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The Fortnightly Rant

An Appropriate Defender

"Ever'thang is ever'thang," a late friend of this paper used to say during moments of philosophical reflection.*

Truer words were never spoken. The proof is in the headlines. Specifically, in *The New Yorker*, on April 12th: "The National Enquirer, a Trump Rumor, and Another Secret Payment to Buy Silence."

The article, by Ronan Farrow, details how a sleazy and absurd alleged newspaper (probably) violated campaign finance laws to further the preposterous ambitions of a sleazy and absurd alleged Presidential candidate. In other words, the piece is a sordid snapshot accurately and comprehensively depicting the manner in which American democracy is currently being conducted.

Due to its strategic location and seniority, this newspaper feels obliged to cover certain aspects of this case which might otherwise be overlooked. Ours is a tale of anarchy, fascism, organized crime, infidelity, bloody murder, supermarkets, and a Concord, New Hampshire woman who was honored by a state funeral in the Kremlin with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev standing in the honor guard.

These additional elements may not constitute a clear-cut case of cause and effect, but the context they offer suggests that Donald Trump's presence in the Oval Office is no tragic fluke, but a tragic inevitability.

Furthermore, it will become clear that the entropy on display in this sprawling saga leaks over from the political into the physical world.

Lily Tomlin has observed, "No matter how cynical you become, it's never enough."

We begin to suspect that no matter how radical a view one takes, it's never radical enough.

* See "R.I.P. Kenneth Earl Leidner," page 3.

The Rebel Girl

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn was born in Concord on August 7, 1890. Both her parents were Irish—her mother an immigrant, her father the son of immigrants—and both were socialists. That wasn't enough for Elizabeth.

"My father and mother were Socialists, members of the Socialist Party," she said in 1962, "So all of us of the younger generation were impatient with it. We felt it was rather stodgy. ... we felt a desire to have something more militant, more progressive and more youthful and so we flocked into the new organization, the IWW [International Workers of the World]."

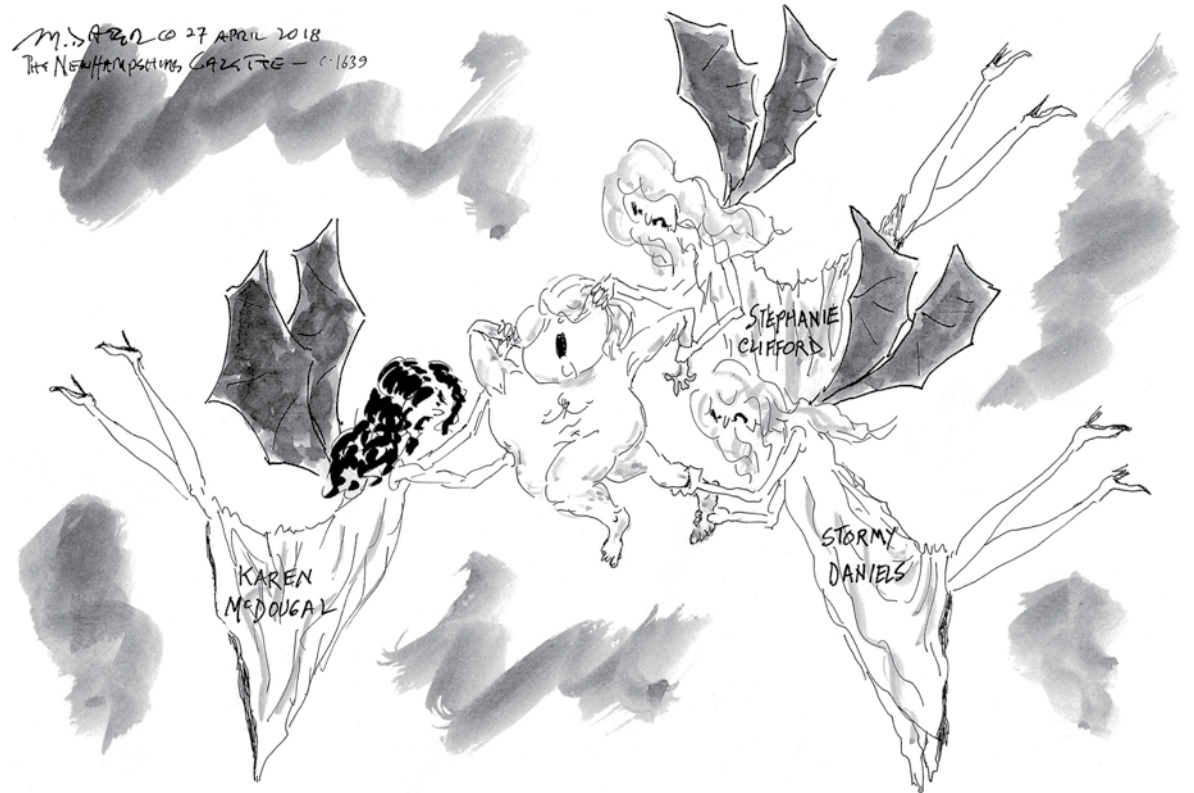
Passionate, precocious, and by all accounts an unusually compelling speaker, Flynn became a full-time IWW organizer at the age of 17. Along with Carlo Tresca and "Big Bill" Haywood, she played central roles in both the 1912 Lawrence, Mass. "Bread and Roses" strike and the 1913 Paterson, N.J. silk workers' strike. Although she was by then a married woman and a mother, she began a 13-year affair with Tresca during the Paterson strike.

Tresca's Hammer

The editor of a succession of Italian-language newspapers, by 1917 Tresca had acquired a paper of his own. He used his aptly-named *Il Martello* [The Hammer], to relentlessly bludgeon the fascist dictator Benito Mussolini and Italo-Americans who supported him. A socialist who evolved into an anarcho-syndicalist, Tresca conducted his personal life with as much restraint as his politics. Flynn put up with his womanizing until he took up with her sister, Bina.

In the early 1940s, *Il Martello* was crusading simultaneously against the Mafia and fascism. In an article published early in 1943 Tresca

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wrote, "Morris Ernst, my attorney, knows all the facts. He knows that if an anti-fascist is assaulted or killed, the instigator is Generose [sic] Pope."

On January 11, 1943 Tresca was shot in the head by a man standing in the middle of Fifth Avenue.

Evidence suggests the shooter was Carmine Galante, a button man for Mafia boss Joe Bonnano, himself a close friend of Generoso Pope. Galante's probation officer saw Galante flee the scene, but could not follow him because of wartime gas rationing. No one was ever charged.

Il Progresso, the Fascists' Friend

Generoso Pope Sr. could be mistaken for a stereotypical caricature of an Italian-American immigrant had he not been real. Arriving in New York with nothing at the age of 15, he went from water-carrier to owner of the largest sand and gravel company in the world before he was 40.

