that choice. If Donald Trump refuses to leave office at the expiration of his constitutional term, the United States military must remove him by force, and you must give that order.

“Due to a dangerous confluence of circumstances, the once-unthinkable scenario of authoritarian rule in the United States is now a very real possibility...”

Merely stating the obvious, they write that Trump is “vigorously undermining public confidence in our elections,” and that his “defeat would result in his facing not merely political ignominy, but also criminal charges.”

Citing an estimate from *The Economist*, judging that his “chances of losing the election stand at 91 percent,” Nagl and Yingling write that if he loses, Trump may refuse to leave on January 20th.

“He would likely offer as a fig leaf of legitimacy the shopworn lies about election fraud. Mr. Trump’s acolytes in right-wing media will certainly rush to repeat and amplify these lies, manufacturing sufficient evidence to provide a pretext of plausibility. America’s greatest Constitutional crisis since the Civil War will come about by a president who simply refuses to leave office.

“America’s political and legal institutions have so atrophied that they are ill-prepared for this moment. Senate Republicans, already reduced to supplicant status, will remain silent and inert, as much to obscure their complicity as to retain their majority. The Democrat-led [sic] House of Representatives will certify the Electoral College results, which Mr. Trump will dismiss as fake news. The courts, flooded with cases from both Democrats and Mr. Trump’s legal team, will take months working through the docket, producing reasoned rulings that Trump will alternately appeal and ignore.”

To briefly recap, a serious online

journal widely read by FOGOs—Flag Officers and General Officers, aka the top brass—has now broached a topic formerly restricted to...well, the likes of us: what happens if our clearly unhinged Brainless Leader decides, “Oh, to hell with it. No more Mr. Nice Guy.”?

This is the point at which Messrs. Nagl and Yingling proceed to freak their readers right out of their scrambled eggs and gongs.*

“At this moment of Constitutional crisis, only two options remain. Under the first, U.S. military forces escort the former President from the White House grounds. Trump’s little green men, so intimidating to lightly armed federal law enforcement agents, step aside and fade away, realizing they would not constitute a good morning’s work

* The distinctive (and oh, so chi-chi) golden oak leaf and acorn adornments on the visors of high-ranking military officers are frequently referred to as “scrambled eggs” by the lesser ranks. Medals—full ones with the dangly bits, as opposed to the more modest, small, rectangular ribbons—may similarly be referred to dismissively as “gongs.”

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— Joe Keefe

for a brigade of the 82nd Airborne. Under the second, the U.S. military remains inert while the Constitution dies. The succession of government is determined by extralegal violence between Trump's private army and street protesters; Black Lives Matter Plaza becomes Tahrir Square.

"As the senior military officer of the United States, the choice between these two options lies with you. In the Constitutional crisis described above, your duty is to give unambiguous orders directing U.S. military forces to support the Constitutional transfer of power. Should you remain silent, you will be complicit in a coup d'état. You were rightly criticized for your prior active complicity in the president's use of force against peaceful protesters in Lafayette Square. Your passive complicity in an extralegal seizure of political power would be far worse."

As Zippie the Pinhead might say, "Yow!"

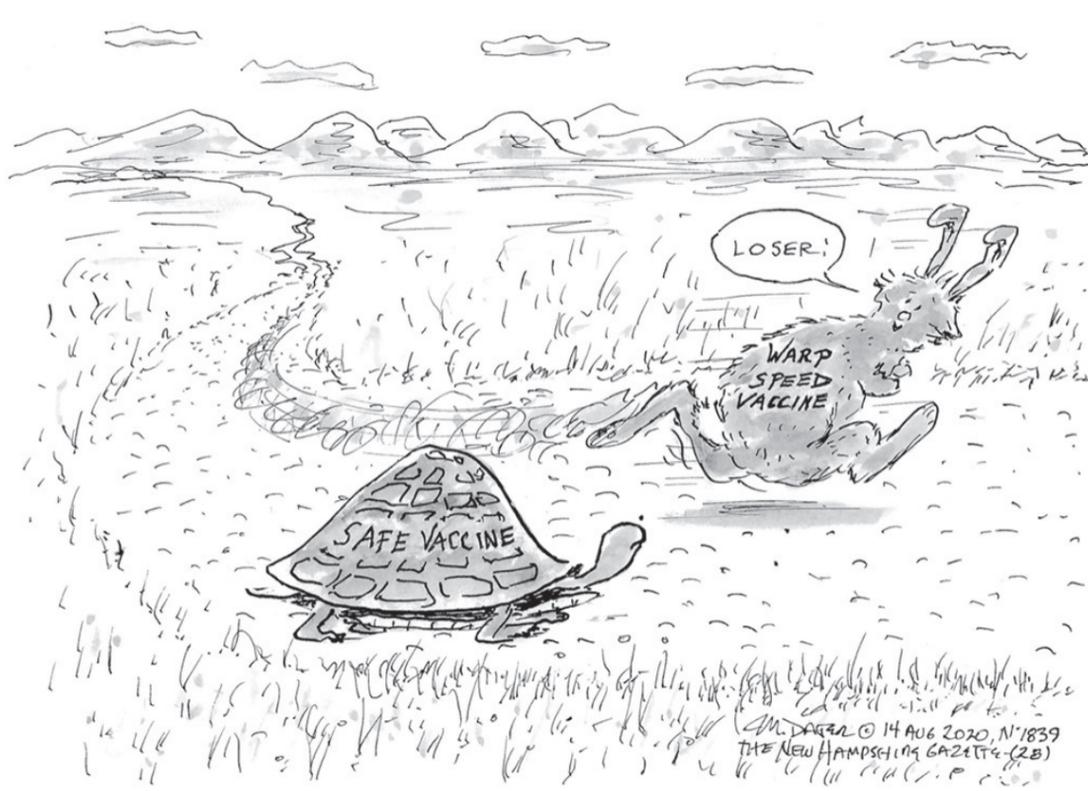
Paraphrasing here, if the Cheeto Bandito won't pack his bags voluntarily, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff should muster whatever troops he can and roust him. This would also, of course, be the opportune time to stack his tacky belongings on the White House lawn. At this point, one assumes, the U.S.

Attorney for the Sovereign District of New York would arrive to slap the cuffs on America's Least Wanted.

Even without the gratuitously snide gloss we are apparently compelled to slather over everything, the article rattled a lot of its readers. *DefenseOne* published a strongly-worded rebuttal the next day. Kori Schake and Jim Golby—an American Enterprise Resident Scholar and a senior fellow at the Clements Center for National Security at the University of Texas at Austin, respectively; our economy seems able to provide an infinite number of such jobs—wrote, "The Military Won't Save Us—and You Shouldn't Want Them To," tag-lined, "It's deeply irresponsible, not to mention organizationally nonsensical, to suggest that Gen. Milley should evict an election-losing Trump from the White House."

One must admit that the prospect is troubling. It is also troubling, though, that a person showing signs of dementia has the power, at his sole discretion, to at any moment launch a nuclear attack on Venezuela.

