

## The Fortnightly Rant

### Unleashed

This fortnight certainly got off to a rousing start. Based on their scrutiny of his tax returns for the past two decades, a team of ten reporters for the *New York Times* demonstrated that Donald J. Trump has, after a six-pack of bankruptcies, finally stumbled onto a business model that works for him: "turning his own hotels and resorts into the Beltway's new back rooms, where public and private business mix and special interests reign."

After reading "The Swamp That Trump Built"—only the most recent in a long line of exposés which once might have been sufficient to trigger incarceration—an irate George Washington rose from his grave, strode north for ten miles atop the Potomac, and slapped his successor across the face with one very surprised catfish.

Actually, though it's pretty to think of Parson Weems' Washington having done so, the previous paragraph is fiction—a feeble attempt to inject a little levity into the proceedings at a moment when American voters are about to decide whether or not to let the world become uninhabitable. Beleaguered as we all are by a blizzard of unbelievable events, we felt it our journalistic duty to make this distinction explicit.

Readers of William Hogeland's works\* will of course have seen the absurdity of the proposition immediately. As a land surveyor, Wash-

ington showed "zero regard for the law...breaking, working around, and eluding legal requirements while privately expressing disdain for them." As a developer, he "ruthlessly ripped off the upscale partners too—secretly jiggering surveys to give them the less valuable and him the more valuable assets." As President, his disregard for the emoluments clause was equally appalling, "obsessively running his private businesses, hands-on, buying and selling property and exercising management as both landlord and slavedriver, from his desk."

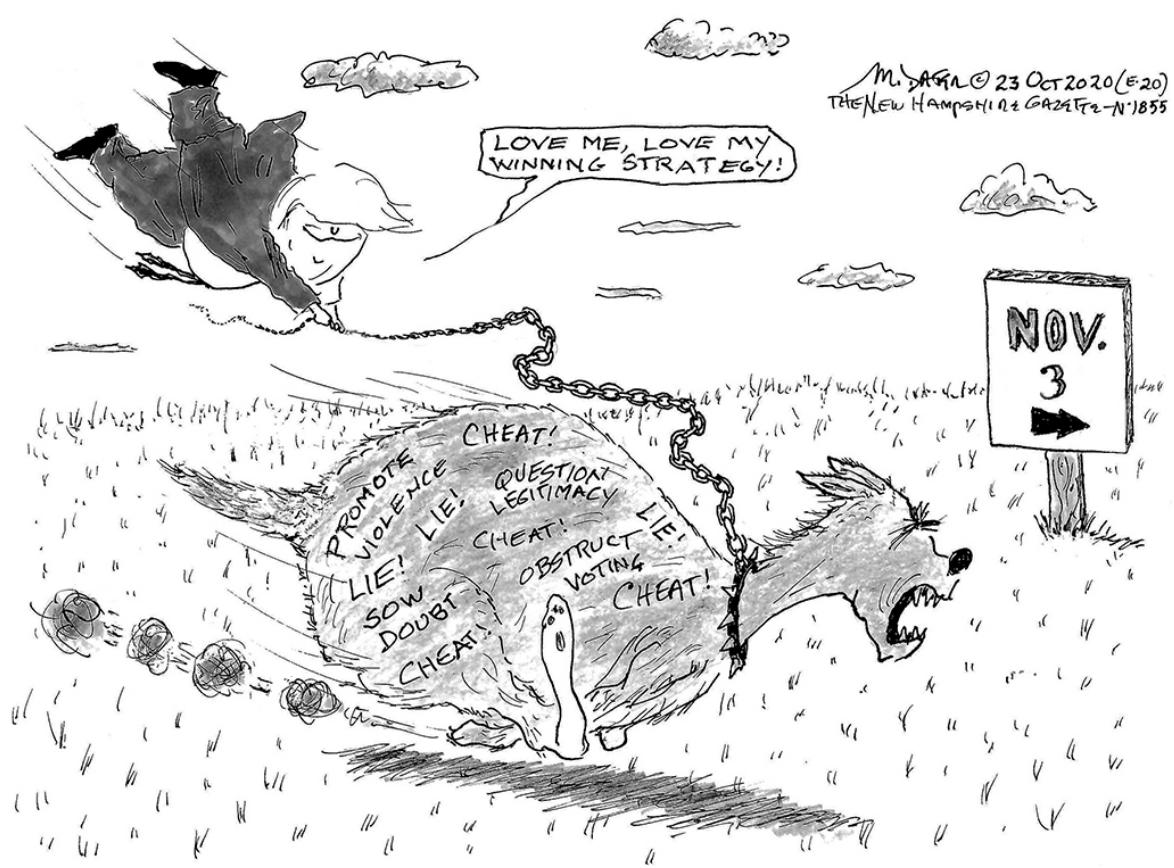
Whatever may have been his sins, Washington has been dead for 220 years. Trump, on the other hand, is up for reelection in eleven days. Yet, due to the pace at which sordid events are revealed in this, the year of Beelzebub 2020, the *Times'* October 10th revelation is now forgotten.<sup>†</sup>

Also falling into the oublie this fortnight was an event which—in the event of a second term—does not bode well.

On the Friday before the *Times'* revelation, Trump made his first public appearance following his Covid diagnosis. White House physician Sean Conley is thought to have prescribed the event to boost his flagging spirits.

Having already used the White House as a backdrop, as he accepted his party's nomination for another term and gotten away with it once, he used it again as a prop for a bit of straight campaign propaganda.

<sup>†</sup> In a perverse sort of way, this gives us hope. As we have mentioned before, we had been suffering from a slight identity crisis caused by the absence of the newsprint substrate on which we usually rely to be manifest out there in meatspace. As a good, kind friend once said, though, "Better old news than new lies." If we can do nothing else, perhaps reminding our readers what was news two weeks ago will justify to some degree our continued consumption of oxygen.



After shuffling onto the balcony overlooking the South Lawn, Trump spoke before a group of about 400 crisis actors, trucked into Swampville to simulate a crowd spontaneously yelling his praises.

The job of assembling this so-called "crowd" had been outsourced to Candace Owens. Five years ago Owens was posting online about the "bat-shit-crazy antics of the Republican Tea Party." Having come to realize, perhaps, where the money was, she switched sides and began working for Charlie Kirk's Turning Point U.S.A. She now operates a presumably-subsidized astroturf outfit of her own, called Blexit. It aims to convert Black Democrats into Republicans—say what you will about her, she does not lack ambition. Like Trump, Owens creates interest in her operation by taking provocative positions, *i.e.*, calling George Floyd "a horrible human being."

The South Lawn audience was mostly Black, and wore matching

outfits. Between all those China-red MAGA hats and blue shirts, it was impossible not to think of Chang Kai-shek and his fascist Blue Shirts. Because they looked a little lonely, milling around in the mostly-empty South Lawn, barriers were brought in to crowd the participants together, thus enhancing the visual effect for the television cameras, and increasing the chances for virus transmission.

If his supporters should happen to come down with the virus, they'd better do it soon. The Supreme Court may be about to overturn the Affordable Care Act.

"I hope that they end it," Trump said recently, "It'll be so good if they end it." We haven't worked out exactly how the President expect to profit by taking away health care from tens of millions of people. Perhaps that's why he's the President, in the White House, and we're just ink-stained wretches in ancient offices.

Mitch McConnell—whose hands, from the look of recent photographs, may not remain attached to his arms much longer—and Lindsey Graham, whose soul departed his body long ago, have heroically disregarded their infirmities recently to make sure Darwin gets a clean shot at Owens' Blue Shirts.

Soon-to-be Justice Amy Coney Barrett is not just likely to throw out the ACA. She's a sure bet, too, given half a chance, to throw the nation's Number One Bum back into the White House.