In 1928 Pope bought *Il Progresso*

to exert political influence, and made it the largest-circulation Italian-language daily in the U.S. Somehow, throughout the 1930s, he managed to be both a Democrat who supported FDR, and a friend and supporter of Mussolini. The gangster Frank Costello was also among his circle of close friends.

For a brief moment Generoso "Gene" Pope Jr. was in line to take over his father's propaganda mill. A political mis-step put the kibosh on that plan, though; and intra-family hostilities led to estrangement and disinheritance.

Broke and desperate, Gene turned to Frank Costello—who was literally his godfather—for a loan which he used to buy the nearly-bankrupt *New York Enquirer*.

Pope converted the broadsheet to a tabloid and re-named it the *National Enquirer*. Success eluded him until, as if in some gruesome parody of the story of Saul on his way to Damascus, he had a revelation while

driving past a gory car wreck. Running headlines like "Mom Boiled Her Baby and Ate Her," and "I Cut Out Her Heart and Stomped on It," the *Enquirer* began making impressive profits. Having some capital to work with unleashed the younger Pope's true genius. Transcending mere drug stores and newsstands as sales outlets, he struck upon the idea of negotiating for rack space in supermarkets. Thus was born an entire sleazy industry.

Pope died in 1988, but his successor, David Pecker [sic], carries on the tradition with his values intact.

Entropy Never Sleeps

Entropy is order declining into chaos, as when the *New York Enquirer* became the *National Enquirer* or Donald Trump became President.

Paradoxically, chaos seems to be rising as power becomes more concentrated. Perhaps it's because powerful systems are capable of protecting stupid people.

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Startling Scientific Discovery Is Guaranteed To Radically Reorder Global Priorities

Pointy-headed scientists, who probably wear plastic pocket protectors and think they're smarter than the rest of us, have warned for years that, if glaciers in Greenland keep melting, the freshwater runoff might shut down the Gulf Stream and give Roland Emmerich an excuse to make a movie called "The Day After the Day After Tomorrow."

Well, the joke's on them.

Another bunch of scientists, who probably couldn't make it driving an eighteen-wheeler and are just looking for an excuse to keep those lucrative Federal grants rolling in instead of getting a real job, have just discovered that, given the way Antarctica is melting, Greenland may be the last of our worries.

We're probably all doomed.

This presents a particular problem for your average hack whose alleged job is supposed to be writing the so-called news, because all we ever hear is the same old story, over and over and over again—which is pretty much the antithesis of what news is supposed to be.

This time it's the real deal, though.

Paradoxically, rather than keeping up with the latest crop of talent on "American Idol"—though that program has been acknowledged by no less an authority than CNN chief Jeff Zucker to be "the most impactful show in the history of television"—a team of scientists from the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS), in Costa Rica, has instead concerned itself with the abstruse question of why certain water currents in locations around Antarc-

tica aren't behaving as they used to.

The IMAS team was led by Alessandro Silvano, of the University of Tasmania in Hobart—chosen no doubt because his office is conveniently located a mere 1,600 miles from the ice-bound and commercially-useless continent.

The team found that rapidly melting ice shelves are shedding so much fresh water that it is overpowering the process of mixing that normally causes the runoff to sink to the deep ocean floor. Instead, the warmer water is stratifying—staying near the surface, and spreading out to other nearby ice formations—which it then proceeds to melt as well. The result is the dreaded feedback loop: the process reinforces itself.

This process was confirmed in the Amundsen Sea along the coast of

West Antarctica, and at the Moscow University Ice Shelf in East Antarctica. [Must be nice for Moscow University, having its very own Ice Shelf. Makes you wonder what American President let that happen.—The Ed.]

The latter discovery is particularly terrifying, because the amount of ice contained in the Totten Glacier is huge. If it were to melt completely, the water it released would cause sea levels to rise by at least 12 feet.

In an ideal world, this new information would be integrated with the already-enormous body of data proving beyond a doubt that our way of life is killing us and has to change. Our political leaders would then come together, debate, and agree on a new path towards a more sustainable future.

This is obviously not that world.

In fact, this seems to be the world we remember describing some 25 years ago, in which we're strapped in the cheap seats, watching the glacier races. The only difference is that the glaciers are going much faster now.

The question naturally arises, then: how should we respond to this dire information? One obvious answer would be to despair. That would certainly be an appropriate response to the broad picture before us.

After all of mankind's striving, from fending off savage beasts and enduring ice ages to sweating under the lash while building some egotistical monster a useless pyramid, we have arrived at a state of being so exalted we can sit on our butts and

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stare at a screen showing images taken by a space telescope peering back almost to the beginning of time. Or, using that same screen, watch “American Idol.”

That cumulative effort of billions of people now dangles over the abyss because a relative handful of wastrels, who have more money than sense, can use their ill-gotten gains and corresponding political influence to pervert the processes of government and stymie the application of scientific knowledge to a solvable problem; because they’d rather become marginally more wealthy before all of us drown.

Despair might actually prove useful in this situation, provided that it’s deep enough to make a real impression.

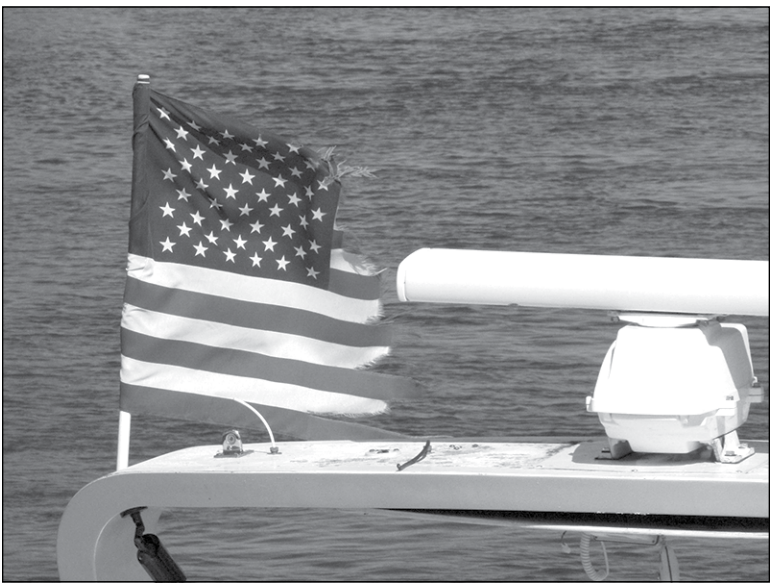
The critical thing is not to wallow in it. Fortunately despair is ultimately boring; the desire to turn the ta-

bles on an oppressor, on the other hand, can be quite invigorating—it’s certainly done wonders for this newspaper. A sufficient quantity of despair, converted to a thirst for justice, when properly applied, might even save our collective bacon.

The apparent distribution of power in this world mimics that of money: lots in some places, little elsewhere. Human will, though, is the opposite. Everybody gets an allotment. If enough people stand up to the status quo, eventually it will cave.