For some perspective on this matter, we turned to W.D. "Bill" Ehrhart. His work has graced these pages many times; his latest item is on page five. A poet, a writer, and a Marine veteran, he recently retired



from teaching English at the Haverford School—where he worked under John Nagl.

"When John Nagl first became headmaster at the Haverford School," Ehrhart wrote, "it took him awhile to realize that I did not feel about my military service the same pride that he felt about his. And it took me awhile to realize that in spite of our differences, he possessed many admirable qualities I could like and admire. To our mutual credit, we both gave each other the benefit of the doubt, and within a few years came to hold each other in mutual respect, out of which a genuine friendship has grown."

With that personal connection clearly established, Bill gave us this critique of Schake and Golby's rebuttal:

"The problem with this rebuttal is that it assumes other law enforcement agencies will step up and remove the president if the president refuses to accept the election results when the House declares Trump no longer to be the president. But we have already seen that law enforce-

ment agencies are more than willing to obey the orders of Trump in violation of Americans' 1st Amendment rights. The authors of this rebuttal argue that nothing Trump has done so far is illegal. This may be true in a very narrow sense, but it is worth remembering that Joseph Stalin, Benito Mussolini, and Adolf Hitler all came to power through a combination of legal tactics and strong-arm bullying by thugs not unlike the unmarked and unidentifiable federal agents and armed right-wing militias roaming the streets of American cities as I write this.

"Nor do these authors offer any practical solution should Trump refuse to accept an election loss and force a true succession crisis post November 3rd. I keep remembering that when the Supreme Court ruled Andrew Jackson could not forcibly remove the Cherokee Nation from Georgia, Jackson responded, 'Mr. Marshall has made his decision. Now let him enforce it.' We know how that one ended. As these authors themselves admit, laws do not enforce themselves. Who do we

rely on if law enforcement agencies choose to side with #45, which many of them have already made clear they are willing to do, and right-wing armed militias decide to help keep Rug Head Guy in the White House?

"All of this, of course, is the cart before the horse. The election has not yet been held, and we do not know the outcome, nor how Cadet Bone Spur will react if he loses. But helping to remove an illegal president who refuses to leave office would not be, in my view, 'politicizing the military,' but only requiring the military to obey the oath each and every member swore to defend and uphold the Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic. What's politically partisan about that?"

Paper-Based DDoS?

A mailing from the N.H. GOP "accidentally" flooded Durham election officials with extraneous paper recently. Any resemblance to an online distributed denial-of-service attack must surely be coincidental.



In a curious frame of mind—not an unusual state for him—Our Wandering Photographer was rummaging through old folders recently. Exactly ten years ago he snapped this frame of Captain Snaps himself—Joe Stevens, Hotshot Photographer. Those were the days—a flaneur's delight.

Murph's Fortnightly Quote
 [to Selma, Alabama sheriff Jim Clark]
 "...you can keep your club in your hand,
 but you cannot beat down justice."
 — C.T. Vivian (1924-2020) minister, civil rights activist

"I've learned now, and it is a thing which needs learning,
 the most important thing in all life. The French are right about it.
 They make a fine, wonderful thing of love."
 — Louis Bromfield (1896-1956)
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So Many Reasons...

To the Editor:

I could never vote for a candidate who belittles people with disabilities, Mexicans, other immigrants, and women. I've been appalled by his policies, tweets, speeches, interviews and personal beliefs. Recently, deploying federal troops to cities where there've been protests against racial injustice and his failure to explicitly support a peaceful transition of political power via the vote have also shocked and scared me.

I looked for national leadership when the pandemic hit us. Over 150,000 of our fellow citizens have died from the coronavirus. I'm afraid reconstructing small or large businesses relies on live businesspeople and customers. So far, we in the U.S. have not done very well. I also don't want to live in a society that treats some people well and is suspicious of all others based on the color of our skin. Then there's the problem of "decline in tax revenues." Seems to me I heard a lot about tax cuts earlier in Trump's administration.

It also seems to me that healthcare for everyone, adequate unemployment compensation, pensions, and Social Security make total sense, especially given the difficult times we live in.

What happened to "We're all in this together"?

Judy Ullman
Portsmouth, N.H.

Judy:

We see that you and Jim Hightower are on the same wavelength. That's good company.

The Editor

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Fearmongering and Police Reform

To the Editor:

Republicans are running campaign ads trying to incite fears that if Democrats are elected, police departments will be shut down and 911 call centers will put callers on hold while burglars break into their homes.

Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, Democratic candidates, starting with Joe Biden, have made it clear that, regardless of what some protestors might chant, they will not

defund police departments or curtail 911 call capabilities.

What they are looking at doing is relieving police of some responsibilities the police would prefer not to have, so that they can concentrate on public safety and stopping crime. Some Democrats have even suggested increasing police funding to do this, and to improve the quality of training.

Nationwide, discussions of police reform are making progress in restricting chokeholds and strangleholds, pursuing de-escalation, and requiring officers to intervene if a fellow officer uses excessive force. These are positive steps—not just for minorities, but for all of us—not just because Black lives matter, but because all lives matter.

In serving as an Air Force lawyer (JAG), I advised commanders and set up training for military police on proper use of force. Our civilian police should be no less professional and accountable.

President Trump has said he opposes any restrictions on policing, while Democrats seek to improve public safety by eliminating dangerous and improper practices.

Ignore the fearmongering. Vote Democrat on Nov 3rd.

Don Nolte
Exeter, N.H.

Don:

Thanks for writing. Your letter nicely counterbalances our prior experience with military justice.

The Editor

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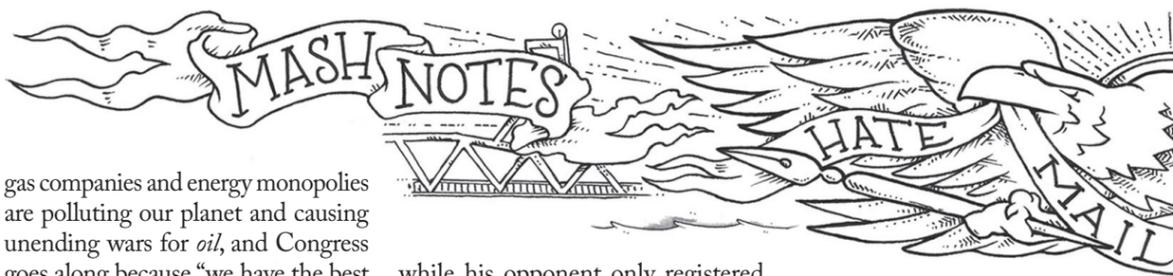
Covid-19, Community Rights, & Revolution

To the Editor:

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the course of history. The question is for better or for worse?

