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The Fortnightly Rant

We Are Officially Speechless

epublicans just threw out their Nown Speaker of the House. He had committed an unpardonable sin: he had worked with Democrats to keep the government running.

Kevin McCarthy's defenestration on Monday is a shocking event, even in this bizarre political climate. He is the first Speaker ever thrown out in the middle of his term. And this is not just any old term.

No, we're on the brink of a government shutdown. If Congress cannot pass a budget, in a matter of weeks the rest of the government will begin to grind to a halt. This territory is all too familiar, of course. It's enough to make one wonder if the terms could be reversed. Perhaps we should let the rest of the government decide whether to fund Congress.

In the absence of a Speaker, the House cannot conduct any business, except to try to elect a new Speaker. This makes it the legislative equivalent of that old Pentagon standby, the "self-licking ice cream cone"—a project whose only function is to perpetuate itself.

Now the House can't even manage that. More shocking still, this is an act of self-destruction, driven by a single member of McCarthy's own party. Grasping at the lone straw of reassurance we could find, at least if such a thing was to happen, it's fitting that Matt Gaetz would have been the one to do it.

A self-proclaimed Florida Man, Gaetz will apparently do anything. As a member of the Florida House of Representatives in 2015, he tried to block, and voted against, a bill to ban "revenge porn"—hardly the sort of behavior one might hope to expect from an alumnus of Niceville High School.

In 2018, Gaetz invited Charles C. Johnson to be his guest at the State of the Union address. Johnson, 34,

who calls himself an "investigative journalist," had written about the Holocaust in 2017, "I do not and never have believed the six million figure. I think the Red Cross numbers of 250,000 dead in the camps from typhus are more realistic. ... I agree with [Holocaust denier] David Cole about Auschwitz and the gas chambers not being real.... But I support Israel as a Jewish state and Zionism as a concept."

A few days earlier, according to The Hill, Gaetz had "appeared on prominent pro-Trump conspiracy theorist Alex Jones's online show, Infowars. In his appearance, Gaetz complained about being described as a conspiracy theorist."

The antipathy between Gaetz and McCarthy can be tracked back at least to January 6th of this year. During the penultimate vote leading to McCarthy's Speakership, Gaetz—who, seeking a little gravitas-by-association, was seated next to Lauren Boebert [R-Colo.],—had voted "present." McCarthy walked up the aisle to wheedle for a bit; the finger-pointing Gaetz was having none of that, though. The situation, already testy, began to get hostile. Rep. Mike Rogers [R-Ala.] started to harangue Gaetz, when someone behind Rogers clamped a hand over his mouth.

It appeared that all was lost for McCarthy. The House was about to adjourn when the orange deus ex machina made a few phone calls. McCarthy had been handing out concessions like party favors throughout the protracted process. Now his soul, such as it was, had been subdivided among the members of the QAnon caucus, and the disgraced former President, as well.

The public did get something out of all this tsuris: entertainment. The usual rules for TV cameras in

the House guarantee the footage will be boring. Since those rules can only be imposed by a sitting Speaker, though, the anarchy was, in fact, televised.

One might have thought—given the Republican penchant for heaping scorn on Neville Chamberlain for being a spineless appearer—that Speaker McCarthy would have been more careful than to give his bomb-throwing caucus permission for single Member to frag him. As is so often the case, though, when dealing with knuckleheads, one would be wrong.

But, here we are: the most powerful nation on Earth—when Republicans have not trussed it up like the Lilliputians did Gulliver, the better to work on their daddy issues—is on hold until further notice. Good thing there's not much else going on.

We'll get through this, if it doesn't go on too long. One of these days, though, we might need a government again. What if a land war starts in Europe? Suppose some thugs in the Caucasus decided to start ethnic cleansing?

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In view of our temporary state of aphasia, surely the Lord will spare us from storms like the one that recently shut down New York City. What are the odds that anyone will need FEMA before Republicans reach a truce in their civil war? Granted, that may take a little while. Gaetz is currently making the rounds fundraising, with McCarthy's scalp hanging from his belt.

Newt Gingrich, for one, isn't happy about that, and he wants Gaetz expelled—a reaction causing irony-meters everywhere to go "tilt." The former Speaker holds the only patent issued for "take no prisoners" politics since the days of dueling ended. On Gingrich's ouster in 1998, he said, "I'm willing to lead, but I'm not willing to preside over people who are cannibals."Then he took a swig of mead from the hollowed-out skull of his predecessor, Rep. Jim Wright [D-Texas].

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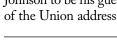
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Ever trying to be helpful, Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene [R-Ga.] is calling for former President Trump to be named Speaker.

Sadly, the Republican Conference's Rule 26 (a) says, "A member of the Republican Leadership shall step aside if indicted for a felony for which a sentence of two or more years imprisonment may be imposed." Of course, these are Republicans. They're adept at ignoring inconvenient rules.

In other news, NASA announced on Wednesday that the odds of Earth being hit by the asteroid Bennu are higher than were previously thought.

Unfortunately, those odds are still extremely low, and there is no chance of any impact coming soon enough to spare us from a possible Speaker Trump.



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Profits Over Progress: Corporate Sabotage at the Heart of Our Nation's Dysfunction

Corporations have far too much power. But We the People have more.

by Robert Weissman

and Joan Claybrook

[The following is based on an excerpt of the authors' new book, The Corporate Sabotage of America's Future and What We Can Do About It (Public Citizen & Essential Books / 2023).]

Tt is now conventional wisdom **⊥** that America is a divided country, with bitter partisan splits over just about everything.

It's undoubtedly true that Americans have divergent views on many important topics.

But the narrative of a Divided America obscures an equally important and rarely acknowledged truth: Americans agree on a great deal. Americans of all political stripes believe that big corporations have too much power and are weakening the nation.

• Corporations regularly rip us off with illegitimate fees, monopolistic pricing and windfall profiteering. Americans agree: This is wrong and the government should end corporate ripoffs.

• Corporations poison the air we breathe and the water we drink, spreading asthma and other diseases. Americans agree: This is wrong and the government should protect our health and the environment from corporate polluters.

 Corporations crashed the economy in 2008, costing us trillions of dollars and throwing millions out of work, and forcing millions of families out of their homes. Americans agreed: This was wrong and the executives responsible should be held accountable, and the Big Banks

most responsible should be broken

• Corporations gorge at the public trough, gouging taxpayers by extracting a vast array of ill-advised subsidies, giveaways, guarantees and other corporate welfare programs. Americans agree: This is wrong and the government should manage our public assets in the interests of the

 Corporations pay workers too little, oppose raising the minimum wage, undermine union organizing and expose workers to dangers. Americans agree: This is wrong and the government should guarantee workers' rights.

This new book of ours—titled The Corporate Sabotage of America's Future and What We Can Do About It—is about this central fact upon which Americans agree—the need

to confront corporate power—and how we can do that.

Americans Agree: Corporate Power is Out of Control

It's not an exaggeration to say Americans are united around the idea of controlling corporate power.

For just a moment, let's dive into some of the details.

By overwhelming margins, Americans favor steps to crack down on corporate abuses and protect regular people. For example:

 Roughly 90 percent of Americans want Medicare to negotiate drug prices.

• More than 80 percent of Americans want to end Dark Moneycret spending—in elections

• In fact, there's virtual unanimity among the public about the need to transform the campaign funding system. The only debate is between

those who favor "fundamental changes" and those who think it should be "completely rebuilt."

 Seven in 10 Americans favor transitioning the U.S. economy from fossil fuels to 100 percent clean energy by 2050.

• Three-quarters of Americans want stricter limits on smog. Even given the false choice between environmental protection and economic growth, voters overwhelmingly favor environmental protection.

 More than 4 in 5 favor banning single-use plastics.

• By a greater than 2-1 margin, voters support empowering Americans to sue corporations directly when they violate federal regulations.

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- More than 3 in 4 Americans believe CEOs should be held accountable for the crimes their companies commit, including being sent to jail, because there should be real consequences to corporate wrongdoing
- Eight in 10 Americans think the minimum wage is too low, and a strong majority favor raising it to \$15 an hour (more than double the current federal minimum).
- Four in 5 Americans support a requirement for paid family and medical leave.
- Three quarters of Americans want the government to do more to protect online privacy.
- Over two-thirds of Americans favor increased taxes on corporations and the wealthy.
- With near unanimity, voters believe there should be increased enforcement of laws and regulations in the U.S. against corporations.