The question is, how many people would that take? According to researchers Erica Chenoweth and Maria Stephan, not as many as one might think.

The authors of *Why Civil Resistance Works: The Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Conflict*, Chenoweth and Stephan “collected data on all major nonviolent and violent campaigns for the overthrow of a government



The ever-vigilant Officer Bruce of the Flag Police, after careful consideration, has filed a citation against the owner of this boat, for reasons which are only too obvious: in addition to having lost about 50 percent of its material substance, this flag is improperly-mounted. Actual issuance of the proposed citation will be held in abeyance until the Station House Philosopher issues a ruling. The question at hand is whether the name of the boat—Noumenon II—presents a mitigating factor. Is this flag, in fact, a flag, i.e., is it a phenomenon, the “thing-in-itself”? Or is it, as the boat’s name suggests and as posited by Immanuel Kant, a noumenon, an object that exists independently of human sense and/or perception? And, if so, does the Flag Code apply?



or territorial liberation since 1900. The data cover the entire world and include every known campaign that consists of at least a thousand observed participants, which constitutes hundreds of cases.”

They found that “no campaigns failed once they’d achieved the active and sustained participation of just 3.5 percent of the population—and lots of them succeeded with far less than that.”

Trump vs. U.S.P.S.

More catastrophes spew from the Trump administration than anyone can inventory. Of particular concern to us, of course, is the entirely unnecessary and counter-productive newsprint tariff. It is still being fought, but the prospects for its reversal don’t look good. Now we learn, from *The American Prospect*, of another initiative that threatens our very

existence.

On April 12th, Dolt #45 signed an Executive Order setting up a task force to recommend reforms for the U.S. Postal Service.

In an article headlined, “Trump Moves to Gut the Post Office,” writer David Dayen points out that “... there’s already a ‘task force’ empowered to evaluate the Postal Service. That’s the USPS Board of Governors, an 11-member panel that operates like the board of directors of a corporation, empowered to review all policies and practices and engage in long-range planning. But this Board, which includes the Postmaster General, a deputy, and nine presidential appointees, has not had a new member confirmed since the George W. Bush administration. It’s been operating without a quorum since 2015, and currently all nine appointee positions are vacant. The Trump administration took until

October of last year to nominate candidates to three of the nine open seats; they’re only getting a confirmation hearing next week.

“If Trump, or anyone in his administration, were actually concerned with Postal Service operations, he’d quickly stock its board. Instead, he’s formalizing a task force to look into undermining it.”

Are You Ready for Loyalty Day?

It has come to our attention that this newspaper has chronically failed in its duty to alert readers to a day of great importance in our national calendar. While making no admission of criminal nonfeasance, the management extends its apologies to any readers who may have been detained or imprisoned due to lack of awareness that May 1st is Loyalty Day.

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tainly does not, Loyalty Day was first observed in 1921. It was called at the time “Americanization Day.” The reason it went under an assumed name is either lost to history or remains a state secret.

By sheer coincidence, one year earlier, based on allegedly sound intelligence from Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer and J. Edgar “Mary” Hoover, newspapers across the country warned that domestic radicals in league with international accomplices were about to set off a wave of assassinations, bombings, and general strikes. Headlines read, “Terror Reign by Radicals, Says Palmer,” and “Nation-wide Uprising on Saturday.”

May 1st was officially designated Loyalty Day during another Red Scare in 1955, and now, despite an overwhelming lack of interest on the part of the citizenry, it will never go away—just imagine what would happen to anyone who tried to remove it from the calendar.

R.I.P. Kenneth Earl Leidner

We learned recently of the passing last December of Kenneth Earl Leidner, a faithful subscriber to this newspaper for 27 years, and a friend to the editor for a decade before that. Ken was an essential

member of the small cohort of Vietnam veterans whose companionship, understanding, and collective wisdom made it possible for a deeply alienated semi-young man to become a cranky old editor very happy with his lot.

In classic fashion Ken rarely spoke about his experiences in Vietnam. Piecing together what we do know, he was an enlisted airman attached to the 173rd Airborne who walked the bush with a 25-pound radio on his back that for all practical purposes might as well have been a target. His task was to swap cryptic jargon with the fast-movers, Lead Sleds, and Spads flying overhead, calling down rockets, bombs, and general all-around hellfire on Charlie—who, he well understood, was just defending his homeland.

After Vietnam Ken was assigned to Pease Air Force Base, guarding nuclear weapons for the Strategic Air Command—a component of the Military-Industrial Complex whose many foibles served as raw material for a sense of humor that savored absurdity.

Upon his release Ken found a career that was more to his liking: teaching second grade students in small-town New Hampshire. In more of a lateral transfer than a



change, he was put in charge of the State House Visitors Center. In that capacity he gave hundreds if not thousands of New Hampshire schoolchildren an up-close look at the world's third-largest legislature in the English-speaking world.

Integrating those violently disparate sides of his life must have been a challenge, but he succeeded admirably. Half century of effort earned him a broad and subtle understanding of unlikely causes and surprising effects, making conversations with him consistently rewarding.

His ability to endure meetings and keep them productive was legendary, as members of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #41, the New Hampshire Veterans Needs Committee, the State Veterans Council, Veterans for Peace, and the New Hampshire Veterans Association [NHVA] can attest.

Ken's industriousness and good cheer were essential to the success of VVA Chapter #41's famous Burger Bunker at the Hopkinton State Fair. His ebullient sense of fun was never revealed more fully than when firing the NHVA's authentic Civil War-era cannon at The Weirs.

He will be deeply missed.

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Myth, Reality, & Mapping the Underground Railroad

The Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire (BHTNH) will hold its annual spring Symposium on Saturday, May 5th.

The topic of the day-long learning experience will be Myth, Reality, & Mapping the Underground Railroad. The program will start with a guided walking tour of sites that may have been part of the Underground Railroad in Portsmouth. It will be led by Angela Matthews, a BHTNH Board member as well as Sankofa Scholar and Guide.

The day's events will begin at St. John's Church's Thaxter Hall, 101 Chapel Street in Portsmouth at 9:00 a.m., and end at 3:30 p.m.

A panel of scholars will discuss the theme “Bridging the Past to the Present: Stories of the Underground Railroad in Our Region,” focusing not just on sites of the Underground Railroad, but the people and the communities behind it. Among the intriguing topics to be covered is to what extent people going to Canada in search of freedom may have used the same paths trod by Native Americans bringing captive Anglo settlers North more than a hundred years earlier.

Maria Madison will give a living history performance based on the life of Ellen Garrison Jackson, born in Concord, Mass. A lifelong social justice activist, Jackson integrated Concord's Bicentennial Parade at the age of 12. Nearly 90 years before Rosa Parks, she had a Maryland railroad station master arrested for violating her rights under the Civil Rights Act of 1866.