The answer depends on We the People: we can continue to be *A Nation of Sheep* (good book by William Lederer) and be controlled by the Wall Street Empire and their two-Party crap trap, or we can take over our democracy by asserting our community rights and gaining local control of our destiny. You may contact the N.H. Community Rights Network for assistance (info@nhcommunityrights.org).

Most people know that the oil and



gas companies and energy monopolies are polluting our planet and causing unending wars for oil, and Congress goes along because "we have the best politicians money can buy" (Will Rogers). Unending wars make the rich richer, working with the big banksters and the military-industrial complex. Article 10 of the New Hampshire Constitution affirms our inalienable right of revolution "whenever the ends of government are perverted." Our system is not broken, *it's fixed!* The time has come for resistance and rebellion and it's happening around the country!

Our Nation and world will be better off if the silent majority becomes activists for democratic humane change and environmental stewardship. Don't be misled to the slaughter—the lives and future of our children and planet are at stake!

Peter A. White, N.H. Community Rights Network
Nottingham, N.H.

Peter:

Back in the late 1970s we asked Rep. Joseph Eaton, Sr. (1901–1994)—a noted authority on the New Hampshire Constitution—if Article 10 actually means what it seems to.

He said yes, it does.

The Editor

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Deaglan McEachern:

Championing a Democratic Agenda

To the Editor:

With the decision by State Senator Martha Fuller Clark not to seek reelection, Democratic voters will be asked to decide between two candidates on the Sept. 8 Democratic primary ballot. We believe that both candidates seeking this nomination are good decent people. However, in our opinion, Deaglan McEachern is the one most likely to champion the same Democratic causes that Sen. Clark supported. Mr. McEachern has been supporting Democratic values for many years,

while his opponent only registered recently as a Democrat, and was previously registered as an undeclared voter while serving on the Portsmouth City Council. While local municipal elections are non-partisan, there is no need for a candidate to be registered as an undeclared voter. In fact, most members of recently elected Portsmouth city councils were registered Democrats. While anyone can change their outlook on issues and now support a Democratic agenda, Mr. McEachern's opponent does not have a history of doing that at this time. Mr. McEachern on the other hand has consistently been supportive of the Democrats and has been registered as a Democrat for a long time. In fact, his family has a long Democratic heritage with his father, Paul McEachern, running for Governor some 30 years ago, when it was almost impossible for a Democrat to get elected in N.H.

Filling the seat of Sen. Clark will be almost impossible, because not only was she a very progressive and effective senator, but she was also a statewide leader in the Democratic Party, and a national Democratic leader as well. With the support of such Democratic leaders as former Speaker Terie Norelli and Durham State Senator Katie Wheeler, we believe that Deaglan McEachern will also become a very effective statewide Democratic leader, just as he was in Portsmouth when he was on the same side of many issues along with Sen. Clark.

Rep. Peter Somssich, District 27-Portsmouth, N.H. House Science Technology & Energy Committee, Former Portsmouth Democratic Chair

Damon Thomas, Member Executive Committee/Portsmouth Democrats

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Trump's Obsessive Obsession

To the Editor:

Good morning, class, thank you for Zooming. For our civics discussion today let's focus on the touchstone of the Trump era so far? Any thoughts? Yes, Jimmy, your answer. "The overt destruction, or attempted destruction, of anything remotely wonderful or cherished in America—national parks, health care, civil rights, human rights, the climate, fair elections. And lately hampering the Census Bureau and the Postal Service."

Good point, Jimmy. But why does he do these things? Anybody? Sallly? "Because he only cares about two things—corporate America and himself. In the case of the Post Office it's himself, his reelection."

My goodness, but what is the connection between the Post Office and his reelection? I need some clarification. Billy? "Because if he cripples the Postal Service, as he is rapidly doing, then many absentee mail-in ballots—ostensibly for Biden—might get clogged in backed-up mail sacks and wouldn't get counted in November, especially in light of the pandemic increasing the flood of mail-in ballots expected this year."

Why is his reelection so urgent? OK, Mary? "Because as an ex-President he is a citizen like the rest of us without the perks of the Presidential office to protect him from the myriad criminal law suits pending against him. The statute of limitations on the criminal charges against him would run out by 2024, meaning if Trump wins this election he is saved; if he loses this election he could end up in the hoosegow."

I get it. All politicians want to win, of course, but in Trump's case it seems he has to win. I see a hand up, yes,

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Jane, you have a comment? "I think a paraphrase of Samuel Johnson's observation about the hangman's noose obtains here: 'when a man knows he is going to jail in a fortnight, it concentrates his mind wonderfully.'"

Thank you, Jane. It's been an illuminating session. And thank you all. Next week's assignment—Trump's sabotaging of the Census Bureau. Class dismissed.

Barnabas Umbrage
Portsmouth, N.H.

Barnabas:
Thanks for writing. We've been getting out less, what with the pandemic and all. We miss catching glimpses of you, strolling about, looking sharp in your tricorne and knee britches. Be well.

The Editor

the freedom-dedicated Congressman. My instant singing made him beam. I am grateful for these life experiences. Now we have VP-nominee Kamala Harris making inroads as a Black-woman candidate for Vice President, partnering with Presidential candidate Joe Biden.

My children are mixed-race, and I'm all for all races welcomed on every level.

My spirits uplifted, upon hearing Tuesday's news. Kamala Harris is well educated, being a Howard University undergraduate and a California University law graduate. With President Trump showing so many gaps in basic knowledge, it matters much to have a well-prepared, educated newcomer potentially in our White House. A U.S. Senator, she understands our branches of government. Kamala Harris smiles. She's grounded in humanity; healthily she keeps her balance. Now, may all voting rights pertain—people who can vote and want to vote—may those ballots not be impeded. All counted.

Lynn Rudmin Chong
Sanbornton, N.H.

What Is A Socialist, And Who's Not?

To the Editor:
As a "Pro-Growth" Democrat candidate for the N.H. House of Representatives, I'm all too often accused of being a Socialist by some of my "right wing" friends. Here is my reply to their accusations.

First, let's be clear, the U.S.A. is both a mix of Capitalism and Socialism, each category survives to a greater or lesser degree today representing how we function, and who we are as a nation.

Capitalism is based on a person's right to own property and create a business for financial profit and with

their profits pay employees for their labor, taxes and operating expenses.

Pure Socialism in America doesn't exist! But, what we do have is a Progressive Democracy. Under Socialism a country's government owns and controls virtually everything, the economy, politicians, social activities and the

Yes, America is different, and very protective against adopting Socialism as our way to govern. But, we do engage in having socialist-type, government-run programs, all paid for by our tax dollars, such as: Public Schools, Social Security, Food Stamps, Interstate Highways, Medicare, Medicaid, Head Start, FAA, Veterans Benefits, National Parks, plus others. As a Capitalist nation we do function well by adopting a limited number of liberal and progressive programs, all under the economic/budget control of our

This label is too often thrown out as a one-word slur to discredit ideas and issues before they can and should be discussed. Whatever the issues may be, we simply need to be guided by our Constitution. *i.e.*: debate, accept or reject ideas on their merits, via voting. At the very least, America needs to stand for egalitarianism, social equality and justice, protect our environment, strengthen our social safety net, support voting rights, minority rights, multiculturalism, freedom of religion, a free press and the right to assemble in protest, values rejected by Socialism. After all, it was protest, a desire for independence, that built a Capitalist, not a Socialist, America in the first place. Let's keep it on track, and reject labels.