Hard as it may be to imagine right now, we could end up looking back on these last days preceding November 3rd as a time of blissful, innocent ignorance. The Court we already had threw out the restraints placed on the Republican Party by the Voting Rights Act.

What will the Court we're about to get do? And what will that Party, unleashed, get up to?

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### Let's Hear It For More Good Trouble

On June 27, 2015—ten days after nine Black worshippers in Charleston, South Carolina were murdered by a white supremacist—an artist and activist then known as Bree Newsome scaled a flagpole on the grounds of that state's capitol and hauled down the Confederate battle flag.

"In the name of Jesus, this flag has to come down," she said as she was being arrested. "You come against me with hatred and oppression and violence. I come against you in the name of God. This flag comes down today."

Two weeks later the legislature of South Carolina—which had been defending the Confederate flag's presence for decades—essentially ratified Newsome's radical declaration. Reverberations from these actions spread beyond the bounds of

the Palmetto State and inspired others around the nation. It was surely not the only cause, but, for a change, things actually changed. Racist systems still abound, to be sure, but at least the days when official displays could overtly promote racism are over.

Not surprisingly, the activist, now known as Bree Newsome Bass, is Black—as were two of the three officers assigned to arrest her in 2015. Sending white cops only would have made for bad PR.

Bass just published an essay titled, "Putting a Black Face on Police Agendas—Black Cops Don't Make Policing Any Less Anti-Black."

Part of a larger project titled, "Abolition for the People," it argues that "The idea that we can resolve racism by integrating a fundamentally anti-Black institution in the U.S. is the

most absurd notion of all.

"Amid recent growing calls for defunding police this summer, a set of billboards appeared in Dallas, Atlanta, and New York City. Each had the words 'No Police, No Peace' printed in large, bold letters next to an image of a Black police officer. Funded by a conservative right-wing think tank, the billboards captured all the hallmarks of modern pro-police propaganda. The jarring choice of language, a deliberate corruption of the protest chant 'no justice, no peace,' follows a pattern we see frequently from proponents of the police state. Any word or phrase made popular by the modern movement is quickly co-opted and repurposed until it's rendered virtually meaningless. But perhaps the most insidious aspect of modern pro-police propaganda is reflected in

the choice to make the officer on the billboard the face of a Black man.

"This is in keeping with a narrative pro-police advocates seek to push on a regular basis in mass media—that policing can't be racist when there are Black officers on the force...."

Bass' analysis cuts through the fog, revealing that which some say does not exist:

"Part of the reason why calls to defund police have sent such shock waves through the nation, prompting placement of pro-police billboards and pushback from figures of the Black establishment, is because it cuts right to the heart of how structural racism operates in the United States. At a time when the Black elite would prefer to measure progress by their own tokenized positions of power and symbolic ges-

tures like murals, the push to defund police would require direct confrontation with how the white supremacist system has been organized since the end of chattel slavery—when the prisons replaced plantations as the primary tool of racial control. Actions that may have been widely seen as adequate responses to injustice just a couple of decades ago now ring hollow to many observers who see that Black people continue to be killed by a system that remains largely unchanged."

Abolishing the police may seem more radical now than the South Carolina legislature taking down the Stars and Bars in 2015. In the rear view mirror of history, though, doesn't that now seem inevitable?

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**Throwing In the Towel at the Bad Faith Olympics**

"I want you to use my words against me. If there's a Republican president in 2016 and a vacancy occurs in the last year of the first term, you can say Lindsey Graham said let's let the next president, whoever it might be, make that nomination." – Senator Lindsey Graham [R-S.C.], Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, in February, 2016, justifying the Republicans' un-Constitutional refusal even to hold hearings for a replacement of the late Justice Antonin Scalia because a Presidential election is only nine months away.

"This has been one of the best set of hearings that I've participated in. It leaves one with a lot of hopes, a lot of questions and even some ideas perhaps of good bipartisan legislation we can put together." – Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee, Friday, October 16th, shortly before masklessly hugging the maskless Graham.

"It's official. We did it. Judge Barrett is going to the floor." – Senator Lindsey Graham, Thursday, October 22nd, after presiding over a Judicia-

ry Committee meeting without the required caucus, less than two weeks before a Presidential election.

**Breaking:** Chairman @LindseyGrahamSC just broke committee rules *again* by advancing five lower court nominees out of Judiciary Committee. Includes Kathryn Mizelle – rated *Not Qualified* and only eight years out of law school. An incredibly dark moment for the committee." – Vanita Gupta, former acting Assistant Attorney General of the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, Thursday, October 22nd.

The addition of Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court, moving it further rightward, could have significant consequences for U.S. climate change policy and complicate the government's ability to regulate pollution, according to legal experts.

The confirmation of President Donald Trump's nominee in the Republican-led Senate, expected on Monday after the Judiciary Committee voted in favor of Barrett on Thursday, would give the Supreme Court a 6-3 conservative majority...."

If confirmed, Barrett would participate when the court hears an appeal by energy companies including [BP, Chevron, Exxon, and Shell]



contesting a lawsuit brought by the city of Baltimore seeking damages for the environmental effects of burning oil." – Reuters, October 22nd.

Reuters' article fails to mention that Barrett's father, for most of his career, was an attorney for Shell. Asked if she would recuse herself, Barrett told one Senator she would "fully and faithfully apply the law of recusal and part of that law is to consider any 'appearances' questions." Giving a longer response to another Senator, she said, "it's always up to the individual justice, but it always involves consultation with the colleagues—with the other eight justices. So that's not a question that I could answer in the abstract." So, maybe.

The big question, of course, is what she'll do if the 2020 election lands in front of the court, like it did twenty years ago. Our best guess is that she will act with about as much adherence to high principle as did the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

**Limbaugh Diagnosis: "Terminal"**  
Rush Limbaugh, who has profitably spewed right wing propaganda for more than three decades, announced on Monday that his lung cancer is progressing, and he has been diagnosed as terminal.

On April 17, 2015, he had this to say: "I'm telling you, there ought to be some measure of appreciation for people who buy tobacco products, despite the forces arrayed against them. It's getting harder and harder to use tobacco products.... [T]hey have to endure a lot, the public hates them, they're despised, they can't smoke in places of comfort anymore, can't even smoke outside in a park! And yet their actions and their taxes and their purchases are funding children's health care programs. I'm just saying there ought to be a little appreciation shown for them, instead of having them hated and reviled. I would like a medal for smoking cigars, is what I'm saying."

Having been properly raised—comes as a surprise, we know—we will say no more.

**Important If True [Intel Drop 3074722]**  
Religious prohibitions preclude our answering the newsroom telephone before dawn, so whoever called at 5:06 a.m. on Tuesday had to leave a message:

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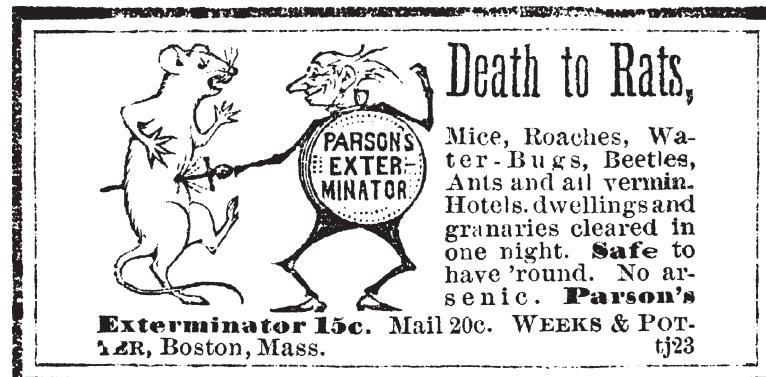
The new view, as one enters Portsmouth via Maplewood Avenue. Nothing says "Welcome" like a jagged, multi-faceted mass of masonry, juxtaposed against a set of instructions informing travelers of the local requirements for avoid a potentially-lethal pandemic.