Keynote speaker and workshop leader Dr. Cheryl LaRoche will lead a hands-on exploration of how to map the Underground Railroad in your town. Symposium participants are asked to bring questions, problems, solutions and discoveries along with copies of historic maps, addresses, photographs, and narrative accounts.

Cost of the Tour and Symposium, including a catered lunch, is \$35. The cost of the Symposium only, also including lunch, is \$25. The cost of the Tour only is \$20.

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Lady Liberty visited Market Square on April 15th to attend the traditional Sunday afternoon civil rights vigil. She was looking quite peaked—well along into anorexia, in fact. Considering how she's been treated lately, it's no wonder she's been off her feed.

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A Protected Swamp

To the Editor:

Most protected swamps are pristine, living organisms with wildlife and native flora instinctively maintaining a balance of ecological stability and continuity.

Fake POTUS and his minions assume that all swamps are lethal, stinking, and nasty. So he has systematically sought to destroy or drain away the light years of the comparatively pristine, balanced, intelligent organism that once was the Obama administration. Each Cabinet member chosen by fake POTUS in 2017 was a co-conspirator in creating a new toxic, rotten, destructive swamp system—as was intended. Each recent continuous switcheroo of replacements became even more decomposing and toxic. The far Right Faux News channel, the Sinclair network, the National (rag) Enquirer, Limbaugh and Coulter, &c., &c., have all been busy fishing with rotten bait to snare the shallow, insecure, angry, bigoted bottom feeders—not for political advantage, but for the enormous gold mine of slime—print, talk radio, Facebook, snotty Twitters and wingnut TV pundits up to no good. But they are all covered in dirty money—and determined to stay that way.

Furthermore, in the game of fishing exploits—from the beginning of the Trump Mafia Campaign when Saint Pence was chosen as VP, he was to be the bait on the Republican ticket—to hook the “pious” CINO [Christians in Name Only, we presume. — The Ed.] sentiments of gullible evangelical voters! As a former wingnut talk radio hack, Saint Pence was well practiced in bashing the LGBTQ community, abortion providers, military women, same gender marriages, liberal ministries and all of the other delicious hatreds that social bigots cherish. They create over and over the illusions of moral superiority—which is a very counterfeit aim—for self-esteem. All of these critical bigotries are the direct opposite from the behavioral scriptures that Jesus left for us—which, in essence, is ethical justice, unconditional love and spiritual understanding.

If Saint Pence was in that frame of mind, he would not be pandering to the Trump Mafia.

So fake POTUS ridiculously fights the FBI investigations and his own Justice Department. They are not on a Witch Hunt—they are succeeding in a son-of-a-Bitch Hunt.

Helen McKinney
Sapphire, N.C.

Helen:

Our sources indicate that the area where you live in the hills of western North Carolina is pretty sparsely populated. If we can judge from your letter, what you lack in numbers you more than make up for in spirit.

The Editor

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MIT Anti-Nukes Conference

To the Editor:

On Saturday, April 7th, I attended an annual anti-nukes conference held at MIT in Cambridge, Mass. The title of this year's conference was “Minds Not Missiles—Reducing The Threat of Nuclear War.” Of noteworthy concern throughout the conference was the dangerous nuclear weapons policy of the Trump administration.

The day-long conference, which was open to the public, was attended by approximately 75 people. Various experts in the field spoke at length. Charts, graphs, statistics, and maps were on display during several of the presentations. A brief Q-and-A period followed the speakers. Towards the end of the conference I asked about UFOs.

No one seemed to know or care about the well-documented connection between UFOs and U.S. nuclear weapons, so I briefly explained. I spoke about the work of Robert Hastings (www.ufohastings.com), who has interviewed many members of the U.S. military about repeated incursions of UFOs into the airspace above ICBM sites on Air Force bases.

As recently as October, 2012, UFOs have been observed by credible, reputable U.S. military personnel to be hovering over nuclear missile silos, and the launch readiness those missiles has sometimes been tampered with by UFOs. Many of these military



personnel went on the record, at the National Press Club, about these incidents. CNN streamed the event live.

The UFO/nuclear weapons connection is a very serious issue, especially with a wild-card like Trump in The White House. We need true leadership on this issue, not more childish Tweets combined with an increased nuclear stockpile. That's why I'm running for U.S. president. We need a president who's willing to talk about this issue openly and honestly. We deserve the truth.

Alex J. Boros
Rochester, N.H.

Alex:

Thanks, we weren't worried enough.

Seriously, though we have not touched on the issue in these pages, we noted with some interest the Air Force's recent release of radar imaging, accompanied by the voices of some startled pilots.

All of which leads us to our latest Instant Theory: If there really is a Deep State running things, and its operatives are preparing to go public with the news that we've discovered non-Terrestrial life forms, wouldn't it make a certain perverse sense for them to have rigged the election?

We can see the headline now—in the National Enquirer, of course: “Trump Says Aliens Have Landed.”

The Editor

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How Things Have Changed

To the Editor:

Now they all love Trump—Democrats, Liberals, Libertarians, the Deep State, the Military-Industrial Complex, the Never-Trump folks, the Israel-First neocons, most of the media, and many in his own party. The illegal, immoral act of war against Syria delivered these individuals and groups into the Trump camp—but only for now. In the next Presidential election, they will join forces to defeat him, while those who brought him to the dance—many of the deplorables who supported him for his non-interven-

tionist foreign policy platform—will have abandoned him. They realize now that their support will only be wanted and needed to provide the cannon fodder for the expansion of the wars in the Middle East, while the sons and daughters of Trump and his new allies in the Washington establishment are safe, comfortable, and living the good life.

And how the media has changed, with the only truth and rational voice coming from Fox News in the form of Tucker Carlson, who, like everyone that is not brain dead, knows that the attack on Syria was a response to a false flag attack by terrorists using chemical weapons. It appears that al Qaeda, ISIS, and al Nusra now have an Air Force and a Navy—the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Navy.

I wouldn't worry about defunding any program aimed at detecting threatening asteroids. We seem intent on destroying the world with nuclear weapons. Anytime the sanest man in the war room is the one with the nickname Mad Dog we should realize we are in trouble.

John Dente
Wilmington, Del.

John:

That was a fairly nauseating display of Pavlovian reaction across the board.

We'll rate ourselves as being possibly half-brain-dead, because we don't “know” that terrorists used chemical weapons.

We firmly believe, though, that in war, truth is still the first casualty.

The Editor

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Separation of Church and State

To the Editor:

A friend of mine shared the following wisdom with me during a recent conversation about politics and religion: “Being taught to avoid talking about politics and religion has led to

a lack of understanding of politics and religion. What we should have been taught was how to have a civil conversation about a difficult topic.”

Let's be reminded that America is a democracy (a constitutional republic) as opposed to a theocracy (like Saudi Arabia or Iran), and that the Constitution of the United States, as opposed to a holy book, is what establishes our national government and our fundamental laws, and what guarantees all American citizens their basic rights.