The list goes on and on and on. Americans believe corporations are causing major problems and they want action.

This is not the profile of a divided nation!

(To appreciate just how astounding all these findings are, consider that only three in four people correctly believe the earth revolves

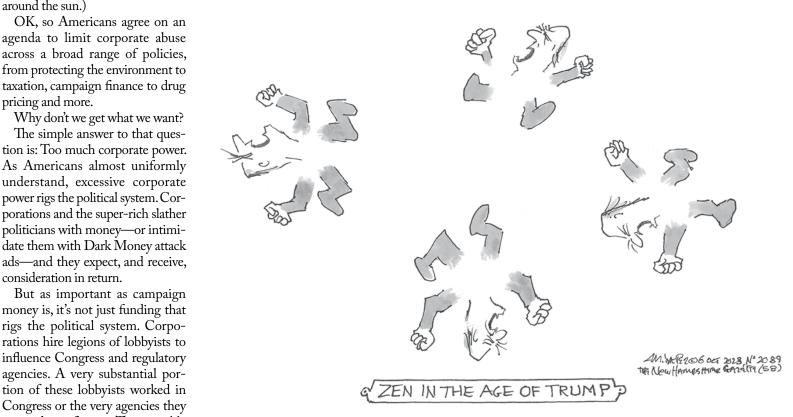
around the sun.)

OK, so Americans agree on an agenda to limit corporate abuse across a broad range of policies, from protecting the environment to taxation, campaign finance to drug pricing and more.

Why don't we get what we want? The simple answer to that question is: Too much corporate power. As Americans almost uniformly understand, excessive corporate power rigs the political system. Corporations and the super-rich slather politicians with money—or intimidate them with Dark Money attack

consideration in return. But as important as campaign money is, it's not just funding that rigs the political system. Corporations hire legions of lobbyists to influence Congress and regulatory agencies. A very substantial portion of these lobbyists worked in Congress or the very agencies they are paid to influence. They are able to draw not only on their insider knowledge of how things work, but on their personal connections with members of Congress, congressional staff and key officials in regulatory

Corporations understand very well that public opinion matters in policy debates. So along with playing the inside political game, they



spend hundreds of millions every year to commission studies, support think tanks and academics, hold conferences, and pay for issue advertisements to try to muddle public

Corporations aim to do more than influence public opinion with all that spending. The reports and papers from academics and think tanks lend a veneer of legitimacy when corporations make their arguments to policymakers. And the advertising is aimed to intimidate lawmakers-this money could easily be spent against you—into conforming with corporate demands.

Corporations also bring a superpower to political fights: The ability to argue that almost any measure that might reduce their profitability will threaten jobs and the overall well-being of the American economy. "Make us pay higher wages and we'll have to lay people off." "Require us to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and we'll lose out to overseas competitors.""Make us pay our fair share in taxes and we'll lose our incentive to invest." "Require us to pay a fair return to the government on the public resources we use and prices will go up for consumers."

We hear these arguments endlessly. They have great force, and not just because people need jobs and don't want to pay more for things

they need. They have such force because corporations have a tight grip on the economy and people and politicians fear their power. This is true even though we've seen time and again that when we make corporations behave fairly, they do just fine. In fact, many of the things forced on corporations—from the minimum wage to safety belts and airbags in cars, from safe drug regulation to anti-monopoly rules—have strengthened the economy and provided new profitable opportunities for business.

Dissecting Corporate Power: The Plan of this Book

Corporate Sabotage examines the problems posed by excessive corporate power. It highlights two cross-cutting issues—corporate dominance of our politics and corporate welfare—and it looks at three industry sectors: Big Pharma, Big Oil and Big Tech. These are among the most profitable and impactful industries in the world, each heavily dependent on the federal government and each exerting enormous influence over that same govern-

It's the central thesis of our new book that corporations have far, far too much power. But at the end of the day, We the People have more if we choose to organize, mobilize and demand the transformative changes that we support by overwhelming majorities.

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Group Behind Supreme Court CFPB Case Is Full of "Criminals, Crooks, and Predatory Lenders"

by Jake Johnson

The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday heard oral arguments in a case brought by a payday lending industry trade group that represents companies with long histories of engaging in criminal activity and drawing hundreds of millions of dollars in fines from regulators including the federal consumer protection agency they are now attempting to destroy.



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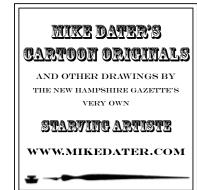




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An analysis released by the watchdog group *Accountable.US* ahead of Tuesday's proceedings cites a number of instances in which Community Financial Services Association of America (CFSA) board member companies were found to have taken part in "corruption and ethics scandals, including racketeering convictions, Ponzi scheme payouts, and payments to disgraced politicians."

The CFSA is before the Supreme Court on Tuesday challenging the constitutionality of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) funding structure. The bureau's funding comes from the Federal Reserve system, not annual congressional appropriations.

If the Supreme Court sides with the CFSA, the consumer bureau—which is tasked with combating corporate abuses—could be forced to rely on Congress for its annual budget, opening it up to politically motivated cuts pushed by industry-backed Republicans who have sought to abolish the CFPB.

The Supreme Court could also issue a more sweeping ruling that completely invalidates the actions

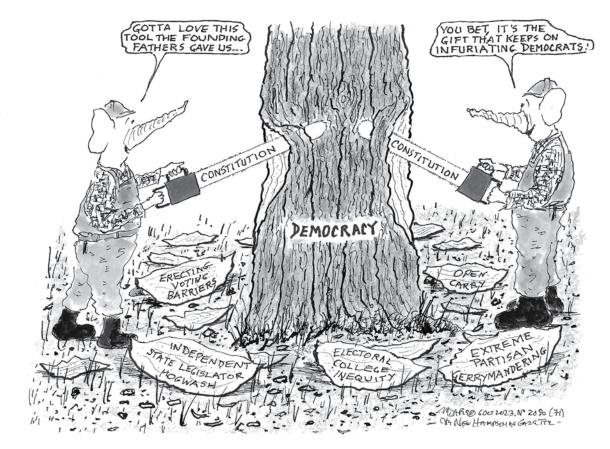
the agency has taken on behalf of consumers over the past dozen years, a decision that would have far-reaching implications for federal agencies, critical programs, and the U.S. economy.

The *Accountable.US* analysis makes clear that the beneficiaries of any weakening of the CFPB would be companies that have unlawfully preyed on consumers.

Enova International, a financial services firm whose chief strategy officer serves on the board of the CFSA, was fined \$3.2 million by the CFPB in 2019 "for debiting consumer bank accounts without their authorization," *Accountable.US* noted.

A year later, Progressive Leasing—a subsidiary of PROG Holdings—"paid \$175 million to settle a Federal Trade Commission lawsuit alleging the lender 'frequently' misled consumers by charging consumers twice the advertised ticket price for payments on rent-to-own items," the watchdog added.

The group estimated that CFSA companies have paid more than \$200 million in fines levied by U.S.



regulators.

Liz Zelnick, director of the Economic Security and Corporate Power program at *Accountable.US*, said Tuesday that "if ever there was a time to consider the source, it's this lawsuit."

"A gang of predatory payday lenders that include convicted racketeers and accused tax cheats, embezzlers, and scam artists want the Supreme Court to tie up the CFPB in knots of political obstruction and hamper the agency's work protecting consumers," said Zelnick. "These loan sharks notorious for charging as much as 1,200% interest rates are not the honest brokers and constitutional champions the financial industry and their lackeys in Congress make them out to be."

"If the Supreme Court sides with the criminals, crooks, and predatory lenders behind this case," Zelnick warned, "it would open the door to the worst rollback of consumer protection in U.S. history and mass uncertainty for the markets and other agencies."

Accountable. US and other watchdogs have called on Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito to recuse from the case, citing their ties to the Koch network and other corporate groups and wealthy individuals that support—or stand to benefit from—the challenge to the CFPB. Both justices have refused to do so.

"It's far past time for these justices to stop putting their billionaire pals over everyday Americans," *Accountable.US* president Caroline Ciccone said Monday. "Recusing themselves from cases where they have glaring conflicts of interest is the very least they can do to restore some semblance of credibility and integrity to our Supreme Court."

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Why Concerns About The Portland Press Herald's Funding Are Overblown

By Dan Kennedy

Recently Max Tani of *Semafor* and Richard J. Tofel, who write the newsletter *Second Rough Draft*, have raised questions about whether the folks involved in the purchase of the *Portland Press Herald* and its affiliated Maine papers from the retiring publisher, Reade Brower, have been sufficiently transparent in disclosing who the funders are.