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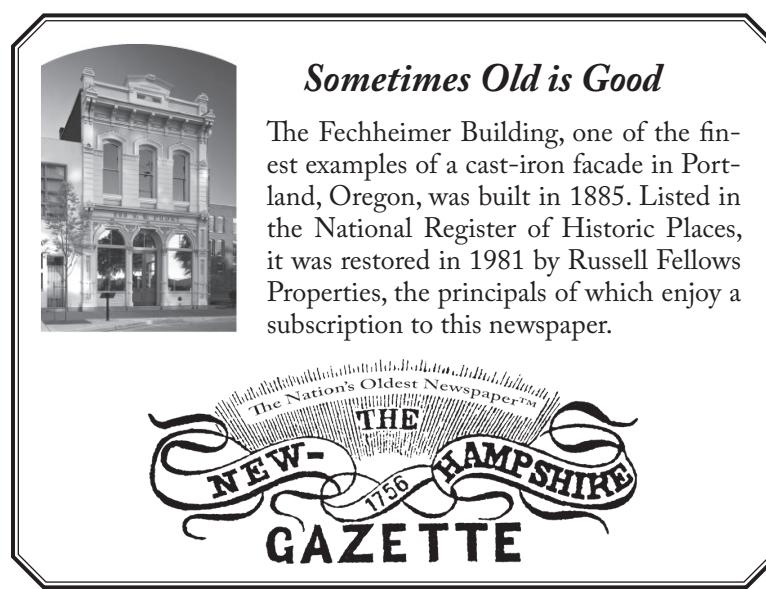
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– Joe Keefe

describe a body dropoff location."

Longtime readers accustomed to our rather staid approach to the news may be shocked, but this is not the first peculiar phone call we have received. It does raise the Weirdness Bar several pegs higher, though.

We suspected it might be QAnon-related, but a search for the caller's purported number, [(530) 651-8580], and another search for the term "3300 Clark Street," failed to discover anything whatsoever.

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### Busted on Three Counts

Typically, the Flag Police, though occasionally wrong, are rarely in doubt. This, however, is 2020. All bets are off. Routine quasi-official functions such as theirs have been knocked into a cocked hat. Fortunately, through its association with a newspaper founded when cocked hats were *en vogue*, the local precinct has been able to draw upon institutional memory, and has finally resolved this vexing vexillological case.

The question was, are the American flags at the popular dining establishment in Exhibit "A" [below] displayed improperly because, from the perspective of passing traffic, they show the starred field at the upper right?

Or are they displayed properly be-

cause, to customers on the sidewalk, they show it at the upper left?

After careful consideration, a ruling has been reached: yes and no.

Eternal vigilance is, as everyone knows, the price of upholding the fetishization of material objects which symbolize the values of a purported republic in the absence of any perceptible functionality. It follows, then, that incorporating our primary national emblem into a mere screen for shielding diners from the noise and distraction of passing vehicular traffic is not permitted under the Flag Code.

Case closed.

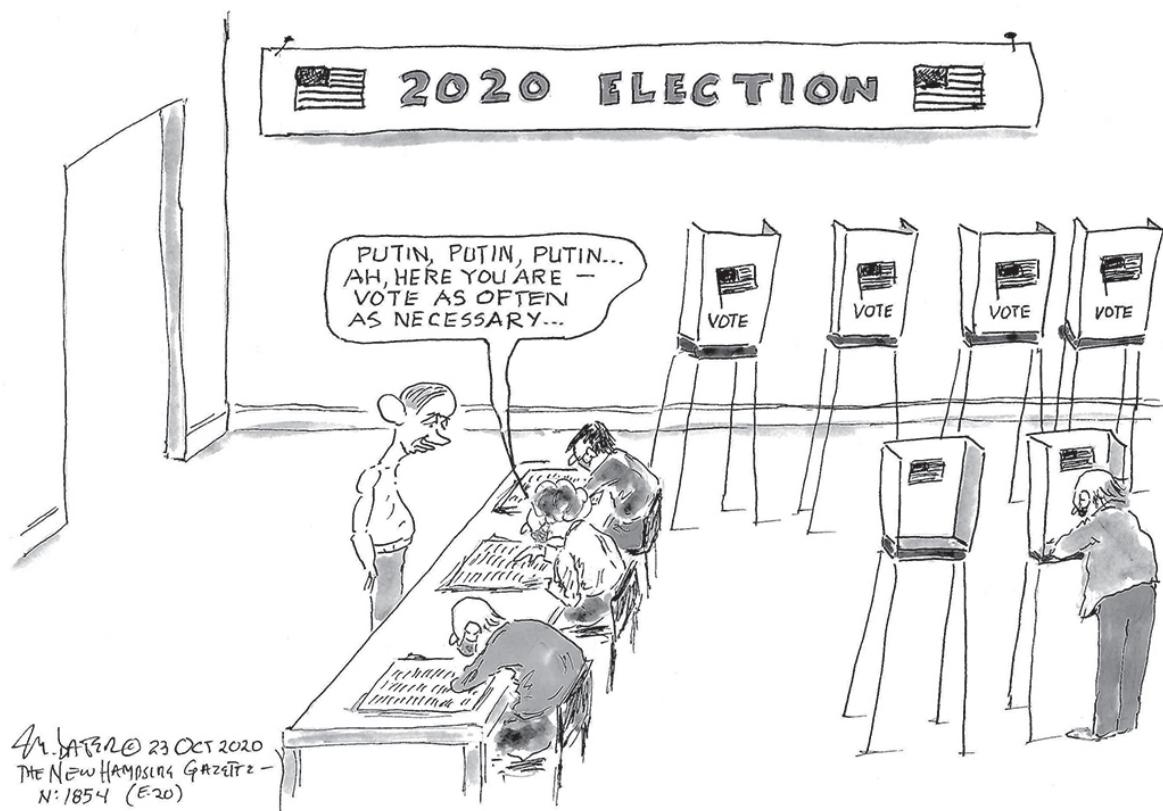
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### Iceless Sea Sets Arctic Record

by Jessica Corbett, *Common Dreams*, October 22, 2020

Climate scientists and activists responded with alarm Thursday to reporting that this is the latest date in recorded history that "the main nursery of Arctic sea ice in Siberia has yet to start freezing," another example of the present-day consequences of human-caused global heating.

According to the *Guardian*, "The delayed annual freeze in the Laptev Sea [east of Bolshevik Island] has been caused by freakishly protracted warmth in northern Russia and



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the intrusion of Atlantic waters, say climate scientists who warn of possible knock-on effects across the polar region."

"The lack of freeze-up so far this fall is unprecedented in the Siberian Arctic region," Zachary Labe, a postdoctoral researcher at Colorado State University, told the newspaper, adding that the current conditions are in line with scientists' expectations about the consequences of anthropogenic climate change.

"2020 is another year that is consistent with a rapidly changing Arctic," added Labe, who also shared a series of related graphics on Twitter. "Without a systematic reduction in greenhouse gases, the likelihood of our first 'ice-free' summer will continue to increase by the mid-21st century."

As the *Guardian* detailed:

The Laptev Sea is known as the birthplace of ice, which forms along the coast there in early winter, then drifts westward carrying nutrients across the Arctic, before breaking up in the spring in the Fram Strait between Greenland and Svalbard. If

ice forms late in the Laptev, it will be thinner and thus more likely to melt before it reaches the Fram Strait. This could mean fewer nutrients for Arctic plankton, which will then have a reduced capacity to draw down carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

More open sea also means more turbulence in the upper layer of the Arctic ocean, which draws up more warm water from the depths.

In a series of tweets about the reporting, climate scientist Peter Kalmus declared, "Goodbye to the delicate sheet of ice at the top of our planet."

Kalmus was far from alone in expressing concern and frustration over the conditions in the Arctic and pointing to the new record as just the latest evidence that policymakers must urgently address the climate crisis.