Duane Hammond
Candidate for the N.H. House of Representatives, Dist. #5
Alton, N.H.

Duane:
See below.
The Editor

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President Harry S Truman, at Syracuse, New York, October 10, 1952:

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"Now, what is the reason for this confidence and this prosperity? It is very, very simple. The programs of the Federal Government in the past 20 years have made America a land of individual security, and at the same time a land of tremendous opportunity.

"In these 20 years the Democratic Party has shown that individual security and opportunity go together. They must be worked for together, and the Democrats know how to do it.

"The Republican Party in Congress has opposed almost all our programs to help the economic life of the country. *The Republican Party has blindly turned its back on the tradition of public action for the public good.*

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press. In theory all production is collectively held, no ownership of property is allowed, and claims it's to build a more equitable society has always been proven to be untrue. Socialism always fails, always will!

elected officials.
Let's stop being so paranoid every time some well-meaning person asks the question "why" about an issue of concern and/or how can we do better, without being labeled a Socialist.

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Getting Real

by Jean Stimmell

I've written previously about not being able to shake my formative experience as a child, reveling in being outdoors and working with my hands, which lead to my first career as a stonemason.

Perhaps I needed that hands-on, physical release because, like many men of my generation, I was divorced from my feelings. I loved theories and ideas, living in my head most of the time. I needed the physical escape of lifting rocks in the here-and-now to release the pressure of countless competing thoughts, swirling in my head.

Due to occupational infirmities as I approached 50, I enrolled at Antioch New England Graduate School to learn a new trade as a psychotherapist. This experiential program discounted my 1950s-male, analytical mind in favor of opening up my body, starting the process to teach me how to feel.

It goes without saying that this

was a necessary adjustment: Joining with a patient in session requires being in the here-and-now, not lost in abstracted thought.

While at Antioch, I started a meditation practice, which allowed me to see my mind in a new light, what Buddhists call "monkey mind." A cacophony of rushing thoughts, like an overactive troupe of monkeys swinging wildly from one axon tree to another in my brain.

Chop wood, carry water, Be real. John-Paul Sartre and Joseph Campbell, among others, agree that we create meaning through our actions—not our wildly gyrating thoughts. Nietzsche, too, exalted in the active life.

Philosophy for him wasn't something to be contemplated from an armchair but an act that sprung from physical exertion. While young, Nietzsche felt most alive trekking up mountains in the Alps, while I built stonewalls. But, with age, as is often the case, the exploration moved inward.

For me, meditation has become a crucial tool in my investigation. I look at it as an active, intentional exercise, not the passive activity popular today, where folks simply observe incoming experience. Active meditation is what the Buddha intended, according to Buddhist author and teacher, Peter Doobinin.¹

"The Buddha's mindfulness is highly proactive...we are involved in a conscious intentional effort to put our mind on an aspect of our experience. We aren't passively noticing experience. We are making a choice about where to put the mind and following through on that choice. We are doing something, with a sense of purpose."²

My meditation practice has changed the course of my life, despite only doing it on an irregular basis. Rarely at first and more frequently as time goes on—as I listen to my breath and keep returning to it when thoughts pop up, as they always do—it happens! A wide smile spreads across my face, beyond my

control, and I feel an oceanic sense of bliss: A mystery beyond words, transporting me to a higher realm.

Since the pandemic struck, meditation has become my solid rock in a sea of unease. However, that can lead to the paradoxical situation, often encountered in Eastern thought, where the wisest action may be no action.

The *Tao Te Ching*, the most translated book in the world after the Bible, is about that kind of wisdom. It was written around 400 BC, during 300 years of rancorous fighting between competing petty kingdoms in China.

Whereas, now, we live in fear of our community being attacked by Covid-19, back then, the ever-present danger was marauding invaders of a different sort, intent on raping and pillaging.

The key practice of the Tao involves becoming still, like a mirrored lake. According to the Tao, taking action by doing nothing—until the time is right, which is beyond our

conscious control—is the gateway to the wisdom of the universe. Or in the Master's own words:

Do you have the patience to wait 'til your mud settles and the water is clear?

Can you remain unmoving 'til the right action arises by itself? The Master doesn't seek fulfillment.

*Not seeking, not expecting, She is present, and can welcome all things.*³

To my way of thinking, that is good advice to follow during this pandemic: Get real. Chop wood. Carry water. Be humble. The future is not ours to foresee.

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1 — <https://tricycle.org/magazine/mindfulness-conscious-decision-making/>

2 — *ibid.*

3 — *The Tao Te Ching*, Stephen Mitchell translation: Chapter 15.

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"I wonder why they have done that? Well, it is because the *Republican Party has become a collection of special interest groups. A special interest group, by definition, can never see beyond the limits of its own greed for the almighty dollar.*

"*The insurance companies*, back in 1935 and 1936, couldn't see anything in social security beyond the fact they would not be writing the insurance policies. So they were against it—and they got the Republican Party against it. The utility companies couldn't see anything in our great public power projects beyond the fact that private companies would not make a profit on the power. So they were against these projects, and automatically the Republican Party came out against them, too. Al Smith and Franklin Roosevelt taught you people all



about that, many years ago.

"*The real estate lobby* couldn't see anything in low-cost public housing beyond the fact that houses were going to be built and their members would not make any money out of them. So they were against public housing, and automatically the Republican Party came out against public housing.

"And so it goes, down through the whole list. The policies of the Republican Party are the total of all the negative attitudes of all the special groups that put money into and pull the strings for the Republican Party.

"Now, this year, the special interest groups that are in the Republican Party have as their candidate a man who has been in the Army and out of civilian life for over 40 years. Until

last June, he had lived the specialized life of the soldier, under orders all the time.

"The great issues that mean bread and butter to a lot of us, have passed him by completely. He has had the cares of an Army officer, but not those of a civilian trying to make a living. He has never met a payroll in his life, nor carried a precinct—and he doesn't know a special interest lobby when he sees one.

"Now this is just the kind of man the special interests can move in on, and take over. And that is exactly what they have been doing. The General told the Republican Convention in July that he would lead them on a 'great crusade.' But he did not tell them what the crusade was

going to be about.

"Like all good generals, he was waiting for his objective to be set by higher authority. He was ready to lead the troops, but he didn't know what the campaign was for. That was a problem that he as a military man had never had to decide for himself before, so *the Republican Old Guard moved in and wrote his orders for him.*

"The directive was drafted by Senator Taft at that famous breakfast in New York City a few weeks ago. Senator Taft left that meeting and told the press what the General stands for. Taft explained that the great issue in this campaign is 'creeping socialism.' Now that is the patented trademark of the special interest lobbies. *Socialism is a scare*

word they have hurled at every advance the people have made in the last 20 years. Socialism is what they called public power. Socialism is what they called Social Security.