The papers were bought during the summer by the National Trust for Local News, a nonprofit that has been involved in several acquisitions aimed at preventing legacy newspapers from falling into the hands of corporate chain ownership. In Maine, Tani and Tofel argue, the billionaire George Soros may have been more deeply involved than was previously known, while the involvement of another billionaire

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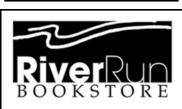
Basking in rare sunshine, the McIntyre Building looms over Ceres Street. On Tuesday, the bidding in the GSA's online auction had risen to \$8.5 million, putting the parcel beyond our reach. This is most unfortunate. If we were to redevelop this property, our first priority would have been to put the Post Office back where it belongs. We'll have to settle for Plan B. Whosoever does acquire and redevelop this property, beware; fail to bring back the Post Office, and you will face our eternal opprobrium.

Murph's Fortnightly Quote

"There is nothing I dread so much as the division of the republic into two great parties."

- John Adams (1735-1826)

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How to End a Shutdown

To the Editor:

The first of the month is when people's rent comes due. It is also when most people get paid. Unfortunately, federal employees will not be getting paid this October first because rogue members of the GOP in the House of Representatives won't allow a vote to fund the government.

They do not care if federal employees cannot pay their rent without a paycheck, or buy food for their family, or make a car payment. They also expect our men and women in uniform to protect this country without getting paid on time. They expect Air Traffic Controllers to work without receiving their paycheck too. They do not care about creating hardships for government employees. They think their constituents do not care either. They do not care because they are not going without a paycheck.

If public employees have to experience hardship, so should those who benefit from their work. I believe the Air Traffic Controllers should stay home until the government shutdown is over. If the public found their flights cancelled because a few Congressmen want to hold the country hostage the shutdown would be over in hours not days or weeks.

Walter Hamilton Portsmouth, N.H. Walter:

Since Speaker McCarthy and the Democrats managed to get a temporary spending bill passed, we won't be seeing this played out this month. However, Congress shows no sign of becoming significantly more functional. So, we'll get to go through the whole #@&ing rigamarole again in six weeks.

The last time Air Traffic controllers went on strike, Reagan fired them all. If Trump gets a second term and they strike, he'll have them all executed.

The Editor

Constitution, Schmonstitution

Dear Editor,

Trump's team of rascals charged in the Georgia election interference case are attempting to overturn Constitutional law in the twinkling of an evil eye.

For example, former federal justice department employee Jeffrey Clark is making a claim that the President has an "unqualified and illimitable right" to change federal job responsibilities from public to private to enable folks like himself to undertake Watergate-style partisan political activities at the state level. The idea was to change Georgia plumbing using federal stationery to coax Georgia into withholding certification of their election results (*The Hill*, September 15, 2023).

Articles I and II of the Constitution are all about qualifying and limiting the President's general functions in every way imaginable. Also, there is a long history of law qualifying and limiting how the President runs his own branch, ultimately tying employment decisions and directives to legislative branch checks and balances.

The President is not the footloose and fancy-free employer Clark makes him out to be. But Clark's lawyers are taking a stab at transferring his case to a more friendly federal court and will appeal if they lose. Who knows, some judge somewhere might be asleep at the wheel or maybe swayed by road

Kimball Shinkoskey Woods Cross, Utah Kimball:

Your plumbing and stationery metaphor threw us for a minute there. Thanks to your citation we were able to track down the piece in The Hill.

Your point is well taken about "some judge somewhere". It's probably just a matter of time before the 5th Circuit decides in Trump's favor on this.

The Editor

From Whence Cometh Our Salvation? To the Editor,

Most of the creatures that inhabit this planet—aquatic, insect, and mammal—are subject to mechanisms that regulate their populations, the apparent exception being human beings, whose profligate reproduction coupled with an inherent inclination to kill everything in sight including each other, has rendered those mechanisms more or less moot. But perhaps we are

subject to some innate mechanism that simply hasn't yet fully activated. Perhaps, as the United States' third president, Thomas Jefferson, wrote to James Madison on December 20, 1787: "When we get piled upon one another in large cities, as in Europe, we shall become corrupt as in Europe, and go to eating one another as they do there." That speculation, for Jefferson I suspect recourse to hyperbole, was dramatized in "Soylent Green," a 1973 film set in the future year 2022. It's 2023 and we're not eating canned each other, so guess that hasn't happened, yet.

The other likely innate population limiting measures are a function of our penchant for self-destruction. Thus far, we've refrained from incinerating ourselves and exterminating by way of collateral damage most of the rest of the life on this planet through a global war, nuclear or, sans incineration, biological. It seems we've chosen a slower, albeit rapidly accelerating, alternative honed on our destruction of other species' habitat, that is, destroying our own. How remarkable that even as we recognize what we're doing, we seem impotent to stop. We pay mindless obeisance to a flawed economic construct that inhibits anything that threatens capital while world leaders variously wage localized wars and deny reality. So what's to become of us? Well, unless there are alien beings of superior intelligence watching and prepared to intervene (there are, and they are, but that's a subject on which I'm not at liberty to discourse at present), there will either be wailing and lamentation in the deserts left by ravaging wildfires and mass drowning where the rising and warming seas meet the land, or the taking up of pitchforks and torches and peremptory turning out of the gilded servants of Capitalism and its god, Mammon. I favor the latter... or the aliens.

John Simon Portsmouth, New Hampshire Iohn

The traditional approach, we understand, has been to look unto the hills for salvation. That was before the Trumpazoid caucus of the House took over, though. We'd like to keep This Olde Rag going for a few more decades—or centuries. Could you ask your extraterrestrial friends to get a move on?

The Editor

DeSantis at Gitmo

To the Editor:

The August 11th edition of the *Gazette* contained on its front page, middle left column, a brief bit about Gov. DeSantis that started "DeSantis, as a young lawyer at Gitmo...". That is the second time that I have seen that story, but I have not seen a source. Do you have a source? If so, I would appreciate knowing it.

The use of old Southern Plantations as source wedding destinations increased dramatically once their previous name "Former Negro Slave Concentration Camp" was dropped.

Thanks, Stanley D. Stephenson

Grew up in Georgia/Tennessee Stanley:

We're glad you asked. The March, 2023 issue of The Baffler [thebaffler. com/salvos/the-sunshine-imperium-craven]—an outstanding publication—carried a piece by Jasper Craven headlined, "The Sunshine Imperium: the militarism of Ron DeSantis." It's not pleasant reading, but...

The Editor

Beware "AFP Action"

To the Editor:

My mailbox has been inundated with 11 x 6 inch, heavy stock, two-sided, 4-color mailers. About two weeks ago I started saving them and have already collected four. These same political ads are plastered all over Facebook

every day, multiple times, all-in-all costing millions of dollars.

They come from AFP (Americans for Prosperity) Action, a super-PAC funded by billionaires—the Koch Family network—for the benefit of, well, billionaires.

The message is always the same: Don't support Trump, because if he wins the nomination, Biden will win the Presidency! So, the question is, why are they so against Biden? The answer is simple, but don't look for it on their mailers.

Biden has worked hard to reverse the failed trickle-down economics of the Republicans—which is to give billions of dollars to the rich. Instead, Bidenomics is grassroots economics, supporting working and middle class people with programs and policies that save them money and provide needed services. And the economy is thriving with this approach.

The Koch billionaires do not want this. What they want is More—more money, more tax cuts, more power over workers, more ability to pollute and more ability to do whatever they want—all without any government oversight or restriction.

If AFP Action is for it, you need to be against it!

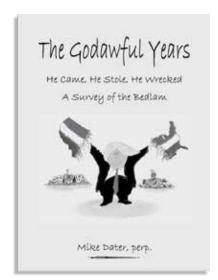
Michael Frandzel Portsmouth, N.H.