"This is a frightening milestone," Food & Water Watch tweeted about the lack of ice in the Laptev Sea. "Our leaders must act to curb and mitigate climate change."

The Green Party in the United

Kingdom also shared the report and warned that "we're breaking the wrong records."

"Time is running out," tweeted former congressional candidate Skylar D. Hurwitz, calling on Americans to vote for Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden. Although the former vice president remains under pressure from progressives to embrace bolder policies, the contrast between his positions and those of President Donald Trump has won him widespread support from climate experts and advocates.

The latest climate crisis record comes after Arctic sea ice shrank to the second-lowest documented extent last month, which the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration found was the hottest September ever recorded. Global scientists warned earlier this month that 2020 is on track to be the warmest year on record.

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**Exhibit A—2020:** a year so discombobulating that even the Flag Police were briefly confused about this display. A ruling, however, has finally been reached. Spoiler alert: the details are filed under "Busted on Three Counts."

### Murph's Fortnightly Quote

*"He is using my words and my voice to portray a message that I do not endorse."*

— John Fogerty (1945- ), objecting to Donald Trump using "Fortunate Son" at campaign rallies

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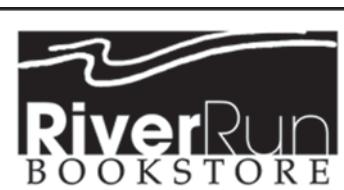
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**Beware These Ghouls**

To the Editor:

This is the season for ghosts, ghouls, goblins and reactionary Republicans! Be afraid, very afraid! Messner, Mowers, McConnell and Mr. Chameleon/ Mr. Masquerade, Gov. Sununu!

First, we have another carpetbagger vying for a New Hampshire congressional seat. Matt Mowers was a New Jersey operative for Gov. Chris Christie (See "Bridgegate"). Mowers is part of a far-right Republican plan to turn New Hampshire's CD-1, *RED!* Moreover, "Colorado" Corky Messner is challenging Senator Shaheen for a Senate seat. Moreover, how many New Hampshire citizens know that the current governor has ties to the far-right Josiah Bartlett Center for Public Policy, funded mostly by Koch Industries, as is the New Hampshire branch of "Americans for Prosperity," the lobby group for "Right to Work" legislation in New Hampshire?

Mowers has been endorsed by the pro-Big Business, anti-union, reactionary U.S. Chamber of Commerce. This "chamber of horrors" works hand-in-hand with the right-wing American Enterprise Institute, and the Heritage Foundation, both of which oppose the Green New Deal!

Moreover, two Manchester police "unions" have endorsed Mowers, who, if elected, would work to maintain the secret "shield" that protects bad cops who act illegally, unethically and immorally. The incumbent, Rep. Chris Pappas, voted for the George Floyd Justice Act which would eliminate this "qualified immunity" shield. Pappas said: "The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act puts accountability and transparency front and center while also focusing on improving training, curtailing excessive use of force, and increasing accountability for bad actors. New Hampshire is not immune from the problems we see across the country, but I'm proud that New Hampshire has already taken action on many of the priorities in this legislation."

It is clear that when one examines Rep. Pappas' voting record, overall, it has benefitted not only New Hamp-

shire citizens but citizens in other states. A Representative of the people should act for the "common good" of all residents of America. Chris Pappas has done that. He has earned our support for reelection.

Will Thomas

Auburn, N.H.

*Will:*

*If anyone doubts that Mowers could get elected in the First District, we would only say, remember Frank Guinta!*

*The Editor*

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**The New Math**

To the Editor:

A few years back there were lots of stories of parents being unable to help their kids with math homework because the schools were teaching "the new math." So here's a little math quiz using the "new math." Try not to peek at the answers.

Question: When is 90 more than 100?

Answer: when you are microwaving. 100 will translate to 60 seconds (*i.e.* 1 minute), and 90 will be 90 seconds, or 1 1/2 minutes.

Question: When is two larger than 10?

Answer: when you are a Republican senator trying to pack the Supreme Court.

The Republican senate held up even considering Merrick Garland, a notably moderate judge with a strong record, for 10 months in 2016. They claimed that 10 months "was too close to the election and the people should decide." Now less than two weeks before a presidential election (30 million people have already voted) they are rushing through the nomination of a radically conservative judge with a short record and who won't answer any questions!

So 10 months is too close to the election, but two weeks isn't.

Maybe it's not really "the new math," maybe it's just astounding hypocrisy!

Let's fight to bring back democracy.

Michael Frandzel

Portsmouth, N.H.

*Michael:**Ah, yes—the new math. How well we*

*remember being baffled by that little experiment. If we were of a paranoid bent, we might wonder if it was a requisite prelude to Reaganomics.*

*The Editor*

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**It Is Time For Introspection**

To the Editor:

A brief note to those considering voting for Donald Trump.

Recall your Civics and U.S. History to remind yourself why our Founding Fathers created our government, with three different but equal branches. It was a specific plan to make sure America would never be ruled by a monarch or dictator. Think how far America has slid toward either of those undesirable forms of government in the past four years.

My desire to continue the evolution of America "toward a more perfect union" compels me to confront those considering abandoning your historically fair-minded and reasonable New Hampshire Republican values of honesty, integrity, limited government, and fiscal restraint to ask if you *really* understand what the impact of another four years of a Trump Presidency would do to America?

Would you buy a used car from Donald Trump?

Would you hire Donald Trump to babysit your daughter?

Do you feel Trump has managed the coronavirus pandemic well, showing concern for preventing its spread?

Do you really believe the best way to deal with protests in our streets is to "dominate" U.S. citizens with federal troopers?

Do you think it productive to our world standing to criticize allies and defend our adversaries? To separate children from parents at our border?

Do you really think Trump cares about workers and improving their lives? Do you think Trump's trade wars have improved the lives of Americans and created more jobs?

Do you really think a Republican health plan, after Obamacare is repealed, would provide more affordable protection to all?

Have you looked at the rise of debt and deficit under Trump?

Please think really hard about these!

Your freedom and life in a democratic society...and mine...are at stake in this election.

Herb Moyer

Exeter, N.H.

*Herb:*

*We're not sure it will have much efficacy, but thank you for standing up for logic. We would take issue, though, with your apparent concern about the deficit.*

*The current regime has certainly demonstrated an astonishing willingness to set ablaze an absolute Everest of currency. The moment they find it convenient, though—say, January 20th, to pick a date out of the ether—Republicans are going to suddenly remember their unshakeable commitment to a balanced budget.*

*The Editor*

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**What Has Sununu Cost Us?**

To the Editor:

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Just a few: Berlin, Claremont, Concord, Conway, Derry, Dover, Enfield, Franklin, Groveton, Hanover, Jaffrey, Lebanon, Laconia, Manchester, Nashua, Ossipee, Rochester, Shelburne, Somersworth, Temple, Winchester....

What is "local control," if towns can't pursue enormous energy savings for their citizens? Is Sununu making his fossil fuel donors happy, by robbing our towns and you of the money you could be saving, on good clean renewable energy?

Sununu's opponent, Senate Majority leader Dan Feltes, championed clean energy and net metering during his three terms in our N.H. state Senate. Check out Dan's thorough, thoughtful energy plan: <https://medium.com/@DanFeltesNH/green-jobs-green-future-df92e0db1c8>.

Susan Richman  
Durham, N.H.

*Susan:*  
*Sununu père did incalculable damage as George H.[H.]W. Bush's minion. We did what we could to catalog his sins in December, 2018 [https://www.nhgazette.com/pdf/263\_06.pdf]. Now fils follows in his footsteps. If we had unlimited resources we'd turn an investigative team loose on our Hereditary Governor. We suspect it would take dozens of top-notch forensic accountants, and perhaps a few psychiatrists, to fathom the Sununu dynasty's abhorrence of sustainability.*

*The Editor*

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## Move New Hampshire Ahead

To the Editor:

I am asking the voters in Portsmouth's Ward 3 (voting at the new Senior Activity Center on Cottage St.) to support my re-election to a third term in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. We used to say, "All politics is local," but now it seems that we can claim that for this election year, "All politics is national."