The First Amendment of the Constitution clearly spells out what protections our government is obliged to provide when it comes to religious freedoms: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof . . .” So, by all means, please enjoy the abundance of religious freedoms you have been afforded.

As for me, I'll refer you to the words, which capture my exact sentiments, of Thomas Paine, perhaps the most influential figure in the American Independence movement, who asserted, “All national institutions of churches, whether Jewish, Christian or Turkish, appear to me no other than human inventions, set up to terrify and enslave mankind, and monopolize power and profit.”

Former President Barack Obama got caught, on a hot microphone, as a candidate in 2008, making a cynical yet spot-on assessment about white working-class voters in old industrial towns (who make up 35-38 percent of the Republican base and are #45's entire base): “They get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations.”

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The following response by NRA CEO Wayne LaPierre, whose #1 priority is profits from arms sales, to calls for getting military-style weapons off the streets, is the latest evidence on the need for the separation of church and state: “The right to bear arms is not bestowed by man, but granted by God to all Americans as our American birthright.”

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, N.H.
Wayne:

If we had Betsy DeVos’ job, we’d do everything in our power to see that all high school graduates spent a couple of weeks reading, studying, and debating Tom Paine. There’d be no passing grade unless the student could demonstrate an understanding of two things: the role Common Sense played in establishing the very idea of independence, and the smear campaign conducted against Paine by the Federalists after his The Crisis did so much to help win the Revolution.

Jeez, Louise—now you’ve got us all worked up. Here’s Robert Ingersoll, “The Great Agnostic,” on Paine’s funeral: “One by one most of his old friends and acquaintances had deserted him. Maligned on every side, execrated, shunned and abhorred—his virtues denounced as vices—his services forgotten—his character blackened, he preserved the poise and balance of his soul. He was a victim of the people, but his convictions remained unshaken. He was still a soldier in the army of freedom, and still tried to enlighten and civilize those who were impatiently waiting for his death. Even those who loved their enemies hated him, their friend—the friend of the whole world—with all their hearts. On the 8th of June 1809, death came—Death, almost his only friend. At his funeral no pomp, no pageantry, no civic procession, no military display. In a carriage, a woman and

her son who had lived on the bounty of the dead—on horseback, a Quaker, the humanity of whose heart dominated the creed of his head—and, following on foot, two negroes filled with gratitude—constituted the funeral cortege of Thomas Paine.”

The Editor

A Deep Dilemma

To the Editor:

Conspiracy theorists like to carp about America’s Deep State, that mysterious orbit where Pentagon Chiefs, Wall Street Barons, Big Oil, and Multinational Corporatists move in secrecy to protect their collective interests while dodging the bipolar swings of civil government. However, over the past 20 years and perhaps through achieving too much success, the Deep State has managed to blow its cover and fall to earth as a bona fide political party in its own right.

At first, the plan was to infiltrate the Republican Party and use it as a vehicle to gain influence within the public-sector. The plan worked smashingly well. Before long, lawmakers grew increasingly hooked on corporate money for survival while corporate lawyers took over the task of writing legislation. Meanwhile, a huge public relations operation set about pacifying the American public with anti-government propaganda.

Now, with help from a snoop and revitalized fourth estate, it appears the Deep State has been forced to vacate its anonymity and to become the very thing it once sought to control silently and from afar. Today’s deep state IS the party of the Private Sector—a party with human names and faces dedicated to Oligarchy and privatization through predatory capitalism. Nothing wrong with capitalism, but unchecked predatory capitalism is a

different animal.

At the same time, the party of the Public Sector faces an identity problem. With no formal moniker to rally around, disgruntled Main Street Republicans, Independents, and Democrats lack a platform for repatriation to our public institutions and democratic ideals. Hopefully, this is a problem America can resolve quickly because the enemy within seems to be winning.

Rick Littlefield
Barrington, N.H.

Rick:

If we can avoid the clutches of the Neo-Pinkertons long enough, we’re going to write a Rant proposing a new Anti-Neoliberal Party. Its most salient feature: it’ll be a side-party. Members can go on being Republicans or Democrats—they’ll just fight the neoliberal aspects of their primary Party.

The Editor

Continuing Problems at Sanders Poynt

To the Editor:

The never-ending Sanders Poynt dispute is heading back for another hearing at the Rockingham Superior Court on May 10th. The Wentworth Golf Club has forced us back into court because they object to permanently replacing the Sanders Poynt marker which they had removed. They claim that although they lost on the issue of a public easement on “their” land, they are under no legal obligation to place signage on their property, nor do they have to submit to any naming of the space by others.

In a way, the Wentworth is doing us a huge favor. Had they not raised these issues, the case would now be over. But because we have another hearing, the Wentworth has given us an opportunity, not only to respond to their claims, but to raise other important issues.

Of course, the public should have the right to name an area which by

now is known to everyone as “Sanders Poynt.” And Sanders Poynt should be further identified by the Town of Rye by correcting its conspicuous absence from the town’s list of public beach access points. And of course, the Wentworth should have to repair and replant that sign which they and the Town of Rye have damaged (the Town of Rye added their two bits by repainting the sign with a more modern spelling, “Point” replacing “Poynt.”

A much larger issue is the long-term viability of Sanders Poynt. The Wentworth has obeyed the court order insofar as rebuilding the parking lot and opening public access. However, who is going to be responsible for the continuing maintenance of that precious parcel of land? The Wentworth may own it, but with the public easement, it is no longer really theirs. They have implicitly acknowledged that fact by having added a formidable barrier fence separating Sanders Poynt from their golf club.

Is it fair or reasonable to expect that the Wentworth will have to continue to maintain Sanders Poynt in perpetuity for the benefit of the public and not for themselves? Besides, with their continuing stubbornness towards the court’s rulings, they have manifestly demonstrated that they cannot be trusted. If not the Wentworth, who should have that responsibility? The State of New Hampshire would be one candidate. It is the steward of public lands, but two different Attorneys General have denied that responsibility in this case.

We are trying to correct this defect. We have upset the Town of Rye by having added one sentence to our brief to the Court: “While the matter is still before the Court, the Town of Rye should be reminded that it should continue its limited exercise of dominion of the prescriptive easement as it has historically done.”

The Town of Rye used to maintain and regulate Sanders Poynt without any permission from the Wentworth. The town was as much or even more in adverse possession as any member of the public. However, with their contradictory attempts to withdraw from

this case, the town has left its own status in limbo. This is a severe defect in the original court ruling which thanks to the obstinacy of the Wentworth, we now may have a chance to correct.

I have addressed the Rye Select Board and have sent letters trying to get them to change their stance. They should cease their opposition to our motion. Instead, they should join with us and start to affirm their historical rights and responsibilities. They should proudly stand with their public in affirming our victory.

We have until May 10th to sway our representatives. I am requesting, please, that any member of the public who cares about this important issue, write to the Rye Select Board, expressing your opinions.