Trump vs. the Justice Department Dear Editor,

"A government shutdown is the last chance to defund these political prosecutions against me and other patriots." – Donald Trump

Though the government shutdown was averted at the last minute (literally), not only was it an attempt to "burn it all down" by the MAGA extremists, it was yet another obstruction of justice "Hail Mary pass" attempted by

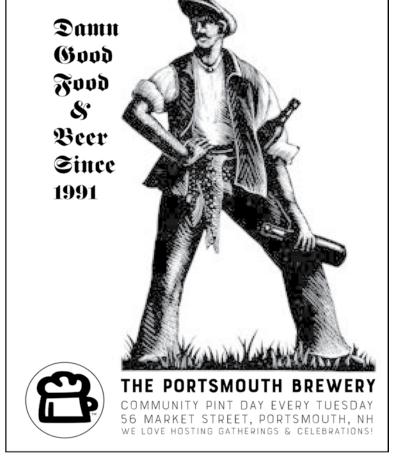
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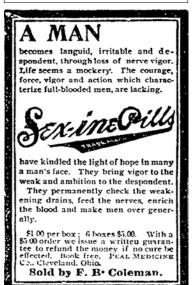


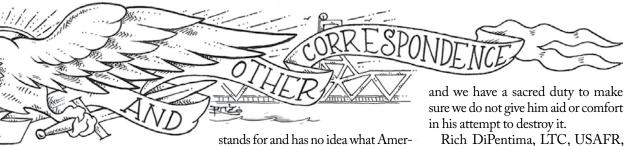
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tion. A person who admires autocrats

and murderous dictators. A person

that has nothing but contempt for our

democratic institutions, our Consti-

tution, and the rule of law....There is

nothing more that can be said. God

At his retirement ceremony, former

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

General Mark Milley stated; "You see,

we in uniform are unique among the

world's armies. We are unique among

the world's militaries. We don't take

an oath to a country. We don't take an

oath to a tribe. We don't take an oath

to a religion. We don't take an oath to

a king or a queen or to a tyrant or a

dictator. And we don't take an oath to

a wannabe dictator. We don't take an

oath to an individual. We take an oath

to the Constitution. and we take an

oath to the idea that is America. And

we're willing to die to protect it."Those

who sacrificed themselves on the altar

of freedom in the last two and a half

centuries of this country must not have

done so in vain. The millions wounded

in our nation's wars did not sacrifice

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I sincerely hope that all my fellow

veterans who took that oath to protect

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heed of the words of Generals' Kelly

and Milley. Donald Trump remains an

ongoing threat to that Constitution,

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help us."

the four-time, felony indicted, former President Donald J. Trump.

This travesty must stop. The country has been damaged enough by Trump's nefarious ways and his pact with the extremist MAGA members of Con-

If the end game is to eventually shut down and knee-cap our Constitutional Democracy by attempting to destroy its governmental structures, the bad guys seem to be gaining ground.

Genevieve Harris-Fraser

Orange, Mass.

Genevieve:

Who ever would have thought that the Party of Lincoln would some day devolve into carrying water for a guy who's trying to shut down the government to avoid prosecution for treason?

The Editor

Trump vs. the Defense Department Dear Editor:

Recently, two now-retired generals who served within the Trump administration spoke out about what it means when you take the oath as a member of the military to protect and defend the Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic. They also passionately expressed the sacrifice so many have made to protect and defend that Constitution. In doing so, they made direct and indirect references to Donald Trump and his disdain for those who sacrificed for our nation.

Trump's former chief of staff Marine Corps General John Kelly confirmed to CNN a number of the damning stories that emerged during Trump's presidency about his denigration of wounded, captured, or killed military personnel as "suckers" and "losers," with whom he didn't want to be seen.

Kelly went on to call Trump: "A person that has no idea what America sure we do not give him aid or comfort

Rich DiPentima, LTC, USAFR,

Portsmouth, N.H. Rich:

Among the myriad problems ensuing from the presidency of Dolt .45 is this: millions of people have felt compelled to uncritically defend the Defense Department. Being generals, it's only natural that Milley and Kelly would cast the military in a glowing light. Former draftees, and formerly-coerced "vounteers," particularly those now getting long in the tooth, may have a more nuanced perspective.

It was bad enough when Reagan exploited Vietnam veterans to rehabilitate the military in the eyes of the American

To think that a draft-dodging, orange-makeup-wearing goon could repeat that cynical stunt by insulting the nation's war dead... well, that would be a pretty good measure of the times.

The Editor

Bethlehem Landfill Seems to be Leaking Dear Editor:

I have some bad news to share with my fellow Granite Staters. Based on my analysis of the numerous groundwater monitoring reports, and my research of the historical record, it is my belief that we are witnessing the failure of the North Country Environmental Services [NCES] Landfill in Bethlehem, N.H.

According to the July, 2023 Tri-Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report, submitted to New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services [NHDES] by Sanborn, Head and Associates on behalf of Casella and the NCES Landfill, "forever chemicals," also known as PFAS, were detected in groundwater at 11 of 19 monitoring wells tested for PFAS compounds. Of particular concern is the detection and levels for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), present in

11 of those 19 groundwater monitoring wells tested for PFAS. The EPA is proposing to designate PFOA as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), also known as "Superfund." According to the EPA, this proposed rulemaking "would increase transparency around releases of these harmful chemicals and help to hold polluters accountable for cleaning up their contamination." According to Mr. Tim White, of Sanborn, Head and Associates, "concentrations (of PFOA) detected at B-304DR and B-928D (9.17 ng/l) represented new maximum concentrations at those locations. The PFOA concentration at B-304DR increased from 41.1 ng/l in July 2022, to 63.4 ng/l in April 2023, and to 91.4 ng/l in July 2023" (from page 10, August 24, 2023 SHA cover letter to NHDES). New Hampshire's Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards (AGQS) for PFOA is 12 partsper-trillion (ppt), or 12 ng/L. The July concentration for PFOA at B-304DR is 7.6 TIMES the AGQS limit!

I have recently obtained and analyzed lab test results for NCES leachate, obtained thru 91-A Right-To-Know requests submitted to the City of Concord WWTP and the NHDES-operated Franklin WWTP, from 2018 thru 2023. I have identified the PFAS compounds detected in those NCES leachate lab test results, so as to establish a PFAS "profile," based on concentrations detected. The top 7 PFAS compounds present in NCES Landfill leachate have been consistently detected in the groundwater at the B-304DR monitoring well, as well as numerous other monitoring wells. In other words, it would appear that the NCES Landfill is failing to contain the leachate generated, based on the PFAS compounds detected at the various groundwater monitoring wells, and most particularly, at the B-304DR well. That, of course, is my conclusion, based on the data from both the NCES groundwater monitoring well reports and the NCES leachate lab results.

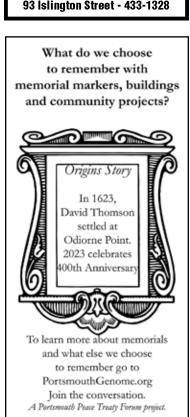
However, Mr. White of Sanborn,

Head and Associates has consistently downplayed these numerous detections and exceedances of PFAS contaminants in groundwater at NCES, which happen to be outside of the lined landfill. In his reporting to Mr. James O'Rourke of NHDES, Mr. White has consistently relied upon a narrative of placing blame on the old, unlined landfill, as well as past earthwork at the landfill site, as causal factors. In the July, 2023 report, "unlined landfill" comes up 52 times in a text search. This despite the fact that the old Sanco unlined landfill was excavated by Doug Casella and Casella Construction in the fall of 1993, and relocated to the "state-of-the-art," double-lined landfill, as touted by Casella Waste Systems in an August 23, 1993 public notice printed in the Littleton Courier. Ironically, in a "Contamination Assessment" letter, dated November 5, 1993, Mr. Paul Sanborn, President of Sanborn, Head and Associates wrote to the NHDES Waste Management Division to inform them of the completion of the waste-relocation project and that "it does not appear that residual VOC contamination is present in the soils in the excavation area," clearing the way for the development of Stage II over the excavated site. Furthermore, in a December 9, 1993 letter, with the subject line reading "Contamination Assessment Refuse Relocation Project," Mr. James Berg of NHDES Waste Management Division wrote to Mr. Leo Larochelle of Consumat-Sanco, Inc. of the department's "concurrence" that "no further excavation to remove additional soils is necessary."

In other words, which is a more plausible explanation for the continuous detections, and exceedances of AGQs limits, of PFAS contaminants, and 1,4-Dioxane, in groundwater at the NCES Landfill; that the old, unlined landfill, excavated 30 years ago and given a clean bill of health by both Sanborn, Head and Associates and NHDES, is to blame, or that we could be witnessing the failure of the 30-year

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Green Hydrogen Coming to the U.S. and New Hampshire

by Peter Somssich and Kent Howard

 \mathbf{B} oth the recent Pandemic and the Russian war against Ukraine have radically changed the energy expectations in many parts of the world. A recent article by staff at the Rocky Mountain Institute titled "From Deep Crisis, Profound Change" explains that both events have resulted in governments and businesses reconsidering the benefits of renewable energy sources. These include the use of green hydrogen and green ammonia. While most concerns previously focused on climate change issues and prices, now many stakeholders have decided that energy security is a higher priority than global warming. But at the same time, prices for renewable energy including energy storage continue to drop, while fossil fuel prices have increased and remain volatile.