During the last session, as the result of the virus pandemic, many good bills and initiatives were never given a final vote. Too much partisanship and the indiscriminate vetoing of even bipartisan bills by the Governor were the primary causes.

While neighboring states, two with Republican governors, are making significant quality of life and environmental progress for their state's residents, New Hampshire's Governor has put the brakes on progress for political reasons. This has resulted in a lack of trust between the parties and the legislators. Even initiatives championed by Republican senators, and supported by many Democrats were vetoed, with no credible alternatives offered.

New Hampshire will continue to fall behind unless Democrats win a two-thirds majority in the House or if a new Governor is elected. Our state also faces serious revenue shortfalls, and we must be willing to look at all options to get our state back to normal, or face large property tax increases.

During the past years on the Science Technology & Energy committee I have sponsored or co-sponsored energy efficiency and renewable energy bills. In addition, the Citizens' Initiative, which I started and which privately raised \$42,000, is now installing real-time radiation monitors

around the Seabrook nuclear plant to enhance public safety. For the past sessions, I have also been sponsoring bills and working with the New Hampshire DOT and our Utilit utility to find a way to install noise barriers for the Pannaway Manor neighborhood.

However, in the coming session health issues must have priority. Until the pandemic has been suppressed, our economy can not recover. Actions such as full expansion of Medicaid, adding dental coverage for low-income residents, assisting Granite Staters with virus-related expenses, and passing family and medical leave insurance, must be passed into law. We must also raise the minimum wage in New Hampshire to a livable wage, because we can all see that New Hampshire residents are struggling financially.

I would also ask you to consider my good friend Joan Hamblet, who is also running for House, representing Ward 3 in Portsmouth and some other area towns.

You can find more information about my candidacy at [www.psoms-sichnh.com](http://www.psoms-sichnh.com), or contact me at (603) 436-5382 or email at [staterep27nh@gmail.com](mailto:staterep27nh@gmail.com).

You, the voters, have the power to set the course for our state. I would greatly appreciate your vote on Nov. 3rd.

Peter Somssich  
State Representative, Ward 3  
Portsmouth, N.H.

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**Ignore Slavery, It's No Longer Operative**  
*[Note: Ten years ago this month Mr. Ewing began favoring us with his thoughts. Why he continues to bother, considering our treatment of them, we cannot say.*

*Only recently—far too recently—due to his habit of quoting from questionable sources, we instituted a policy of prefacing his letters with a warning to readers*

*against putting any faith in statistics preferred by him. Statistics are not a problem in this letter, but it's clearly time to expand that disclaimer.*

*The last few years have demonstrated all too well the remarkable efficacy of a technique called the "Firehouse of Falsehood," also known as "Flooding the Zone with [digestive byproduct].] In order to counteract Mr. Ewing's chronic use of this annoying ploy, we have chosen to publish only selected bits of his—there is no other term for it—Hate Mail. — The Ed.]*

To the Editor:

It's not slavery that hurts Americans today; slavery was outlawed 155 years ago. Americans should feel proud that our founders stated in our country's first official document the (Judeo-Christian) principle that "all men are created equal." We fulfilled that principle and ended slavery at the cost of about 400,000, mostly white, lives.

Slavery was a normal, legal, worldwide practice for many millennia. People of every race enslaved people of every race. Blacks in Africa first enslaved the people who were eventually sold in America to both white and Black slave owners.

*[Here we delete 313 more words, since this pig is wearing enough lipstick already. We'll sum them up: The founders' slave ownership should be forgiven as easily as speeding in an automobile; Joe Biden is a hypocrite because he's sold a lot of books and been paid for that, yet thinks taxes should be higher; Black people oppressed by bad schools and bad cops only have Democrats to blame. — The Ed.]*

If you want to help poor Black Americans and give them hope, then vote for school choice, a growing economy, and law and order; to help poor Black Americans, you must vote for Republicans.

Don Ewing  
Meredith, N.H.  
Don:

*It's been 66 million years since the asteroid hit. By your logic, the dinosaurs*

*ought to be over it by now. If someone were to steal your Buick—somehow we just know it's a Buick—would it be OK if we bought it?*

*Allow us to whup on you something Thomas Paine wrote, in African Slavery in America (March 1775): "The Managers of that Trade themselves, and others, testify, that many of these African nations inhabit fertile countries, are industrious farmers, enjoy plenty, and lived quietly, averse to war, before the Europeans debauched them with liquors, and bribing them against one another; and that these inoffensive people are brought into slavery, by stealing them, tempting Kings to sell subjects, which they can have no right to do, and hiring one tribe to war against another, in order to catch prisoners. By such wicked and inhuman ways the English are said to enslave towards one hundred thousand yearly; of which thirty thousand are supposed to die by barbarous treatment in the first year; besides all that are slain in the unnatural wars excited to take them. So much innocent blood have the Managers and Supporters of this inhuman Trade to answer for to the common Lord of all!"*

The Editor

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## Good Questions

Dear Editor,

Why does Trump deny the efficacy of masks, when doctors agree this simple measure could prevent hundreds of thousands of deaths? Is he intentionally ignorant, or so selfish that the inconvenience of mask wearing to preserve other peoples' health is beyond his moral character?

Why does he actively thwart cooperative efforts to reverse global warming before the climate crisis becomes irreversible? Is he scientifically stupid, or selfishly willing to sacrifice the well-being of our planet to grab short-term petro-profit?

Why does he work to remove health insurance from millions, before coming up with a workable replacement? Does he actually believe his slap-dash slogans are a replacement, or is he unconcerned with the lives and health of people unlike him?

Why does he foment restriction and distrust of our election system? Is he

simply willing to destroy our democracy to remain in power, or is he viciously eager to do so?

Bruce Joffe  
Piedmont, Calif.  
Bruce:  
Both? All of the above?  
The Editor

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## A Superlative That Actually Fits

Dear Editor:

Former White House Chief of Staff, retired Marine Gen. John Kelly, has publicly called Donald Trump "the most flawed person I have ever known." Former Health and Human Services scientist Rick Bright has called Trump "unfit for office." Yet the people raising their red hats to Trump aren't deterred. They start to seem like dinosaurs grabbing at the decreasing amount of foliage they need to survive. What have they got left? Trump's railing with swear words at CNN for reporting the numbers of us dead from Covid-19 and the rising numbers of us infected—how can anyone fall for him?

I feel for the medical personnel and their support staff around our country who go to work each day trying to save people from Covid-19, working to exhaustion, while Trump makes people laugh about his disdain like a stand-up comedian with poor taste. The worst of it is that he got put into power and abuses it, not caring about the oath he took.

Lynn Rudmin Chong  
Sanbornton, N.H.

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## Trump and the QAnon Death Cult

To the Editor:

Blend a sudden global respiratory viral pandemic with an incompetent, science-denying Donald Trump downplaying the virus as a liberal hoax, add a full measure of disgust for pedophilia, and beat vigorously on social media.

Swallowing this delicious mixture is comforting for many folks, who prefer it to the menace of a death avoided only by masks and separation. QAnon

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## Why I'm Not Voting for Donald Trump

by W.D. Ehrhart

Just a few days ago, an e-mail acquaintance of mine sent me this: "Gotta admit I'm voting for Trump because I fear what happens if he loses. Who is Trump running against? I don't think that Joe's cognitive skills are up to the task. I think almost everything he says has been scripted for him."