Robert Jesurum
Rye, N.H.

Robert:

We sincerely hope that readers will follow up on your suggestion.

Recent history suggests that the members of Rye’s Select Board might benefit from a reminder that ownership of a large swath of land, no matter how ostentatiously it might be maintained (and at what cost to the environment, one must wonder), does not constitute a valid claim for some more-exalted form of citizenship.

The Editor

It’s Life or Death, Mr. Abrami!

To the Editor:


Representative Patrick Abrami [R—Stratham] should be shown respect, and his attendance at the recent Exeter Town Hall meeting on gun violence appreciated. Many, especially Republican representatives, don’t have the courage to even show up at such events. Perhaps they fear losing support from NRA members and the dollars that go with such support. As Mr. Abrami mentioned, not many Republicans were willing to attend this event. Apparently not many are as concerned with our children’s welfare as they are with the freedom to own and use guns.

Since I was not able to attend the

Hate Mail, &c.

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The Bailey Road

by William Marvel

They call it the Bailey Road. I won't say exactly where it is, because it doesn't need a lot of traffic, but it leads to one of my favorite spots. The saga of the Bailey Road reflects some of the more unpleasant aspects of Conway's history—and of Conway's present, for that matter. I would say that the ending to the story has been happier than most such tales, except that there never really is an end to anything except battery power and last year's woodpile.

The road lies in what has always been an isolated location, and with any luck it will stay that way. Jonathan Leavitt, a veteran of the Revolution, gravitated to Conway from southern New Hampshire around 1800. He built a house and barn about halfway up Dundee Hill, on what was some of the worst farmland in town. In order to receive a pension for his Revolutionary

service he had to divest himself of his real estate, so his oldest son Ebenezer took over the farm, but Jonathan lived there into his mid-90s. When he finally died, in the spring of 1853, his son wasted no time selling the place, and late that summer Richard Bailey bought it.

Bailey had been managing bigger spreads along the Saco River in Bartlett and Conway for prosperous farmers, and after he paid \$1,000 for the old Leavitt farm he continued to manage another one in the Quint Neighborhood for several years. Eben Leavitt's younger brother lived at the old family homestead on Dundee, either renting it or farming it on shares, until the spring of 1861. Then Bailey moved in, sending Ferdinand—his only child—to the District 9 school on the Gulf Road. Almost immediately he petitioned the selectmen to build a road up the steep hill to his house, but they declined. It was too expensive to build a road to a single house, they con-

tended, and the few hardscrabble farms in that vicinity were too scattered to build one worth the taxes those farms paid.

Like a lot of the newcomers we see today, Bailey rather thought the town owed him something for moving here and buying a place, and he took the case to court. It cost the selectmen a lot of time and travel to defend themselves for a perfectly reasonable decision, and it was all for naught. Mirroring another modern trend, the judge was evidently one of those courtroom autocrats who will favor the most ridiculous demands if only his pity or his pocket can be excited, and he ruled for Bailey although the selectmen were clearly in the right.

Part of Bailey's winning strategy was to devise a plan that seemed to link seven homes with more than a mile and a quarter of road. In fact, two of those farms already sat on a town road, and three of the others were on Edgcomb Mountain. In

the end the road passed only Bailey's house, leaving even Nahum Johnson's Dundee farm inaccessible. Johnson's place and the three on Edgcomb Mountain required a separate road altogether—which the selectmen approved, since Bailey had made them a little gun-shy about standing up for the taxpayers' interests in that neighborhood.

In the summer of 1862 Bailey and his neighbors cut the new road, and they got paid for it, too. There is a rock on the edge of the road that they tried to remove, with several holes drilled in it and a steel wedge still stuck in one of them. The next year the same men who had petitioned for Bailey's road started agitating for the road up Edgcomb Mountain, which was begun in 1863 but not finished until 1866; because it took a dogleg to Johnson's farm, it was called the Johnson Road. In the end it took nearly three miles of road to serve only five farms. Judging by the recorded cost and the taxes those

parcels paid over the years, the town did not recover those expenses until sometime after World War II.

By then, that entire neighborhood had long since been abandoned. In 1879 Bailey mortgaged the deteriorating farm to Ferdinand for \$1,000, but Ferdinand defaulted and his father foreclosed on him in 1884. The next spring he sold out for \$400.

Instead of christening the new highways according to the hills they climbed or the communities to which they led, as was the custom, the selectmen and resentful residents named both roads after the men who had demanded such special treatment. Samuel Doick owned the Bailey land in absentia for 16 years, so some call it the Doick Road, but it's more appropriately remembered for the man who chose a difficult place to live and expected his neighbors to pay for his mistake.

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event in Exeter, I can not judge first hand whether Mr. Abrami was shown disrespect or experienced intolerance. However, his recent letter to the editor of the Herald indicates to me that he does not understand the strong views that many courageous young people have regarding guns and gun violence.

For many students at schools nationwide, gun violence is a life or death threat that they live with daily. They can rightfully point to adult society and claim: You are not keeping me safe, and that is your responsibility. Many of the suggestions that Mr. Abrami makes, regarding gun safety and mental health, have failed in the past, because for some issues funding was not provided, while other significant changes were blocked by the NRA and gun owner groups.

What is needed most, and strongly supported throughout our country are common sense gun violence prevention laws. For example: a ban on the sale of all assault-style weapons to civilians, comprehensive universal background checks for all weapons sales, including gun shows and private sales, and a waiting period before a sale is completed. We should also raise the age for gun ownership to 21 years.

The Red Flag Laws, which Mr. Abrami indicates he might be willing to support are creative new ideas, and I would gladly join him to support new legislation. These laws allow a more proactive approach to gun violence. They allow a judge

to temporarily remove weapons, pending further investigation, from someone who has exhibited behavior that could become dangerous.

Our children are demanding real and new changes to provide them genuine safety and security, to which they are entitled. Everyone, gunowners, the NRA, politicians, educators and the general public should come together and make this happen. The NRA should return to its roots, by focusing on providing gun safety courses instead of serving as a marketing department for the corporate gun lobby.

We politicians, should not forget that our first duty is to serve the vot-

ers that elected us and that we need to listen to the voices of these young people and their parents who are demanding basic safety when children attend schools. Incidentally, these young people, are the future voters of our country. Are you with them or against them?

State Rep. Peter Somssich
Portsmouth, N.H.

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A Little Remedial YouTubing

To the Editor:

"HHokay" (to lift the opening line of Jason Windsor's "End of ze World" animation), so the National Rifle Association bullied kids who survived a mass school shooting, some of whom saw friends killed.

Well, it can bully the President of the United States, why not a few school children? Wait, what?