"Socialism is what they called farm price supports.

"Socialism is what they called bank deposit insurance.

"Socialism is what they called the growth of free and independent labor organizations.

"Socialism is their name for almost anything that helps all the people.

"When the Republican candidate inscribes the slogan 'Down With Socialism' on the banner of his 'great crusade,' that is really not what he means at all.

"What he really means is, 'Down with Progress—down with Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal,' and 'down with Harry Truman's Fair Deal.' That is what he means.

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The deadly economic disease behind Covid-19

by Jim Hightower

In this horrible time of economic collapse, it is truly touching to see so many corporate chieftains reaching out in solidarity with the hard-hit working class.

We know they're doing this because they keep telling us they are—practically every brand-name giant has been spending millions of dollars on PR campaigns in recent weeks asserting that they're stand-

ing with us, declaring over and over: "We're all in this together."

Except, of course, they're really not standing anywhere near us. While we're waiting in endless lines at food banks and unemployment offices, the elites are still getting fat paychecks and platinum-level health care. The severity and gross disparity of our country's present economic collapse is not simply caused by a sudden viral outbreak, but by a decades-long plutocratic policy of in-

entionally maximizing profits for the rich and minimizing everyone else's wellbeing. As the eminent economist Joseph Stiglitz rightly put it, "We built an economy with no shock absorbers."

Jobs, once the measure of a family's economic security, have steadily been shriveled to low-wage unreliable work, untethered to a fair share (or any share) of the new wealth that workers create. In a relentless push for exorbitant, short-term profits,

today's executives have abandoned any pretense that a corporation is a community of interdependent interests striving to advance the common good. Instead, while the honchos are richly covered, they're washing their hands of any responsibility for the health, retirement, and other essential needs of their workforce. "Rely on food stamps, Obamacare, and other publicly-funded programs," they say, even as their lobbyists and for-sale lawmakers slash the public

safety nets so rich shareholders and speculators can take evermore profit.

These forces of American greed have shoved millions of working families to the economic precipice—and all it takes is a virus to push them over.

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"Now, it is a sad thing to see this man led around by those of little faith and no vision. It is a sad thing to see this man betraying his principles, deserting his friends, all for the sake of the votes he hopes to gain from Taft and Jennet and McCarthy.

"This campaign has already demonstrated that a military man should stick to his profession. We do not need any additional proof.

"I can think of no worse combination in the White House than a military man, ignorant of all our problems, surrounded and controlled by the most backward-looking politicians in our national life.

"My friends, don't turn the country over to that Republican combination. Look out for your own interests. You are the Government. The Constitution of the United States says the power of the Government in this great Nation of ours shall rest in the people. And when you exercise that power, you can only do it by votes.

"When you go to the polls on the 4th of November and exercise the power of government—which is in you—you must look out for your own interests, you must look out for the interests of this great Nation, you must look out for the interests of the world as a whole—the free countries as a whole, for which we are now responsible.

"I urge you—study the issues. Read the record. Read the record of both parties—the Republicans in the Congress and the Democrats in the Congress—because they are the



ones that make the policy. It is not made on the stump.

"The record I am pointing to is a record that has been in your interest. The record these gentlemen are talking about doesn't exist—for they haven't any record, except what is bad for the people.

"Go to the polls now and exercise your authority as the power in the Government. Send Adlai Stevenson to the White House, and we will have four more years of good government. Thank you very much."

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George Soros: Crusader for Human Rights and Democracy

by Peter Somssich

Do not believe the conspiracy theories currently circulating about George Soros, the internationally-know billionaire philanthropist. Phony claims include, undermining governments worldwide, plotting with and funding opposition groups to overthrow legitimate governments, and most recently, claims that he is supporting domestic terrorism in the U.S.A., including violence against police.

As someone who has been involved with human rights issues worldwide, with 40 years alone as a case-worker for Amnesty International, and as a Hungarian-American, like Mr. Soros, I have not seen any credible evidence that Mr. Soros is up to no good. Quite the contrary.

Yes, Mr. Soros, a graduate of the London School of Economics, used his business training to speculate in

currencies, and made himself into a billionaire. However, since the 1980s he has been advocating and investing his own fortune to build up democratic civic society groups and NGOs in the former Communist countries in Eastern Europe, to help avoid future dictatorships and authoritarian strongmen.

While both Mr. Soros and I were born in Budapest, he managed as a Jew to survive Nazi-occupied Hungary and left his country in 1947 when he was 17 years old. My family, on the other hand, fled Hungary in 1956 when I was 6 years old after a failed uprising against the dictatorial government supported by the Soviet Union.

Subsequently, I tried to be an advocate for human rights in Eastern Europe with various organizations, while Mr. Soros starting in 1979, invested his own money in his Open Society Foundations to encourage civic engagement, reduce poverty, increase government transparency, and fight corruption and Antisemitism. Soros has now invested more than \$12 billion, which includes numerous scholarships and the founding of the Central European University in Budapest.

All of these initiatives have attracted many enemies. Not from civil society groups or ordinary citizens, but from corrupt politicians, authoritarian leaders, nationalist groups, as well as anti-semitic organizations.

Ironically, one of those authoritarian leaders is Hungary's current Prime Minister Viktor Orban. Mr. Orban, who has been warned and sanctioned by the European Union for dismantling democratic and transparent institutions in Hungary, received a 1-year scholarship to Oxford College in the UK courtesy of the Open Society Foundation as a 26-year-old student.

As Hungary transitioned to a democracy, Viktor Orban was one of the important student leaders demanding democratic elections, a transparent government and the removal of all Soviet troops from Hungary, at great personal risk. When democracy was established, he became an important leader of his FIDESZ party (the current ruling party). However, whether he changed his political view and became, as my Hungarian uncle would say about Hungarian politicians, "an opportunist," or he just wanted to draw votes away from the new neo-Nazi party, the JOBBIK, he has now become the authoritarian leader that is constantly attempting to disassemble democratic institutions. He instituted such strict restrictions on non-Hungarian organizations that the Central European University was forced to relocate from Budapest to Berlin, Germany. Mr. Orban has led the way to demonizing Mr. Soros for all of Hungary's problems.

On a recent trip to Hungary, as I was leaving the airport, I came face-to-face with a giant billboard depict-

ing Mr. Soros and admonishing me not to "let this man tell you what to do." My taxi-driver also confirmed to me that not a day goes by without the radio or television reporting a government problem that is blamed on Mr. Soros. On my visit to Budapest, I also met with a group of students who had organized themselves as volunteers to assist legal emigrants newly arrived in Hungary with language training and help to integrate into Hungarian society. They were partially funded by the Open Society Foundation and were doing good work until the Central European University was forced out of Budapest during one of the anti-Soros campaigns. Now they tell me, that it is too dangerous for them and their emigrant friends they assist to continue the integration work.