"Harris? I'm not even sure Joe picked her. Look at the horrible claims she made against him while she was still campaigning—and now they're buds? I have to believe that powers behind the scenes have designs on how they'll direct Joe on what his policies will be. If, for some reason, he's unable to complete four years and Harris takes over, she'll have to go along with the plans made for Joe. If she didn't agree to those terms, she wouldn't have been picked for the VP slot. If the democrats take the white house, I'm afraid we're in for an extreme radical-leftist shift. Maybe some folks think that's what we should have."

Here is my reply:

"I have to admit that I was taken very much by surprise when I read your e-mail yesterday. I spent a good deal of last night awake, thinking about all of this. This morning I went back and re-read our entire exchange of e-mails and letters go-

ing back to June 9, 2019. And I see a very distinct, clear pattern.

"In your very first letter, you write, 'I highly value your opinions. My question is about the aftermath of Tet. If the Americans would have/could have followed it up with smashing great force against the Viet Cong and NVA, would the war's end have been different? It seems that Tet was a military disaster for the communists. The American media did everything it could to portray the United States as the Tet Offensive's loser.' And you go on to repeat multiple popular myths about the war that have no basis in fact.

"In response to your first letter, I sent you a long and detailed e-mail explaining the reality of what was happening in Vietnam, citing for you a number of factual historical sources and references. Over the next weeks and months, you returned with a number of questions, each of which was based—forgive me, please—on a serious lack of factual knowledge. (One I particularly remember was your staggering misbelief that 'the Chinese effectively still are in charge' of Vietnam when in fact the two peoples are mortal enemies.)

"I had hoped that by my taking the time to respond to so many of your questions in such detail, you would begin to realize that what you

believe and how you see the world are based on a serious lack of knowledge. You subscribe to a view of the world that is without foundation or support in historical reality.

"If I managed to teach you anything at all about history, none of that translated into an understanding of the political situation we are facing in this country today. You believe that if Biden wins, the country will become 'extreme radical-leftist.' Joe Biden is about as vanilla mainstream as a politician can get. There is absolutely nothing 'extreme radical leftist' about him. His record over the years is almost painfully moderate, middle-of-the-road. (Indeed, a big reason I am not hugely enthusiastic about him is because he is not progressive enough.)

"And as for Kamala Harris, she was a prosecutor and state attorney general. This is not exactly 'extreme radical-leftist,' even in California.

"And who are these ominous 'powers behind the scenes' who are directing Biden, and will direct Harris if she takes over? The evil Deep State that is out to hand the U.S.A. over to China or Antifa or the Mexicans? The secret supporters of Bernie Sanders, who have somehow infiltrated and taken over the Democratic party even though they couldn't manage to finagle Bernie's nomination? Are you a follower of

QAnon? Where do you get these ideas? What knowledge are your beliefs based on?

"I happen to know Joe Biden as it turns out. His nephew went to the school where I taught, and I coached him for four years, advised him for three years, and taught him for two years. I got to know the boy and his parents very well, and through them met Joe Biden on a number of occasions. He is not a doddering old senile septuagenarian. He is sharp as a tack and in far, far better physical health than our current president. Moreover, Joe Biden is a decent man.

"Meanwhile, our current president is a bullying, blustering, narcissistic, racist, sexist, lying, cheating, selfish, truly ignorant grifter who has spent four years thumbing his nose at the Constitution, dismantling the institutions created by that document, and riding roughshod over the separation of powers. He has seriously damaged American democracy, courted dictators, insulted allies, and encouraged rightwing violence. And he has done this with the support of Republicans like Mitch McConnell and Lindsey Graham. He has made our nation the laughing stock of the world—I have contacts in Britain, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Austria, Australia, India, Japan, Thailand, and Vietnam, and I can

tell you that people in those countries are scratching their heads and wondering if Americans have lost their minds.

"I will also say this: I am far less afraid of a disorganized mob in the streets throwing bricks through store windows than I am of organized militias dressed in full body armor and carrying AK-47s and AR-15s. If you could listen to Donald Trump tell the Proud Boys to 'stand back and stand by,' and not feel the shivers running up and down your spine, then you and I really do have nothing in common.

"I sincerely hope that is not the case. In the first letter you ever wrote me, as I said, you wrote, 'I highly value your opinions.' I hope that is true. And I hope that you will reconsider your beliefs about the possible consequences of this election. Historical analogies are never completely accurate because every situation is different. But it is worth remembering that Joseph Stalin, Benito Mussolini, and Adolph Hitler all came to power legally, as did Vladimir Putin. I fully believe that if Donald Trump remains in office—by hook or by crook—another four years, you can kiss American democracy goodbye.

"If you truly value my opinions, you will think long and hard about what I've said in this e-mail."

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makes it clear we are threatened, instead, by an identifiable, hidden, global cabal of child-violating liberal elites. Instead of separation and fear, the global threat is to be fought by the enlightened, intimate groups of QAnon adherents.

QAnon offers clear answers and familiar, evil "others," to those seeking order and escape from the fear of death from the coronavirus. This is an order apparently particularly appealing to many with a conservative mind set.



Participating in QAnon means you are embraced by myriads of fellow truth seekers and combatants against evil. You are a warrior, protecting and freeing the children.

At the recent Trump rally in Georgia, a mask-less man, an avowed Democrat and Trump supporter, crowd surfs, born aloft by ecstatic mostly mask-less Trump adherents. Mask-less, you have rejected the virus and are free from fear,

literally and figuratively embraced by your brother and sister Trump and QAnon adherents.

QAnon was launched in the 2016 Presidential campaign as part of the rationale for supporting Donald Trump. But in 2020 it's the global Covid-19 pandemic and Donald Trump's downplaying of the virus that is the basis for exponential growth of the QAnon death cult.

Trump and QAnon differ from the traditional raucous fascist celebration of Mussolini's minions with the motto "Long Live Death."

QAnon is a deceptive Trumpian death cult variation. Our fearless leader downplays the virus and his manifest responsibility for contributing to the mushrooming mass death toll and mass unemployment. Instead, blame is shifted from the perfect Donald J. Trump onto global

liberal elites, the perfect foil for core, Anglo Trump voters, now freed from the virus.

It's crazy. And clearly the real blood is on the hands of Donald Trump.

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Roy Morrison  
Newton, Mass.

Roy:  
Well, that's reassuring.  
The Editor

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## Liberals, it's time to stop gazing at our navels

by Jean Stimmell

In a few short weeks, the election will be over and, win or lose, we will have to pick up the pieces and move on. How is that possible with all the bad blood and name-calling between the left and the right? In a word, we must have empathy for the other side.

What I am going to say, I've felt for a long time, alluded to in my pieces, but now have the courage to say it flat-out, buttressing my case with a recent podcast and a book.

The podcast is an interview with Arlie Hochschild about her recent book, *Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right*.<sup>1</sup> In it, she accuses mainstream Democrats of living in a bubble: "There's a rigid sort of inward-turning." I agree: Rather than reaching out to the other side to look for common ground, we often resort to attacking our own side or debating minutia, like how many angels can dance on the head of a pin.

According to Hochschild, to understand the other side, we must

have empathy for their story. She says, the left and the right each have a deep story—very different from each other—for which we hold a strong emotional attachment; the stories are dream-like and told through metaphor. Because they feel right, we build our politics around them.

The deep-story for a Trump supporter "is that you're waiting in line for the American dream that you feel you very much deserve. You've been waiting a long time, but the line has stopped moving. Then you see somebody cutting ahead of you." Why are they getting special treatment?

In her 2016 campaign, Hillary Clinton validated this working-class, deep story by appearing to spend much of her time advocating for minorities while ignoring white working Americans. She sealed her fate when she claimed: "half of Donald Trump's supporters belong in a 'basket of deplorables.'"<sup>2</sup>

That quote struck a very raw nerve.

Continuing with Hochschild's

metaphor about the Trump supporters' deep story: they felt betrayed and shamed by "someone highly educated, someone from that so-called elite...really close to the prize, or they have the prize. But they turn around and look at the others who are waiting in line and say, 'Oh, you backward, Southern, ill-educated, racist, sexist, homophobic redneck... And then they felt like strangers in their own land."