There has been criticism of President Biden's support for Hydrogen

Research Hubs. Critics focus on the federal government providing subsidies for hydrogen production regardless of the production method. At first, both fossil fuels and green renewable energy sourced hydrogen would be subsidized. The fossil fuel subsidies will be phased out, however, over the first 10 years. After that only green hydrogen continues to receive subsidies. An adequate supply must first be produced and made readily available for demand to increase. A hydrogen or ammonia-based economy is transformational and needs initial incentives to get off the ground. Currently, no better clean energy systems seem available to decarbonize areas of business such as shipping, airlines, heavy duty trucks, cement plants, making steel and heating.

The only state employing hydrogen in their energy mix is California. At least two carmakers, Toyota and Kia, have been operating fleets of hydrogen fuel-cell vehicles in California for several years. These cars

have a range of nearly 300 miles, are zero-emission, and need only minutes to refuel. Because today the cheapest source of hydrogen is from fossil fuels, that is how the hydrogen will initially be produced. California is working to change that. Many states face similar challenges, which is why the Biden hydrogen energy research hubs could have a big impact.

Unfortunately, New Hampshire's Governor Sununu has refused to participate with the five other New England states to investigate the potential of using hydrogen. New Hampshire is currently participating in the looming offshore wind industry. It will be interesting to see if that wind energy will produce electricity or compressed hydrogen gas as other countries are already doing. There is also technological progress on the horizon. E.g., one company believes that an electric cable material that they have developed could carry four times the energy of current electric grid cables. Here in New Hampshire, the blossoming of the Community Power movement offers new opportunities. Cities and towns are negotiating with suppliers for lower electricity prices, but in the future, they could leverage their coalition to negotiate and purchase other energy products and resources at substantial savings

One of the big questions facing the new green economy is: how can renewable energy be stored when it is generated, but not needed. Traditional energy storage techniques have included pumping water using electricity to a higher-level reservoir and releasing it to generate the electricity when that is needed. Other energy storage systems use batteries and even fly-wheel technology. Many of these options do not have enough energy storage capacity or cannot release enough energy quickly enough to meet the rapidly changing demand curves.

Hydrogen gas on the other hand, can be converted into electricity when needed by using a fuel-cell. Also, when traditional gas pipelines are used to carry hydrogen, they can also be used to store the hydrogen when there is a greater supply than demand. This is done by increasing or decreasing the pressure of the gas. A model for such an application is the Toshiba Fukushima Hydrogen Research Field in Japan. For three years now, this site has been providing electricity on demand when needed by the grid using renewable energy including hydrogen. The field includes thousands of solar panels that convert sunlight into electricity. That electricity uses an electrolyzer to split water into hydrogen and oxygen. The hydrogen is compressed and stored on site. When the grid requires more electricity, the hydrogen is converted to electricity using fuel-cells. The process might seem inefficient; however, the sun's energy is free and unlimited, and the energy can be stored as needed and converted to electricity when demand requires.

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old "state-of-the-art" double-liner system of Stage I?

Regardless of the cause, the data does not lie. There is, and has been, a steady, consistent release of contaminants from the NCES Landfill, all within the watershed of the Ammonoosuc River, and upstream of Littleton. Is this a violation of the Clean Water Act? I would think so, as both SHA and NHDES have stated that "downgradient dilution" is occurring, as well as downgradient migration of contaminants in groundwater flowing towards the river. Will the EPA investigate? I've sent numerous requests, since NHDES seems unconcerned, seemingly accepting of the narrative advanced by Mr. White. Once the EPA designates PFOA a hazardous substance under CERCLA, will the Town of Bethlehem be home to a new Superfund site? I don't see how

it doesn't. The fears and concerns of so many residents over the years of contentious growth of this landfill seem to now be justified, and sadly, realized. Will Casella be held responsible for the expense of cleanup and remediation? We shall see, as their track record of accepting responsibility is shaky at best.

In the meantime, I would ask that you reach out to NHDES officials and ask them what they are going to do about this mess, which they have known about since at least 2017, when PFAS testing began at NCES. It is dangerously irresponsible for NHDES to allow NCES to continue to operate, thus ensuring the continued generation of millions of gallons of leachate, which the data seems to confirm is not being contained within the lined landfill. It's

time to close the dump, once and for all. We certainly don't need another one of these environmental disasters next to Forest Lake, at a site surrounded by wetlands which also feed into the Ammonoosuc River, also upstream of the Town of Littleton.

All of this, of course, is my opinion, based on my research, the historical record, and of course, the data provided to NHDES by Sanborn, Head and Associates on behalf of the NCES Landfill, owned and operated by Casella Waste Systems of Rutland, Vermont. I invite you to review my work, as well as the vast amount of documentation which I continue to gather, all of which is available on my website, *SaveForest-Lake.com*.

Thank You!
Jon Swan
Dalton, N.H.
Jon:
Well, that's horrifying.
The Editor

Republicans are Angry...

nce and for Dear Editor,

ed another The second debate show

The second debate showed us that Republicans are angry about people's lives being destroyed by fentanyl ferried across the border by brown-skinned mules.

They are angry about parents being frozen out of school choice and curriculum decisions. They are angry about blue-collar crime being ignored by liberal prosecutors.

They are angry about America's endless overseas wars which require debt-financing from creditors like China. They are angry about government welfare programs that wouldn't be needed if people listened to evangelical preachers and simply repented.

They are angry about overseas energy dependence when this country has plenty of resources. They are angry they lost their seat of power in the White House.

In all their anger, it seems two things have been lost. First, the Constitution. No Republican debater mentioned any foundational Constitutional issue like term limits, proper exercise of the war power, or the executive branch usurping Congressional powers.

Also, not a single debater mentioned the party's real bottom line issues—protecting and expanding the wealth of the one percent class and downplaying the prosecution of white-collar crime.

Kimball Shinkoskey Woods Cross, Utah Kimball:

Republicans may very well be "angry about people's lives being destroyed by fentanyl ferried across the border by brown-skinned mules"—but that doesn't mean their anger is based in reality.

Many Republicans seem to us to be angry about schools challenging their ability to inculcate fascist principles in their children.

Your last point is your best point: The GOP is all about protecting and expanding the wealth of the one percent. That's been the case for decades, but it's more obvious now than ever.

The Editor





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Looking on the Bright Side

by W.D. Ehrhart

've just had a new experience. For **⊥** the first time since I began writing essays for the New Hampshire Gazette, I finally submitted one so unrelievedly pessimistic that our Alleged Editor rejected it, declining to inflict so bleak and hopeless an argument predicting the all-but-inevitable re-election of Dolt .45 next November with no way to avoid that outcome except through divine intervention.

Well, fair enough. He's not only the editor, but also the publisher and owner of the Gazette. He gets to print what he wants and not print what he doesn't want. And he's obligated to consider his readership's sensibilities. Who wants to read something that says, "We're all screwed and there's nothing we can do about it."

And it's not like my work hasn't been rejected by editors hundreds and hundreds of times over the past fifty years. And most editors don't do it as gently and politely as our Alleged Editor did.

Nevertheless, this got me thinking. Indeed, it became a challenge. Can I write something that isn't utter doom-and-gloom? Not easy to do in these times of political insanity, endless war, and global warming. But not impossible.

My wife and I both belong to Twelve Step Programs; not the

same one, but similar enough to share a few things. One of them is the Serenity Prayer. We often recite it together while facing each other and holding hands because both of us find the times we are living in fraught with much to be depressed

We've modified our version, however, adding a new last line of our own composition: "Grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, the wisdom to know the difference, and the eyes to see what's good.

As disturbing as the news is on a daily basis, it's easy to lose sight of the fact that there is still a lot of good in the world. An abundance of good. A cornucopia of riches worth celebrating and reveling in.

For starters, the newspaper you are reading right now is a prime example. In the midst of corporate media as partisan entertainment and apologists for how things are, here's this little shoe-string operation that insists ordinary people can make a difference and we don't have to accept the way things are.

But that's just for starters. Here where I live, we've got a very thoughtful progressive Democrat named Tim Briggs representing us in the state legislature in Harrisburg. He's been hog-tied for over a decade by a lower chamber dominated by Republicans who, like the rest of their ilk, have drifted farther and farther toward the MAGA-right.