Recently, new attacks have been directed at the new mayor of Budapest, Mr. Karacsony, because he belongs to the opposition coalition. I guess his election is also being blamed on Mr. Soros.

Now American conservatives and nationalist groups in the U.S.A. are claiming that Mr. Soros is inciting violence against the police and paying demonstrators.

Don't fall for their conspiracies.

Rep. Peter Somssich
Portsmouth, N.H.

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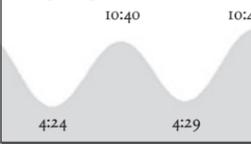
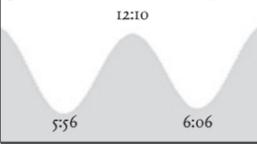
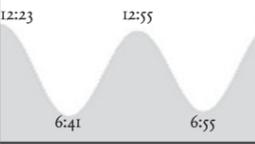
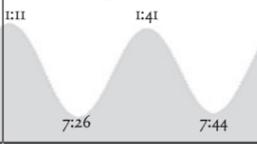
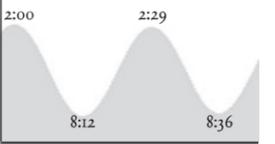
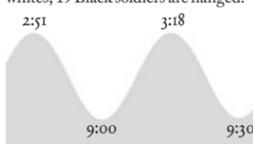
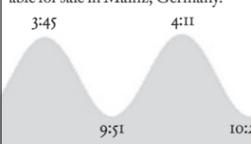
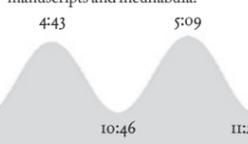
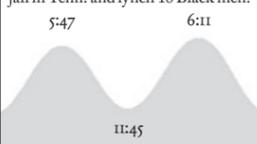
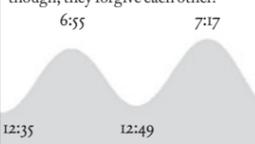
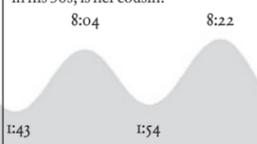
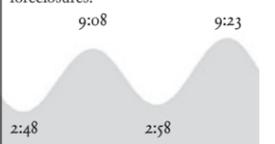
whom you choose to believe. The Piscataqua's ferocious current is caused by the tide, which, in turn, is caused by the moon. The other player is a vast sunken valley — Great Bay — about ten miles upriver. Twice a day, the moon