My other reference is Touré Reed's book, *Toward Freedom: The Case Against Race Reductionism*,<sup>3</sup> which extends sympathy to white working-class Americans from a different perspective. Reed is a third-generation African-American humanities professor and a committed progressive in the FDR/Bernie Sanders mold. Along with other black intellectuals like Dr. Cornel West, Reed believes it is a polarizing dead-end to fixate solely on our nation's history of racism and white supremacy.

While they absolutely accept the terrible reality of America's racial history, they argue that the problems

we face today—wealth inequality, police brutality, and mass incarceration—affect white Americans as well.

As one of today's best economists, Peter Temin has written: we are a divided country with 20 percent at the top, while, on the other side "huddled together in increasing poverty in the low wage sector, burdened with debt, struggling to pay their home mortgage... For the majority, there is no future."<sup>4</sup>

For Reed and other black scholars in his camp, it is crystal clear that inequality has at least as much to do with class as it does with race. The way forward is to promote a broad working-class coalition that includes all workers. When such interracial solidarity is achieved, he says, as it was during the New Deal era, blacks make the most progress toward equality.

For that to happen, Reed says, we must institute a new New Deal, modeled after what President Roosevelt proposed during his final State of the Union speech in 1944, "which would establish the right to a job, a

living wage, a decent home, and healthcare."<sup>5</sup> This sounds like Bernie Sander's platform, who, by the way, was popular with white voters who ended up voting for Trump.

We each have our deep stories, the right and the left. Perhaps, if we can muster empathy and understanding for those on the other side, we can form that interracial working-class solidarity essential to racial equality and, in the process, resurrect the American Dream.

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### An Important Distinction

To the Editor:

It has been nice to see all the signs for Joe Biden around the state. Especially encouraging for the country and for the future of the Republican Party are the "Republicans For Biden" signs, including the one in Rye Center, "I Am A Republican Not A Fool - Biden 2020."

Cynthia Muse

Rye, N.H.

Cynthia:

In Rye, no less....

The Editor

### Flotsam & Jetsam

"While utterly discarding all creeds, and denying the truth of all religions, there is neither in my heart nor upon my lips a sneer for the hopeful, loving and tender souls who believe that from all this discord will result a perfect harmony; that every evil will in some mysterious way become a good, and that above and over all there is a being who, in some way, will reclaim and glorify

*every one of the children of men; but for those who heartlessly try to prove that salvation is almost impossible; that damnation is almost certain; that the highway of the universe leads to hell; who fill life with fear and death with horror; who curse the cradle and mock the tomb, it is impossible to entertain other than feelings of pity, contempt and scorn."*

— Robert G. Ingersoll

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"...I rate us [writers] on the basis of our splendid failure to do the impossible. In my opinion, if I could write all my work again, I am convinced that I would do it better, which is the healthiest condition for an artist. That's why he keeps on working, trying again; he believes each time that this time he will do it, bring it off. Of course he won't, which is why this condition is healthy. Once he did it, once he matched the work to the image, the dream, nothing would remain but to cut his throat, jump off the other side of that pinnacle of perfection into suicide."

— William Faulkner

## The exceptional greed of healthcare execs

by Jim Hightower

Sometimes I don't know whether to weep uncontrollably, laugh hysterically, or just throw up.

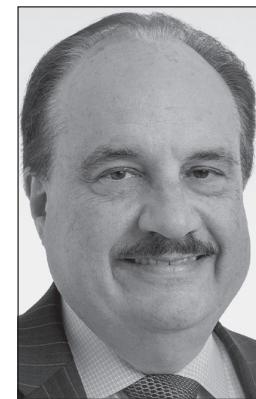
I recently did all three when I saw another gusher of greed pouring out of corporate America. This one is especially nauseating, given today's raging health crisis, for the culprits are major healthcare corporations!

One perpetrator is Larry Merlo, CEO of our country's largest drugstore chain, CVS. In this time of Covid-19, customers are surging into the chains 10,000 stores for everything from medications to masks. Yet, the boss has blithely left many of the pharmacies so severely understaffed that they pose a danger to public health.

CVS pharmacists tell of frantically scrambling to keep up with filling prescriptions, answering ever-ringing phone inquiries, giving shots and

Covid tests, stocking toilet paper, tending the drive-through, &c.—while also having to meet ceaseless corporate demands for cost-cutting and more profit. The result has been a dangerous work overload, with many pharmacists handling nearly 200 prescriptions in a six-hour shift, about one every two minutes. Unsurprisingly, there's been an alarming rise in serious errors and week-long delays in providing critical medications for customers.

Adding to the exasperation of local managers, who are allowed no say in staffing, is the infuriating level of heedless greed at the top. The *New York Times* reports that while CEO Merlo has failed to fund the staff his pharmacies need, he has generously funded his own needs—he paid himself \$36.5 million last year alone. Then there is the mountain of interest payments and fees that CVS is paying to Wall Street bankers and



Larry Merlo

lawyers who engineered Merlo's monopolistic deal to take over the Aetna health insurance giant last year.

So, while you're being underserved at a local CVS, just remember that Bossman Merlo and his merger mercenaries are making a killing. How comforting is that?

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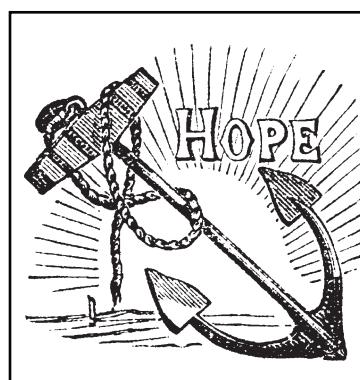
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## ADMIRAL FOWLE'S PISCATAQUA RIVER TIDAL GUIDE (NOT FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES)