My wife and I often attend his "breakfast town meetings," and we've been in awe of his resilience and refusal to walk away from public life. And in the 2022 election, for the first time in a dozen years, the Democrats gained a slim majority in the Pennsylvania Assembly, and Briggs can actually get something

This past June, Lower Merion Township, where we live, just passed an ordinance banning single-use carry-out plastic bags and requiring most retailers to charge ten cents for paper bags, thus encouraging customers to bring their own reusable bags. Mom's Organic Market, where we do most of our grocery shopping, sells all organic and as often as possible only local produce, and they've installed two free electric car chargers in their parking lot, and they've got a sign on the door that says: "If you can't be polite, shop somewhere else."

Recently, my Thompson Bradley Philadelphia Area Veterans for Peace Chapter 31 donated \$1,000 to an agency providing relief and support for civilian victims of the war in Ukraine. That was nearly half of our available funds.

Last Sunday, Grant Ament, one of my former students who is now a star player in the professional Prea ticket to their 2023 championship game, and I watched him and his Archers LC win an exciting 15-14 victory over the Waterdogs. Ament racked up two goals and an assist, and I got to sit with two other former students of mine who'd been classmates of Ament's at the Haverford School for Boys.

et-friend Dale Ritterbusch will arrive from Wisconsin for a week's visit, something we've been doing annually for nearly thirty years. Just this morning, I saw a blue jay perched on a branch right outside my window as a chipmunk scurried across our condo's courtyard. And I'm about to garnish my sliced bananas with honey from the beehives my daughter and her partner started keeping in their yard a few years ago.

I won't go so far as Monty Python's Eric Idle did in the closing scene of The Life of Brian and urge you to "always look on the bright side of life." But it's worth remembering that as lousy as life can often look, there's usually something to feel good about. And I'm thankful to our Alleged Editor for prodding me to remember that.

W. D. Ehrhart is a retired Master Teacher of History & English, and author of a Vietnam War memoir trilogy published by McFarland &

mier Lacrosse League, comped me Foundations, they include a number

with Bill or Melinda Gates. When I asked University of Maine journalism professor Michael Socolow to weigh in, he emailed me comments he had previously posted on X/Twitter, noting that Tani and Tofel had emphasized Soros' and Wyss'liberal politics but adding they had been unable to back up whether that was relevant. (To be fair, Tofel

"I'm not sure there's a story here. Neither Tani nor Tofel specify the ways the new ownership has altered editorial content. They're seemingly insinuating that the new ownership

purchased the newspapers to shape news content for partisan political reasons. But how much disclosure and transparency about Reade Brower and his business interests did these publications publish before the sale? It's not clear to me why there needs to be a new, and apparently higher, standard simply because the ownership is now non-profit versus commercial. If evidence emerges that the sort of meddling Tani and Tofel insinuate begins occurring, then I agree we have an important story. But we're not there yet."

The purchase of the *Press Herald* papers by the National Trust was unalloyed good news, and it sounds like the questions that Tani and Tofel have raised will be answered

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Tn the mid-1800s, a new political **⊥** party flared up in American politics, posing as an alternative to both the Democratic and Republican Xenophobic and nativist, it was extremely secretive with outsiders

Who's Behind the

"No Labels" Party?

Know-Nothing

by Jim Hightower

about its specific structure, motive, and agenda. Indeed, members were instructed to say "I know nothing" when asked about details—thus it was quickly dubbed the Know-Nothing Party. In 1856, it nominated Millard Filmore as its presidential nominee, but he was reticent to talk about the party, even refraining from running as an avowed party member. He lost, and the Know-Nothings soon withered.

Yet, here comes another oddly-secretive party. Labeling themselves "No Labels," this reincarnation ought to be named the Nothing Party, for it offers nothing of substance to voters. Its so-called "Common Sense Agenda" is fluffier than cotton candy, yet, it's trying to run a third party candidate in next year's presidential race.

Why? Follow the money! That's not easy to do, though, for this gaggle of conservative corporatists slyly incorporated as a nonprofit "social welfare" outfit—a deceit that lets it hide the names of its political funders from the public. The New Republic, however, got records revealing that No Labels is a fat cat front, with Texas billionaire Republican Harlan Crow leading the way.

Who? Crow is the political patron who has secretly been lavishing luxury gifts and cash on Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, who in turn has embraced Crow's plutocratic positions in court cases.

That same plutocratic agenda appears to be fueling No Labels third-party presidential push, for these rich politicos know that a milquetoast spoiler candidate would mostly draw independent moderates from Joe Biden, giving Crow & Company another GOP corporate presidency. It's a cynical game... but that's how they play it.

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who was reportedly part of the purchase, Hansjörg Wyss, hasn't been disclosed at all.

I'm going to go out on a limb and say that this is essentially a non-issue. Tofel himself notes that the previous management of the papers remains in place and that "invocations of Soros as a sort of bogeyman have long since become a principal way to dog whistle anti-Semitism; it ranks right up there with 'globalist' in this rhetoric.'

More to the point, the Press Herald itself followed up on Tani's reporting, and it sounds like the full story behind the purchase will be revealed soon. (I was interviewed for the piece, written by reporter Rachel Ohm.) Longtime Press Herald publisher Lisa DeSisto, now the CEO and publisher of the Maine Trust for Local News, the nonprofit that

has been set up to own the papers, is quoted as saying, "We want to make more of a splash and have a more comprehensive introduction to the Maine Trust rather than just [putting things out in] pieces. We're really waiting to announce a broader

Added Will Nelligan, who's the Maine project lead for the National Trust: "We will announce that coalition of Maine funders when we announce the Maine Trust."

No, the announcement didn't come in September, as had been originally promised. But is that really a big deal as long as disclosure is on its way? The papers themselves, by the way, remain for-profit entities, so it seems unlikely that either the National Trust or the Maine Trust will be looking for ongoing support to prop them up.

If you take a look at the National Trust's funders, you'll see that, in addition to Soros' Open Society

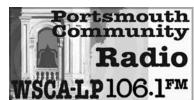
of respected journalism funders, including the Knight Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, the Democracy Fund and the Lenfest Institute, which owns The Philadelphia Inquirer. The Gates Family Foundation, by the way, is a Colorado-based philanthropy that has nothing to do

seemed less impressed with that angle than Tani.) Socolow said:

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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.

2006-Nine years after she was hit by

a lampost knocked over by a Macy's

parade balloon, Kathleen Caronna's

Manhattan apartment burns after

being struck by Yankees pitcher Cory

2003-Red Sox pitcher Pedro Mar-

tinez, 33, gives Yankee coach Don

Zimmer a shove, knocking the 72-

2002—The U.S. Senate approves the

1991-Anita Hill testifies before

Congress that she was sexually ha-

rassed by her former boss, Supreme

Court Justice-to-be Clarence Thomas.

1973—Henry Kissinger tells Brent

Scowcroft that President Nixon can't

take a call from the British Prime

1963-NSAM 263 lays out JFK's

(secret) plan: get out of Vietnam. Six

1960-At the podium, in the UN,

Nikita Khrushchev drives his point

1954-The French driven out, the

Viet Minh take over North Vietnam.

1945-Mao's Red Army goes to war

against Chiang Kai-Shek's kleptocracy.

1937-Physicians warn the AMA

that Massengil's new miracle drug

"Elixir Sulfanilamide" is causing their

1809—At Grinder's Stand, a tavern,

Meriwether Lewis cuts his wrists and

shoots himself twice-according to

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home with a shoe.

patients to die in agony

the official version of events.

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weeks later he and his plan are dead.

Minister because he's too "loaded."

error made yesterday by the House.

Lidle's crashing Cirrus airplane.

year old Zimmer to the ground.

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

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2004—Andrea Mackris sues her ex-

boss, Fox's Bill O'Reilly, for making

lewd phones calls. Two weeks later

2004—George W.[MD] Bush claims

during a televised debate, "Gosh, I

don't think I ever said I'm not worried

O'Reilly pays her \$9M to shut up.

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, OCTOBER 8

2004—American warplanes miss Abu Musab al Zarqawi but kill 13 people at a wedding instead.

1991-House Speaker Tom Foley [D-Wash.] says the Sergeant-at-Arms will fix no more traffic tickets for Reps. 1985-Dining at the White House, President Reagan "praises incessantly" his guest's most recent work of art Rambo: First Blood, Part II.