The President who says he could whip a former Vice President in a schoolyard fight is intimidated by an organization? The President whose children are playing government in his office? An organization devoted to ensuring that our Constitutional right to be victims of gun violence is not infringed? Wonder how many NRA members are Christian, and how they square their life affirmation script with the one they endorse on behalf of the manufacturers of devices that have no other utility save to end life? Wonder how many are familiar with the restrictiveness with which the military regulates, even in combat theatres, access to and use of weapons, especially assault-style weapons that in any ra-



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The New American Aristocracy

by Jim Hightower

Multibillionaire brothers, Charles and David Koch, want to supplant America's core democratic principle of majority rule—the will of The People—with their plutocratic principle of inviolable property rights, also known as rule by the wealthy minority. Their notion is that We The People cannot be allowed to tax the riches of the owner class, nor

set rules on how they treat workers, consumers, and society as a whole.

To set themselves up as the new American aristocracy, this clique of moneyed elites has been spending hundreds of millions of dollars—much of it secret—on front groups and whorish politicians. For nearly 40 years, they and their uber-rich allies have torn down legal structures and mechanisms that give ordinary people some chance to control their

own destinies. The Kochs' goals include:

- Killing all restrictions on political spending by corporations and the rich.
- Suppressing voting rights of students, people of color, the elderly, and others who tend to favor Democratic policies.
- Eliminating labor unions.
- Canceling the right of workers, consumers, and others to sue corporations that harm them.

• Shredding the social safety net including food stamps, Social Security, and Medicare.

• Axing provisions to protect our environment.

• “Preempting” the right of local people to pass laws that corporations oppose.

• And packing courts with pro-corporate judges.

The Koch conspiracy's attack on our democratic rights has already rigged our country's economic and

political rules so the richest of the rich can now grab ever more of society's wealth and power, thus shattering America's commitment to the Common Good and creating a savage level of inequality. To learn more, go to the watchdog group, Center for Media and Democracy: www.exposedbycmd.org/koch.

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tional society are the purview solely of the military? One might reasonably wonder, “WTF?”

In fact, that dozen-or-so-year-old animation referenced above turns out to be as timely today as when it first appeared on YouTube. Consider this from the opening: “daim, that is a sweet earth you might say. Round!” Wonder if Mr. Windsor suspected that that shape would become a topic of debate a dozen years out? Or this: “ruling out the polar ice capes melting, meteors becoming crashed into us, the ozone layer leaving, and the sun exploding, we're definitely going to blow ourselves up.” Hmm. And this follows that: “Hokay. So basically we've got China, France, India, Israel, Pakistan, Russia, The UK, and us, with nukes. (An update added North Korea). We've got about 2,600 more than anybody else . . . whatever. Henyway, one day we decides those Chinese sons of a bitches are goin' down, so we launch a nuke at China.” Well, maybe not a nuke yet, we'll start with tariffs. “Henyway,” that's probably about as much as fair use will allow, so watch the video. WTF pretty much sums up the circumstance of life becoming better approximated by an animation than by “reality,” so called.

As they're saying at one of the local coffee shops these days, “Peace out.”

John Simon
Portsmouth, N.H.



John:

To properly address your letter, which we've been holding back for a fortnight, we must confess that Windsor's “End of the World” animation was new to us—so, thank you! It's hilarious, which is our favorite thing for things to be. Google it, folks, you'll love it.

The Editor

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A Query Regarding Delivery Options

To the Editor:

I read with some interest your account in the edition of April 13th of the enhanced distribution of the paper, local to the Portsmouth area, and its positive outcome, at least so far. Being the cheapskate that I am, I'm very impressed that you've been able to achieve this at an additional operating cost of zero dollars. Well done.

I've been a subscriber for a few months now, and living way down in Dixieland, I must rely on the United States Postal Service to deliver my copy to me. Needless to say, past deliveries have been inconsistent at best. One or two issues never made it to my front porch, many issues arrived several days or even weeks after the publication date, a couple arrived water-soaked, and one in particular was so chewed up, I assume by their state-of-the-art sorting equipment,

as to render it almost unreadable.

Now I certainly don't expect one of your volunteers to drive all the way down here gratis every two weeks to bring me the latest, but would it be possible for one of your cost accounting experts to put together a proposal listing any additional expense on my part for personally delivering the paper to me dry, undamaged and on time?

I know that you distribute digitally, but I really like holding and reading the physical paper. I get it, that's weird in this day and age, but I'm too old and set in my ways to change this.

If in your judgement this endeavor is too cost prohibitive to even calculate, I'll accept that, and will carry on as best I can, relying on the Post Office and hoping for the best every fortnight. Many thanks.

John C. Fidor
Richmond, Va.

John:

Thanks for writing. Thanks, too, for sharing your travails as a subscriber.

If we were omnipotent as well as omniscient, a personal representative of our paper would politely knock on your door and personally hand you a copy of our paper the moment that the ink dried. Fortunately for a whole host

of people and institutions, we have no such power.

Your preference for newsprint seems to us not odd in the least, but, rather, discerning; we therefore empathize with your dismay at receiving our paper in less-than-pristine conditions.

Sadly, we cannot provide any exact figures of the cost of the delivery method you seem to be proposing. Because the cost would surely be prohibitive, the working up of such a proposal would not pass muster in a cost-benefit analysis. We can, however, offer a rule of thumb: it would cost about as much as it would for you to make a fortnightly visit to Portsmouth from Richmond, and picking up a copy yourself.

So, it looks like carrying on the best you can is probably your best option.

For the record, we made the transition, over the past couple of months, to the use of the U.S.P.S.'s official mailing-label generation system, to get the best delivery service available under the circumstances.

We can't think of anything more we can do at the moment, but we do care.

If you'd be willing to let us know, we'd be interested in knowing just how long it actually takes for your paper to arrive. Any information you could forward—the more specific the better—would be gratefully noted.

The Editor

“Oh Sarah, It's Been Too Long”

To the Editor:

The owners and employees of Jackson's Hardware & Marine—a vital local resource—thank you for the photograph and kind words in your March 30th edition. As a locally owned business that has served generations of Seacoast residents for over 100 years, we thank all of our loyal customers who have supported us throughout the interminable uncertainties associated with the construction of the new Sarah Mildred Long Bridge.

Dan Corcoran

Kittery, Maine

Dan:

It is a relief you folks made it through such a long siege—and with your wit intact! We'll see you soon—we're about out of that stuff you so efficiently special-ordered for us a while back.

The Editor

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“... this [address] should stick until we sell the house some time in the far future, altho' I'm 90 and may terminate at any moment. I'm fine right now and intend to bang on—at least until the U.S. can rid itself of that awful Trump and his minions in the Republican party . . .”

—J.M., San Francisco, Calif.