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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2001—Sen. Russ Feingold votes "nay" on the "PATRIOT" Act.	2016—Bloomberg reports that Frederick Trump, Donald's grandpa, once ran a brothel in British Columbia.	2004—The Red Sox take their first Series since 1918 from the Cards.	2016—Disregarding advice from Justice Dept. lawyers, Director James Comey announces that the FBI has re-opened its investigation of the Democratic Presidential candidate 10 days before the election.	2004—Osama bin Laden explains: 9/11 was retaliation for the U.S. backing Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon.	2017—President Trump's ex-campaign manager Paul Manafort and his associate Rick Gates are arrested on a slew of charges by the FBI.	2016—Chris Sununu claims Democrats bus voters in from Mass. He's lying, but Donald Trump likes the line.
1983—U.S. troops protect us (and distract from the loss of 241 Marines in Beirut) by invading Grenada.	2010—Arizona kills Jeffrey Landrigan, using drugs imported illegally.	1972—Richard Nixon pocket vetoes a bill to raise the veterans' health care budget by \$85 million.	2015—A Raytheon® Spy Blimp gets loose in Maryland. Drifting halfway across Pennsylvania, dragging a mile-long tether, it knocks out power for 20,000: bye-bye \$2.7 billion budget.	1984—New York City policemen kill African American Eleanor Bumpurs, 66, with two rounds from a 12 gauge. She was behind in her rent.	2012—For the first time since the Ice Age, public access to the sea at Sanders Point in Rye is cut off by would-be Senator Bill Binnie.	1973—Ex-Veep Spiro Agnew pays a \$10,000 fine for not paying taxes on the bribes he took in office.
1978—in response to GOP malfeasance, FISA is enacted—thereby enabling future GOP malfeasance.	2003—Iraqi resistance fighters nearly get Deputy Defence Secretary Paul Wolfowitz with a rocket in Baghdad.	1969—to convince the Soviets he's dangerously unstable, Richard Nixon secretly orders eighteen B-52s armed with H-bombs to spend the next three days flying around the North Pole.	2007—the Red Sox take the World Series in four from the Rockies.	1981—A British Parliamentarian asks Maggie Thatcher whether European governments were "free to veto [a] push on the final button by that incoherent cretin President Reagan?"	2005—Pastor Kyle Lake, 33, standing in water to perform a baptism before 800 people at a Waco, Texas Baptist church, reaches for a microphone and is electrocuted.	1967—Gov. Ronald Reagan denies a "homosexual ring" is operating out of his office in Sacramento.
1973—Henry Kissinger, Alexander Haig, and other unelected officials raise America's military readiness level to DEF CON 3 as Nixon sleeps.	1972—Four years after helping to scuttle peace talks and get Richard Nixon elected, Henry Kissinger announces that "Peace is at hand."	1967—Rev. Philip Berrigan and three friends pour duck blood on draft records in Baltimore, Md.	2008—the Red Sox take the World Series in four from the Rockies.	1979—On Wall Street, 1,000 people are arrested for disrupting business on the 50th Anniversary of the Crash.	1995—Quebec nearly votes to secede.	1941—The destroyer <i>U.S.S. Reuben James</i> is sunk by a U-Boat while on convoy duty on the North Atlantic.
1962—Nuclear-armed jets scramble from Duluth AFB because a guard, thinking it's an infiltrator, has shot a bear climbing a fence.	1971—Governor Reagan, calling the White House, refers to "those monkeys from those African countries... damn them, they're still uncomfortable wearing shoes," which President Nixon finds hilarious.	1965—"We must never forget," says Richard Nixon, "that if the war in Vietnam is lost...the right of free speech will be extinguished throughout the world."	1980—the Red Sox take the World Series in four from the Rockies.	1969—Chicago 8 defendant Bobby Seale is gagged and bound to a chair.	1990—for the first time since the Ice Age, England and Europe are connected; this time by channel.	1939—FDR moves the date of Thanksgiving ahead by one week to boost Christmas retail sales.
1960—Martin Luther King, Jr. gets four months at hard labor in Decatur, Ga. on odd traffic charges.	1966—Aboard the carrier <i>U.S.S. Oriskany</i> off Vietnam, a sailor throws an accidentally-ignited flare into a locker full of warheads. Explosions ensue, 44 die and 156 are injured.	1962—as air strikes loom, Kennedy gets a telegram from Khrushchev offering to swap Soviet missiles in Cuba for U.S. missiles in Turkey.	1980—Ronald Reagan out-debates Jimmy Carter—as well he should. His campaign manager, ex-CIA boss Bill Casey, slipped him a briefing book stolen from the Carter campaign.	1969—The last train rolls through Peterborough, N.H.: a runaway freight going 60 mph. It stops when it hits the School District office on Main St.	1970—California Governor Ronald Reagan's education advisor says, "We are in danger of producing an educated proletariat. That's dynamite! We have to be selective about who we allow to go through higher education."	1938—Convicted murderer John Deering's heart rate is monitored by an EKG as he's executed by a Utah firing squad: 180 beats per minute.
1944—Adm. Sprague's task force "Taffy 3," surprised by a far-larger group of Japanese ships at Samar Island, attacks ferociously, tipping the strategic balance at Leyte Gulf.	1974—Standard Oil's brand new leaded gas plant in New Jersey claims the first of five fatalities in one week.	1962—JFK and Khrushchev agree: Soviet nuclear missiles out of Cuba, U.S. nuclear missiles out of Turkey. Two years later, they're gone, too.	1989—Congress passes a new, improved Flag Protection Act; 227 days later it's struck down by the Court.	1958—a radioactive cloud drifts over Los Angeles after the explosion of an A-bomb in Nevada.	1967—Martin Luther King, Jr. is arrested in Birmingham, Ala.	1918—in a single week, Spanish Flu kills 21,000 Americans.
1944— <i>U.S.S. Tang</i> , captained by Dover's Richard H. O'Kane, is sunk by its own malfunctioning torpedo; 74 crewmen perish, 9 survive the sinking and a Japanese prison camp.	1975—The Clanton brothers shoot it out with the alleged law at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona.	1962—Already excommunicated by the local Mormon Church after his arrest for writing and distributing pamphlets calling Hitler supporters "spineless puppets," Helmut Hübener, 17, is guillotined in Berlin.	1990—the Red Sox take the World Series in four from the Rockies.	1958—the Soviet Union air-drops a 58-megaton H-bomb: the largest explosion in human history.	1950—Puerto Rican Nationalists begin a rebellion against U.S. rule.	1893—the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago closes; Daniel Fowle's printing press, which had been on display, is seen no more.
1920—Greece's King Alexander of Greece dies, bitten by his pet monkey.	1976—Allies gain a few hundred yards of mud at Passchendaele at the cost of 12,000 casualties.	1942—Already excommunicated by the local Mormon Church after his arrest for writing and distributing pamphlets calling Hitler supporters "spineless puppets," Helmut Hübener, 17, is guillotined in Berlin.	1991—the Red Sox take the World Series in four from the Rockies.	1959—the Soviet Union air-drops a 58-megaton H-bomb: the largest explosion in human history.	1948—Smog deaths in Donora, Pa. reach 20, and 6,000 are sick.	1885—a new Capitol guard in Statuary Hall fires his revolver at ghostly moans. He misses a prank-playing colleague, but leaves scars on the walls.
1917—Bolsheviks take over the Winter Palace and Petrograd in general.	1977—Lord James Cardigan leads a brigade of sword-brandishing light cavalrymen across open ground in a doomed attack against Russian artillery. Somehow, half survive.	1942—Already excommunicated by the local Mormon Church after his arrest for writing and distributing pamphlets calling Hitler supporters "spineless puppets," Helmut Hübener, 17, is guillotined in Berlin.	1992—the Red Sox take the World Series in four from the Rockies.	1960—the Soviet Union air-drops a 58-megaton H-bomb: the largest explosion in human history.	1938—CBS Radio broadcasts "War of the Worlds." Irresponsible newspapers spin a few isolated overreactions into a mythical national panic.	1765—the <i>New Hampshire Gazette</i> is printed "in mourning" for lost liberty, in protest of the Stamp Act, to take effect the following day.
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2004—Polling places in Franklin Co., Ohio get voting machines delivered; higher-income areas get more of them than lower-income areas.	2005—the <i>Washington Post</i> reveals that the CIA is protecting democracy by running a secret gulag.	1998—Charlotte Burks [D] is elected to succeed her late husband, Tennessee Senator Tommy Burks. Without campaigning, she gets 95 percent of the votes cast. Byron Low Tax Looper, a Republican who murdered Burks two weeks earlier, gets five percent.	2008—as America elects Obama, California restricts LGBT rights.	2004—a Franklin Co., Ohio official reports that Pres. Bush's 3,893 vote total in one district is erroneous—only 638 ballots were cast.	2018—Nevada's 36th district elects brothel-owner Dennis Hoff to the State Assembly by a huge margin. He's been dead for three weeks.	2007—Private Jessica Lynch accuses the Pentagon of exploiting her capture for propaganda purposes.
2001—George W.[MD] Bush signs an Executive Order conveniently hiding his father's misdeeds as Veep.	2004—Warren Co., Ohio officials say a "terrorist threat" is why they're counting votes behind locked doors.	1979—Militant Shi'ite Muslims take 66 Americans hostage in Teheran, dooming the Carter administration.	1979—Nam vet Ron McIntosh hijacks a helicopter and uses it to free his girlfriend from the Federal prison he escaped six days earlier.	2016—FBI Director James Comey says never mind about those emails.	2016—the all-woman Armed Resistance Movement bombs the U.S. Capitol; \$1 million in damage results.	1983—the all-woman Armed Resistance Movement bombs the U.S. Capitol; \$1 million in damage results.
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