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16	MONDAY, AUGUST 17	TUESDAY, AUGUST 18	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19	THURSDAY, AUGUST 20	FRIDAY, AUGUST 21	SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
<p>1977—Elvis allegedly dies. 1971—John Dean writes his boss, Richard Nixon, a memo on how to "use the available federal machinery to screw our political enemies." 1968—Armed guards subdue—temporarily—228 rioting Marines in the brig at Danang, wounding seven. 1966—A House Un-American Activities Committee opens a hearing into anti-war protestors' alleged aid to the Viet Cong. Chaos erupts. 1956—A target drone goes haywire over Los Angeles County. Two F-89s fail to down it but damage a station wagon and two houses, and cause three fires burning 800 acres. 1951—In France, Pont-Saint-Esprit suddenly seems to go mad. Ergot is blamed at first, but later evidence suggests CIA-administered LSD. 1945—Two State Dept. guys in their 30s use a <i>National Geographic</i> map to determine where to split Korea. 1942—Two Navy officers disappear off San Francisco. Their unoccupied blimp crashes in Daly City. 1938—Hell hounds catch up with Robert Johnson, 27. 1841—For vetoing a bill re-establishing a bank, protestors hurl rocks at the White House, fire guns in the air, and burn an effigy of "His Accidency." 1819—British authorities respond to 60,000 peaceful protestors at St. Peter's Field in Manchester by a cavalry charge. At least 500 are injured but somehow only 15 are killed.</p>	<p>2008—Maudie Hopkins, widow of Confederate Civil War veteran William M. Cantrell, dies. They married in 1934; he was 86, she 19. 2002—U.S. Generals admit that the U.S. assisted Iraq during its war against Iran knowing that Saddam Hussein would "use chemical weapons against his own people." 1998—"It depends," President Clinton tells a Grand Jury, "on what the meaning of the word 'is' is." 1988—A Pakistani C-130 explodes in mid-air killing President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq. General Pervez Musharraf, also scheduled to be on-board, somehow misses the flight. 1988—J. Danforth Quayle informs the Republican National Convention, "in 1988 the question is whether we're going forward to tomorrow or whether we're going to go past to the back!" 1984—Jack Kemp talks the GOP Platform Committee out of using the term "Democrat Party"—for a while. 1965—U.S. Marines begin Operation Starlite, their first major ground offensive in Vietnam. It would have been Satellite, but for a typo. 1959—An earthquake in Montana kills 28 and blocks the Madison River with 80 million tons of rock, forming six-mile long Quake Lake. 1901—As 900 intoxicated anarchists from Paterson, N.J. tour New York Harbor on the <i>General Slocum</i>, some try to seize the ship. The captain docks at the police pier; 17 are arrested.</p>	<p>1996—The U.S. prison population hits 1,600,000, double what it had been just 10 years earlier. 1988—Accepting the GOP nomination, George H. [H.] W. Bush solemnly vows, "Read my lips: no new taxes!" 1960—Kindly old Ike OKs a CIA plot to assassinate Patrice Lumumba, Prime Minister of Congo. 1959—Sailors aboard the <i>U.S.S. Wasp</i> bring a severe fire under control, barely averting the need to flood the ship's nuclear weapons storage space. 1950—A climbing party at the summit of the Matterhorn (14,692 feet) encounters a ten-month-old black and white kitten from the Hotel Belvedere, situated at 10,820 feet. 1933—Germany introduces the <i>Volksempfänger</i>, or Peoples' Radio. Built to Joseph Goebbels' specifications, it receives only local (Nazi-controlled) broadcasts. 1920—Tennessee ratifies the 19th Amendment; after a 42-year struggle, [white] women get the vote. 1634—Urban Grandier, a French priest whose sexual prowess earned him accusations from a scorned Mother Superior, is burned at the stake for witchcraft. 1950—Virginia Dare, three, becomes America's first missing white girl, and an inspiration for future "journalists." 1587—At Roanoke, Virginia Dare becomes the first white child born in the New World, and an inspiration for future neo-Nazis.</p>	<p>1999—The FBI puts the name of James "Whitey" Bulger, its partner in crime, on the Most-Wanted List. 1997—In Colebrook, N.H., anti-regulation fanatic and future hero of the Free State Project Carl Drega murders two cops, a selectman, and a judge. 1983—Gov. Bruce Scabitt Babbitt [D-Ariz.] sends the National Guard & state cops to Morenci to bust a strike for mining company Phelps-Dodge. 1977—RIP Groucho: "Die, my dear? Why, that's the last thing I'll do." 1953—A CIA coup overthrows the elected government of Iran—what could possibly go wrong? 1942—An Allied force of 6,000 lands at Dieppe, France, where 68 percent become casualties. Mountbatten's censors win the PR battle, though. 1854—Lt. John L. Grattan, formerly of N.H., just out of West Point [36th out of 55], sure of himself and contemptuous of Indians, leads 29 cavalrymen into an ambush near Ft. Laramie. They're all killed and the First Sioux War begins. 1812—"Old Ironsides" earns her name against <i>Guerriere</i> off Nova Scotia. 1791—Benjamin Banneker, "the sable genius," sends his just-published almanac to Thomas Jefferson with an admonition to practice what he preaches about the rights of all men. 1692—George Burroughs, Martha Carrier, George Jacobs, John Proctor, and John Willard are hanged by the pious as witches in Salem Village.</p>	<p>2018—Greta Thunberg strikes, demanding action on the climate crisis. 1998—Days after admitting he'd lied about sex with an intern, Bill Clinton throws 13 Tomahawk missiles at Sudan's only pharmaceutical factory. 1965—Keene, N.H. seminary student & civil rights worker Jonathan Daniels is murdered in Nayeville, Ala. White jurors acquit his killer. 1945—Charles de Gaulle is warned by his ex-puppet Emperor Bao Dai that if France tries to rule Vietnam, "it will no longer be obeyed; each village will be a nest of resistance, each former collaborator an enemy, and your officials and colonists will themselves ask to leave this atmosphere which they will be unable to breathe." Does de Gaulle listen? What a silly question. 1940—In Mexico, Stalinist agent R. Mercader attacks Leon Trotsky with an ice ax. Trotsky tells guards, "Do not kill him. This man has a story to tell." 1910—In Idaho and Montana, an area the size of Connecticut burns; 78 die, mostly firefighters. 1794—At the Battle of Fallen Timbers, General "Mad Anthony" Wayne secures the Northwest Territory. 1672—Dutch peasants rip out the hearts of head of state Johan de Witt and his brother Cornelis. 1619—The first 20 enslaved Africans in North America land in Jamestown. 1191—Richard the Lion Hearted's troops bravely slaughter 3,000 Arabs in the Holy Land in Jesus' name.</p>	<p>2017—During an eclipse, as an aide says, "Don't look," President Trump removes protective glasses and stares directly at the sun. 2017—The Navy destroyer <i>U.S.S. McCain</i> collides with a freighter in the Gulf of Molucca; ten sailors die. This, 65 days after the destroyer <i>U.S.S. Fitzgerald</i> hits a freight ship off Hons-hu, killing seven aboard. 1992—Samuel Weaver, 14, and U.S. Marshal W.F. Degan die in a shootout at Ruby Ridge, Idaho. 1976—A two-day occupation of the Seabrook, N.H. nuke site begins. 1963—Ngo Dinh Nhu's secret police kill hundreds of Buddhist protestors across Vietnam—for democracy. 1927—Justice Louis Brandeis refuses to hear a request for a stay of execution of anarchists Sacco and Vanzetti. 1911—Vincenzo Peruggia walks out of the Louvre with the Mona Lisa, wrapped in his coat, under his arm. 1863—William A. Quantrill and several hundred of his Raiders attack Lawrence, Kan., and kill hundreds of men, women, and children. 1831—Nat Turner begins a slave rebellion in Virginia. About 60 whites are killed in two days; whites kill twice as many Blacks in response. 1791—Haitians rise in revolt; 12 years later, history's greatest rebellion of enslaved people ends in victory. 1762—Lady Mary Wortley Montagu utters her last words, "It has all been very interesting."</p>	<p>2016—The lift span of the Sarah Long Bridge is raised for the last time. 2008—An Afghan security contractor tricks U.S. forces into eliminating a rival with a AC-130 gunship. In two hours it kills 91 in Azizabad. Most are civilian women and children. Fox's Ollie North, embedded in the bloody fiasco, calls it a great victory. 2002—The Bush Administration announces trade sanctions on North Korea, with which we do not trade. 1992—An FBI sniper wounds Randy Weaver and kills his wife Vicki at Ruby Ridge in Idaho. 1991—Derick Lynn Peterson's obstinate heart continues beating for ten minutes after his electrocution, so Virginia officials zap him again. 1976—Police arrest 179 at Seabrook, N.H. anti-nuke rally. 1972—Aided and abetted by an FBI informant, 28 leftists burgle Camden, N.J.'s Draft Board and begin destroying documents. Then they're busted. 1953—The last prisoners leave the French prison at Devil's Island. 1952—The Justice Department sues four big U.S. oil companies for overcharging on oil shipped to Europe under the Marshall Plan. 1914—In the Ardennes, 27,000 soldiers of the French Army are killed. 1900—Rioters in Akron, Ohio push the world's first police car into a canal. 1893—Birth of Dorothy Parker. At 70, she wrote, "If I had any decency, I'd be dead. Most of my friends are."</p>