1974—Undermined by Mafioso Michele Sindona, pal of President Nixon's Treasury Secretary David Kennedy, Franklin National Bank goes bust. 1969-A three-day riot branded "Days of Rage" begins in Chicago.

1968—Washington, D.C. riots after police shoot a Black man. 1967—Ernesto "Che" Guevara is captured by Bolivian troops led by the

CIA's Felix Rodriguez 1955—"The nations of the world will have to unite" warns loopy General Douglas MacArthur, "for the next

war will be an interplanetary war." 1942-Shot down on a mission for which he volunteered, Capt. Harl Pease, of Plymouth, N.H., is beheaded by his Japanese captors.

1918—In the Argonne, ex-pacifist Cpl. Alvin C. York kills 25 German soldiers and captures 132

1871—According to myth, a cow starts a fire that burns Chicago and kills 200. Meanwhile, Peshtigo, Wisc burns completely and 600 die

1775—Washington & top generals decide: no Negroes in their Army. 7:48

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Monday, October 9 2005-Four die as the Cold River

floods Alstead, N.H. 2001—Two Democratic Senators re ceive letters carrying anthrax spores. 1998—In "a mockery of the regulatory process" that "brazenly violates existing law," Citicorp and Travelers Group merge into Citigroup, enrich-

osting taxpayers billions 1992—A meteorite strike in Peekskill, N.Y. turns Michelle Knapp's \$300 Chevy Malibu into a tourist atraction she sells for \$25,000.

ing Sandy Weill and Jamie Dimon but

1974—Rep. Wilbur Mills [D-Ark.] is stopped at 2 a.m. for speeding with his headlights off. His passenger, Fanne sic] Foxe, aka "The Argentine Firecracker," hops into the Tidal Basin.

1967—Ernesto "Che" Guevara taunts nis executioner: "Just shoot, you cow ard. You are only killing a man."

1966—In a prop-driven Douglas A1 Skyraider, Lt. JG William T. Patton downs a MiG-17 jet over Vietnam. 1965—"We should declare war on North Vietnam," says Ronald Reagan. We could pave the whole country and put parking strips on it, and still be home by Christmas.'

1940—Race-neutral provisions of the Selective Service Act notwithstanding, FDR announces that the 'Greatest GenerationTM" will fight the fascists in segregated units

1776—The Second Continental Congress renames the "United Colonies. They're now the United States.

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Tuesday, October 10 Wednesday, October 11

2019-CNN: "Two men connected to Giuliani's Ukraine efforts charged with funneling foreign money into [Donald Trump's] U.S. election."

2015—News reports say two 1976 assassinations in Washington, D.C. were ordered by CIA-installed Chilean dictator A. Pinochet, and covered up by the CIA and President Reagan. 2012—Donald Trump projects, accusing Barack Obama of "laundering money into his campaign from illegal online foreign donations."

2002—The House votes to let Presidents use the Pentagon as they please. 1991—Seven of New Hampshire's largest banks, holding 25% of all deposits and 60% of all commercial loans, are closed by regulators.

1990—Coached by Hill & Knowlton the Kuwaiti Ambassador's daughte lies to Congress about incubators. 1973—Pleading "nolo" to taking bribes, Spiro "Ted" Agnew resigns.

1969—Richard Nixon puts his "madman theory" into practice, ordering gratuitous global nuclear alert. 1963-Atmospheric nuke tests ar banned. Nuke use in war is still OK.

1963—Robert Kennedy caves to J Edgar Hoover's demands and OK wiretaps on MLK's phone. 1946—John Prine, "the singing mail

man," is born in Chicago, Ill. 1933—A Boeing 247 airliner is destroyed by a bomb over Indiana. Seven passengers and three crew die in the first such act in history.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

-A Provisional IRA bomb in a Brighton hotel kills five, but top target Maggie Thatcher is unscathed. 1972-A race riot aboard the USS Kitty Hawk leaves 47 injured.

1970-Lieut. William Calley is court-martialled for 102 murders. 1968—Navy nurse Susan Schnall drops anti-war leaflets from a plane onto five Bay-area military bases. 1964—JFK's intimate friend Mary Pinchot Meyer is murdered under the

murkiest of circumstances 1964—Canadian John Watkins, suspected of spying by CIA man James Jesus Angleton, is interrogated to death in a Montreal hotel.

1961—The FBI launches a "Socialist Worker Disruption Program."

1960—Otoya Yamaguchi, 17, right-winger, runs a sword through Inejiro Asanuma, leader of the Socialists, during a televised debate.

1923—Thousands of Ku Klux Klansmen hold a rally in Portland, Maine. 1920-Rev. J. Holmes is arrested in Mt. Vernon, N.Y, for publicly reading the Constitution without a permit. 1917—Passchendaele begins: 13,000 Allied casualties, no advance

1853—The GOP is founded in Exeter, N.H.-or so say N.H. Republicans. However, they have no proof. 1492—A lost European begins oppressing native Americans

1131—A black pig darts from a Paris dung heap and trips a horse, killing the rider: King Philip of France, 15.

10:45

about Osama bin Laden. That's kind of one of those exaggerations," directly contradicting his own statement of March 3, 2002 that he's "not that much concerned about him."

1991—A lie detector test suggests Anita Hill is telling the truth about her ex-boss Clarence Thomas 1988-Radiocarbon dating says the

Shroud of Turin is 780 years old. 1972-Seventy-five years after land was originally allocated for it, Congress creates the Burns Paiute Indian

reservation in Oregon

1972—A plane carrying a Uruguayan rugby team crashes high in the Andes leading to culinary improvisation. 1967—Two Marines die and 21 are wounded when a Marine pilot accidentally bombs them at Con Thien.

1812—Maj. Gen. Stephen Van Rens selaer orders regulars across the Cana dian border. Those who aren't shot are forced to surrender. A troop of U.S. militia then refuses orders to invade. 1660—Major General Thomas Harison goes to his hanging, drawing, and quartering "looking as cheerful as any man could do in that condition,"

according to diarist Samuel Pepys.

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1925—Birth of Lenny Bruce.

2018—RIP, Emilio V. Maddaloni. 2011-Weeks after a U.S. drone smites his dad, a U.S. citizen in Yemen, Abdulrahman Anwar al-Awla-

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

fate. Neither ever got a trial. 1984—KFBK in Sacramento replac-

even worse: Rush Limbaugh. 1976-The U.S., presided over by Gerald Ford, Republican, apologizes to Japan, offended by a Hiroshima re-enactment in which Paul Tibbets

1968—The Pentagon orders 24,000 troops back to Vietnam for an involuntary second tour.

publican majority in Congress," thrust of fascism in America.

1947—Broken ribs be damned: Chuck

1943-Prisoners of Sobibor revolt, killing officers and guards. Half the

1919-Forbidden by their boss to discuss their pay at Vanity Fair, Robert Benchley and Dorothy Parker don

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

2008—The Dow loses 7.8 percent of

1:23

its value in its 2nd worst day ever. 2004—Jon Stewart appears on CNN's "Crossfire" and begs Tucker Carlson to "stop hurting America." Less than 90 days later CNN an-

nounces the show is over. 1987—Socialist Thomas Sankara. President of Burkina Faso and an opponent of the World Bank, is assassinated in a French-backed coup.

1969-In the U.S., two million march in the first Vietnam Moratorium. One demo in Boston draws 100,000.

1966-In Oakland, Huev P. Newton and Bobby Seale form the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense.

1965—David Miller becomes the first American to publicly burn his draft card in Vietnam War protest.

1963—The FBI issues a racist "report" claiming commies were influencing Martin Luther King, Jr. It's all lies. 1942-A B-17 slams into New Mex-

ico's North Baldy Peak, which is 200

feet higher than the charts say it is. 1923—The Senate begins investigating Albert Fall, the Republican Interior Secretary who suddenly became prosperous after leasing the Navy's

Teapot Dome oilfield to a friend. 1910-Melvin Vaniman, aboard the airship America, transmits the first inflight radio message: "Roy, come and et this goddamn cat.

1883—The Supreme Court guts the Civil Rights Act of 1875, ushering in the era of the Jim Crow South.

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the law he demanded giving him permission to start an unprovoked war. 1973—Fred and Donald Trump are sued by the Justice Dept. for discriminating against minority renters. Their lawyer, Roy Cohn, countersues, claiming the victims are the Trumps. 1973—Henry Kissinger gets the Nobel Peace Prize; Tom Lehrer declares political satire obsolete.