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<p>2010—Gareth Williams, money-laundering investigator for MI6, is found dead inside a locked gym bag in a London "safe house." Metropolitan Police rule he died alone by accident. 2000—The 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals rules that applicants can be denied jobs as cops on the grounds that they're too smart. 1971—For the Chamber of Commerce, future Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell lays out a plan for Right Wingers to reverse the New Deal with a huge propaganda campaign. 1968—Yippies nominate a pig for President, saying, "if we can't have him in the White House, we can have him for breakfast." 1966—Robert Strange McNamara announces new standards. Among an eventual 345,000 "substandard" inductees, the fatality rate is 3X higher. 1956—At the Gansevoort Destructor Station [real name] in New York City, six tons of books by Wilhelm Reich are burned under the supervision of the Food and Drug Administration. 1927—Bostonians use electricity to transform Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti from obscure Italian anarchists to immortal international symbols of the struggle for justice. 1917—Two racist cops harass Black soldiers from Camp Logan; 150 of their comrades arm themselves, march on Houston, and fire on cops. Seventeen die in the riot, mostly whites; 19 Black soldiers are hanged.</p>	<p>1970—Graduate student Robert Fassnacht is killed and three others are injured when peaceniks blow up a physics lab at the U. of Wisconsin. 1967—Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin scatter 300 one-dollar bills on the floor of the Stock Exchange. Bedlam erupts as capitalists scramble. 1964—I.F. Stone reports the U.S. government and press "have kept the full truth about the Tonkin Bay incidents from the American public." 1963—The State Dept. orders Amb. Lodge to encourage Vietnamese generals to stage a coup. 1954—Genial old Ike signs the first U.S. law banning a political party—the Communist Party, of course. 1936—After a 12-year hiatus, J. Edgar Hoover gets the OK from FDR to begin the FBI's Golden Age of spying on domestic political groups. 1889—On St. Pierre, off Newfoundland, murderer Auguste Neel becomes the only person ever to be guillotined in North America. 1827—The <i>Mechanics Gazette</i>, first U.S. labor paper, is published in Philadelphia. By 1832 there are 68 labor newspapers. 1814—Thanks to tactical errors and sheer panic, British troops are able to march unopposed into Washington, D.C. where they set fire to the White House and the Library of Congress. 1456—The binders having finished their work, Gutenberg's Bible is available for sale in Mainz, Germany.</p>	<p>1999—The FBI admits, six years after the fact, that the tear gas canisters it fired into David Koresh's compound in Waco were incendiary—but still denies they started the fatal fire. 1995—In Athens, Ga., zany House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) announces his new policy for winning the drug war: executing "27 or 30 or 35 people at one time." 1985—Ronald Reagan admits that, as head of the Screen Actors Guild, he ratted on its members to the FBI. 1967—J. Edgar Hoover's FBI sets out to "expose, disrupt, misdirect [and] discredit" the Black Panthers. 1967—George Lincoln Rockwell, founder of the American Nazi Party, is shot dead by an ex-aid and former Marine with a broomhandle Mauser. 1950—Harry S. Truman orders the U.S. Army to take over the nation's railroads to prevent a strike. 1945—Hotheaded Army Capt. John Birch argues with Chinese Communists while snooping in Jiangsu Province. They shoot him. 1945—Bao Dai, puppet Emperor of Vietnam for France, and more recently for Japan, and puppet-to-be for America, surrenders his imperial seal and sword to Ho Chi Minh. 1925—The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters is founded in Harlem: A. Philip Randolph, President. 1914—Germans burn the library at Louven, Belgium, full of medieval manuscripts and incunabula.</p>	<p>2016—Colin Kapernick registers his protest against racial injustice by sitting as the National Anthem plays. 2005—The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard gets a stay of execution. 1980—Ex-Luftwaffe pilot John Birge, trying to recoup his gambling losses, plants a half-ton bomb at Harvey's Resort Hotel in Stalene, Nev. 1969—The New Hampshire National Guard's 197th Field Artillery, just weeks before leaving Vietnam, loses five men in a single incident. 1968—Mayor Richard Daley welcomes Democrats to the 1968 Democratic National Convention while his cops prepare to bust heads outside. 1967—Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze" is released. 1967—Burt Munro, a 68-year old Kiwi on a 1920 Indian, sets the under-1,000 cc speed record for motorcycles at Bonneville. It still stands. 1924—Sitting out a storm off Cuttyhunk, <i>Wanderer</i>, New Bedford's last whaler, drags her anchor and is lost. 1919—Coal company goons in Brackenridge, Penn., busy beating striking miner Joseph Starzelski to death, shoot the UMW organizer Fannie Sellins dead for interrupting. 1883—Karakatoa begins a three-day eruption; tens of thousands die. Thirteen percent less sunlight reaches the earth during the following year. 1874—Hundreds of armed men on horseback open the Gibson County jail in Tenn. and lynch 18 Black men.</p>	<p>2014—Arthur T. Demoulas gets the OK to buy Market Basket. 1991—An ABA panel rates Clarence Thomas: none find him "well-qualified" for the Supreme Court; two find him "not qualified." 1984—Ronald Reagan announces that he will put a teacher in space. 1980—After evacuating Harvey's Resort Hotel in Nevada, FBI agents explode an extortionist's 600 lb. bomb, leaving a 50 by 30-foot crater. 1979—The IRA uses a radio-controlled bomb to assassinate Admiral of the Fleet Louis Mountbatten aboard his fishing boat off County Sligo. A baroness and two boys die as well. 1975—Veronica and Colin Scargill complete a 18,020-mile tandem bicycle ride around the world. 1960—Whites in Jacksonville, Fla., react to Black lunch counter sit-ins with "Ax Handle Saturday." 1949—While an anti-Communist mob attacks the audience at a Paul Robeson concert in Peekskill, N.Y., three FBI agents passively look on. 1938—Becoming increasingly agitated during a poetry reading by Archibald MacLeish, Robert Frost sets fire to a handful of papers. 1831—Maj. Thomas Biddle and Rep. Spencer Darwin Pettis [D-Mo.] meet on Bloody Island, just off St. Louis. Biddle is myopic so they duel with pistols at five feet. Both are mortally wounded; honor being satisfied, though, they forgive each other.</p>	<p>2005—Hurricane Katrina hits New Orleans and the levees break. 1968—Police preserve disorder at the Democratic Convention in Chicago. 1963—At the Lincoln Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr. calls for freedom to ring from the prodigious hills-tops of New Hampshire.... 1955—During a visit to family in Money, Miss., fourteen year-old Chicagoan Emmett Till is murdered by whites for speaking to a white woman. 1951—Killed in Korea, John R. Rice is denied burial at a Sioux City cemetery because he's a Native American. 1947—In Linares, Spain, the fifth bull of the day helps even the score a little by fatally goring Manolete. 1922—WEAF in New York airs the first paid radio commercial. 1921—Ten thousand coal miners and two thousand hired goons start trading lead on Blair Mountain, W.Va. 1919—Resigning as mayor of Seattle, Ole Hanson, the survivor of an assassination attempt, says "hang or incarcerate all anarchists for life." 1918—Big Bill Haywood and 14 other Wobblies get 20 years for draft obstruction. 1869—The Mount Washington Cog Railway opens for business. 1833—Britain abolishes slavery throughout the Empire. 1831—Rep. Robert Potter [D-N.C.] castrates two men he suspects of having sex with his wife. One, a minister in his 50s, is her cousin.</p>	<p>2013—Thanks to Edward Snowden, Americans learn that the "Black Budget" of the "Intelligence Community" is \$52.6 billion a year. 2007—Due to careless accounting, an Air Force B-52 at Minot AFB in North Dakota is loaded with six live nukes, then left unguarded overnight. 2006—George W. [MD] Bush tells NBC interviewer Brian Williams, "I've got an ek-a-lec-tic reading list." 1996—Clinton gets the nod for a second term. His advisor Dick Morris resigns because it's been revealed he paid \$200 an hour to suck a woman's toes. 1977—Memphis cops nab three people trying to steal Elvis's corpse. 1968—A week-long rebellion erupts at the Long Binh Jail in Vietnam. 1957—Despite a 24 hr., 18 min. filibuster by Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.)—father, at 22, of a mixed-race child by his family's 16-year-old maid—the Civil Rights Act passes. 1956—Jesus Christ "GG" Allin, the most depraved punk rocker in history, is born in Lancaster, N.H. 1921—Coal companies use hired airplanes to drop bombs on miners at Blair Mountain, W. Va. 1787—Though dropped the day before when two objected, on this day Framers agree: fugitive slaves "shall be delivered up to the person justly claiming their service or labor." 1786—Armed farmers in Northampton, Mass. close the courts to prevent foreclosures.</p>
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