1972—Majority Leader Hale Boggs [D-La.], Rep. Nick Begich [D-Alaska], aide R. Brown, and pilot D. Jonz vanish while flying over Alaska.

1968—Tommie Smith and John Carlos, Mexico City Olympic winners. raise fists in the Black Power salute. 1962—At breakfast, President John F. Kennedy finds he's got a Cuban Missile Crisis on his plate

1946—Inept Army MSgt. John C. Woods hangs ten Nazis at Nuremberg. Heads bash the trap; two choke for 14 minutes, Ribbentrop for 24. 1920—In N.Y.C., 30,000 Great Wat

vets march, demanding a bonus. 1916—Margaret Sanger opens the first U.S. birth control clinic, in Brooklyn. Nine days later she's busted. 1859—John Brown and 18 others. both Black and white, capture the federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry, Va. 1814-Ruptured vats in a London rewery release 323,346 gallons of

beer. Many guzzle, seven drown. 1715—Daniel Fowle is baptized at First Church in Boston.

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Tuesday, October 17

3:05

a 19-year affair with her father-in-law, George Roche III, the president of Hillsdale College—"the most conservative college in America"—Lissa

1973—OPEC turns off the oil tap. Army calls the catastrophe a victory. big: several chain stores with locations in 10 southern states desegregate 150

lunch counters in 112 cities. 1956—"The only way to win the next World War," says Ike, "is to prevent it." 1927-Oil mogul Harry F. Sinclain goes on trial over Teapot Dome. Two

tectives to shadow each juror. 1894—On orders from Ohio Na tional Guard Col. Alonzo B. Coit. Guardsmen fire out, through the closed doors of the Fayette County Court House, at a mob intent on lynching a Black man accused of rape. Five die, 20 are wounded; the bullet-riddled doors remain in place. 1777—Burgovne, undone by B

ders at Saratoga; the victory inspires the French to back the Americans.

Wednesday, October 18

4:05

2017—Diaper-wearing members of right-wing Turning Point USA wonder why the point of their protest at

2017-U.S. President Donald Trump

tins, urged on by social media company Finnarage, set fires, throw billiard balls, and overturn cars, putting an end to the Keene Pumpkin Festival. 2003-The president of Bolivia is driven out of office (and country) by

sold out to international capitalists. 1979—"The standard of living of the average American has to decline," says

1898-The U.S. colonizes Puerto Rico - benevolently, of course.

America's first labor organization.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

4:29

2005—Sen. Judd Gregg (R-N.H.) hits the Powerball: \$853,492. Of that sum, a woman asking for her down payment back on some real estate, be-

2005—Saddam Hussein goes on trial in Baghdad for crimes against humanity and Bushes.

2000—George W.[MD] Bush says

1998—Shortly before his likely re-election, Tennessee Senator Tommy Burks [D] is murdered by his middle-name-changing opponent,

damn high—the Dow drops 22 pct. 1982-Automaker John DeLorean is

kill Kinshichi Kozuka, Japan's penultimate WW II holdout. 1969—Bribe-accepting Veep Spiro

the first town to fingerprint its high school students. 1935-At the AFL convention in

2:48

8:35

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

5:22

2011—Brotherly Leader Muammar Ghadaffi is rather unceremoniously dispatched by Libyan rebels.

1990—In 22 cities, Americans protes

1983-Reagan inks the Conn. Indi

not so encumbered, complies. 1967-Roger Patterson and Robert a streambed in northern California. 1947—HUAC opens hearings or

big rats: R. Reagan & W. Disney. 1944—Two natural gas tanks explode in Cleveland with 1/6th of the force of the Hiroshima bomb, killing 130.

tin, kills himself with a pipe bomb

1842—Comm $Mexico.\,He\,then\,apologizes.$ 3:29

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ki, also a U.S. citizen, meets the same

es Morton Downey Jr., with someone

flew a B-29 over Harlingen, Texas, creating a [mock] mushroom cloud.

1947—Blaming it on "an alliance between industrialists and the Re-UMW President John L. Lewis calls Taft-Hartley "the first ugly, savage

Yeager breaks the sound barrier.

600 prisoners escape under fire.

signs stating their salaries

1912-William Schranck, who later says, "any man looking for a third term ought to be shot," plugs Teddy Roosevelt in the chest. TR, though bleeding, delivers his speech.

11:50

1975—In the 12th inning, New

5:56

Monday, October 16 2002—George W.[MD] Bush signs

1999—After confessing she had had

Roche commits suicide. 1967—Lt. Col. Terry Allen Jr. leads two companies of the 28th Infantry. outnumbered 10 to 1, into a VC ambush at Ong Thanh. Casualties exceed 92 percent, 64 are KIA. The U.S. 1961—On orders from their top cop—an ex-Nazi collaborator—Paris cops massacre hundreds of Algerians. 1960—The sit-in movement pays off

weeks later it's revealed he's hired de-

dict Arnold at Bemis Heights, surren-

Kent State is being ignored.

signs a check for \$35,000 to repay his lawyer for buying the silence of a porn star with whom he had an affair. 2014—Thousands of college-age cre-

disgruntled peasants tired of being

well-fed Fed Chair Paul Volcker.

1891—As 12 Omaha, Neb. cops look on, a mob of 1,000 lynches Ioe Coe, a married Black man with two children. 1854—Pres. Franklin Pierce's ambassadors to England, France, and Spain ink the Ostend Manifesto. It says the U.S. should buy Cuba-or just take it. 1766—During a poor harvest, with food prices rising, Nottingham's Goose Fair devolves into a riot after "rude lads" prevent Lincolnshire merchants from carting off local goods. Attempting to restore order, the Mayor is laid low by a rolling cheese wheel. 1648—Boston shoemakers form

4:45

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cause she's dying, gets \$0.00.

at the Al Smith Dinner, "This is an impressive crowd, the haves and the have-mores. Some people call you the elite. I call vou my base.

Byron Low Tax Looper [R]. 1987—Computers say stocks are too

arrested with 59 lbs. of coke. 1972—Philippine police shoot and

"Ted" Agnew denounces "an effete corps of impudent snobs who characterize themselves as intellectuals." 1936—Watertown, Mass. becomes

Atlantic City, UBC boss "Big Bill" Hutcheson calls UMW chief John L. Lewis a "bastard." Lewis leaps onstage, punches "Big Bill" in the face, re-lights his cigar, and sits back down.

5:04

2005-Sen. Judd Gregg (R-N.H.) nixes an increase in Federal hom heating aid for the poor.

the impending Gulf War.

an Land Claims Settlement Act recognizing the Mashantucket Pequots. 1973-After A.G. Eliot Richardson and Deputy A.G. William Ruckelshaus refuse on principle to comply with President Nixon's order to fire Special Prosecuter Archibald Cox, Solicitor General Robert Bork, who i

Gimlin shoot 24 feet of film purporting to show a Sasquatch walking along commie influence in Hollywood; two

1935-The Red Army's 6,000 mile 'Long March" ends in Shanxi. 1930—William Kogut, while incar cerated on Death Row at San Quen-

made from playing cards. U.S.N., attacks Monterev in the mistaken belief that the U.S. is at war with

10:00

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

5:36

Hampshire's own Carlton Fisk waves the ball fair, and the Red Sox win Game 6 of the World Series. 1967—Yippies, Diggers, & Hippies

try but fail to levitate the Pentagon. 1966-A mountain of mine waste collapses onto a school in Wales, kill-

ing 28 adults and 116 children. 1965-Lyndon Johnson flashes his gall bladder scar for photographers.

1957—Special Forces Capt. Harry Cramer becomes the 2nd American killed by hostile action in Vietnam. His death is falsely listed as accidental. 1954—Indiana's Boxing Commission says boxers and wrestlers must swear an oath they're not Commies before

they can fight in the Hoosier State 1874—Birth of Charles Ives.

1861—Colonel Edward D. Baker, leading his brigade at the Battle of Ball's Bluff, becomes the first and last U.S. Senator (R-Ore.) killed in battle. 1837—Osceola and 81 other Seminoles are captured and imprisoned at Ft. Payton, Fla. by U.S. troops using a

false flag of truce. 1835-William Lloyd Garrison is paraded through the streets of Boston with a rope around his neck for saying "all men are created equal."

1797-After two failures, the USS Constitution is launched in Boston. 1556—Poet playwright pher, blackmailer and satirist Pietro

Aretino-"the Scourge of Princes"laughs himself to death in Venice. 4:38

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