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

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.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29	MONDAY, APRIL 30	TUESDAY, MAY 1	WEDNESDAY, MAY 2	THURSDAY, MAY 3	FRIDAY, MAY 4	SATURDAY, MAY 5
<p>2015—The Orioles beat the White Sox 8-2 in Baltimore before an empty stadium closed due to riots.</p> <p>2006—Stephen Colbert, on live TV at the White House Correspondents Dinner, performs the first-ever autopsy of a sitting President.</p> <p>2004—The Commission “investigating” 9/11 allows George W.[MD] Bush and Dick “Dick” Cheney to “testify” without taking an oath.</p> <p>1992—A mostly-white jury in Simi Valley finds LA police not guilty of assaulting Rodney King. Soldiers and Marines end the rioting six days later.</p> <p>1975—As helicopters begin evacuating Saigon, Marines Charles McMahon and Darwin Judge become the last two Americans to die in Vietnam.</p> <p>1961—The Army’s Chief of Staff tells Defense Secretary Robert Strange McNamara “we cannot win a conventional war in Southeast Asia.”</p> <p>1899—Striking miners blow up the Bunker Hill Company mill at Wardner, Idaho.</p> <p>1895—U.S. warships go to Nicaragua to “protect American interests.”</p> <p>1886—As the Boston Beaneaters pose for a team photo on Opening Day, Charles “Old Hoss” Radbourne gives the finger to a rival New York Giant; it is the first documented use of that gesture by an American.</p> <p>1429—Female “cheese-eating surrender monkey” Joan of Arc arrives at the besieged city of Orleans, France. Nine days later the English run away.</p>	<p>2011—A Robinson R44 crashes in downtown Indiana, Pa., during the filming of a reality TV show, “Campus PD.” Only the cameraman dies.</p> <p>1993—The first website goes online.</p> <p>1977—The Clamshell Alliance assembles at Seabrook to fight the construction of the nuke plant.</p> <p>1975—Saigon falls.</p> <p>1973—Rabid Nixon supporter Rev. Sun Myung Moon gets a green card.</p> <p>1973—Announcing their resignations, Richard Nixon calls felons-to-be John D. Ehrlichman and H.R. Haldeman “two of the finest public servants I have ever known.”</p> <p>1971—In Detroit, Medal of Honor recipient Dwight H. Johnson is shot to death while robbing a grocery store.</p> <p>1966—Rep. Melvin Laird (R-Wisc.) says that the problem with Vietnam is “an administration that fails to inform the people fully and frankly about the objectives and progress of the war.”</p> <p>1961—Leonid I. Rogozov, the sole doctor at a Soviet station in Antarctica, removes his own appendix.</p> <p>1956—Ex-Veep Alben Barkley concludes his keynote speech to the Washington and Lee Mock Convention, then keels over dead.</p> <p>1900—The Illinois Central’s <i>Cannonball Express</i> slams into a freight train at Vaughan, Miss. Engineer John Luther “Casey” Jones is the only fatality.</p> <p>1844—In Concord, Mass., Henry David Thoreau accidentally sets 300 acres of forest on fire.</p>	<p>2006—During its maiden voyage, over Desert Center, Calif., a Robinson R44 helicopter’s main rotor knocks the tail boom off. The pilot and a passenger die in the crash.</p> <p>2003—G.W.[MD] Bush says “major combat operations in Iraq have ended.” U.S. death toll so far: 140.</p> <p>1999—<i>The New Hampshire Gazette</i> resumes regular (fortnightly) publication in Portsmouth.</p> <p>1989—“Bill” Gardner, Secretary of State for Life, assigns rights to the trade name <i>New Hampshire Gazette</i> to a collateral descendant of the founder.</p> <p>1977—Seabrook: 1,414 Clams busted.</p> <p>1975—Tom Polgar sends CIA’s last cable from Saigon: “It has been a long fight and we have lost....Let us hope that we will not have another Vietnam experience and that we have learned our lesson. Saigon signing off.”</p> <p>1971—In Washington, D.C., 45,000 protestors assemble saying, “If the government won’t stop the war, we’ll stop the government.”</p> <p>1970—U.S. troops join ARVN soldiers in the Cambodian “Incursion.”</p> <p>1960—Russian missiles bring down a U-2 piloted by the CIA’s Gary Powers.</p> <p>1944—Jacob Coxey, 90, on the Capitol steps, completes the speech he began 50 years earlier.</p> <p>1894—Jacob Coxey, leads a 500-man “Army of the Unemployed” to the Capitol steps, where he calls for a federally-funded jobs program. Within minutes, police hustle him away.</p>	<p>2011—Osama bin Laden, having outlived the G.W.[MD] Bush Administration, is killed by SEAL Team 6 under orders from his successor.</p> <p>2006—With stereotypical inefficiency, state workers in Lucasville, Ohio jab Joseph Clark 19 times over 86 minutes to kill him by lethal injection.</p> <p>2003—Iraq War architect Richard Perle writes that it “ended without the Arab world rising up against us, as the war’s critics feared, without the quagmire they predicted, without the heavy losses in house-to-house fighting they warned us to expect.”</p> <p>1972—The good die young. J. Edgar “Mary” Hoover does it at 77.</p> <p>1971—The U.S. Government reneges on its permit, calls in the 82nd Airborne, arrests 12,600 protestors, and packs them into D.C.’s RFK stadium without food, water, or sanitation.</p> <p>1967—The California State Assembly is visited by 26 armed Black Panthers.</p> <p>1964—In Saigon, it’s a split double header: a VC mine sinks the 496-foot escort carrier <i>U.S.N.S. Card</i>, but Defense Secretary Robert Strange McNamara survives a bomb plot.</p> <p>1963—In Birmingham, Alabama, 959 schoolchildren arrested for letting themselves be attacked by dogs, firehoses, and cops with billy clubs.</p> <p>1940—Mississippi Governor Paul Johnson, 60, clubs <i>Jackson Daily News</i> editor Major Frederick Sullens from behind. Sullens, 62, floors the Governor and beats him mercilessly.</p>	<p>2016—After suggesting Ted Cruz’s father helped assassinate JFK (prompting Cruz to recall Donald Trump’s boast that dodging VD had been his Vietnam) Trump wins the Indiana Primary and clinches the Republican Presidential nomination.</p> <p>2003—The law of gravity busts the Old Man of the Mountain.</p> <p>1995—Alabama Governor “Fob” James reintroduces chain gangs.</p> <p>1991—In Milwaukee, police remit a naked, bleeding 14 year old boy to the custody of Jeffrey Dahmer.</p> <p>1987—The <i>Miami Herald</i> reports that a woman who was not his wife spent the night in the D.C. townhouse of Sen. Gary Hart’s (D-Colo.), who is quoted today saying “Follow me around.”</p> <p>1970— “[The North Vietnamese] have been in a war for years and years,” says Veep Spiro “Ted” Agnew. “I don’t think they are capable ... of continuing this fight.”</p> <p>1946—“Gruesome Gertie,” Louisiana’s electric chair, wired by a drunken trustee, fails to kill Willie Francis, 17. He’s escorted back to Death Row. A year later, Gertie kills Willie.</p> <p>1945—The RAF bombs the German ship <i>Cap Arcona</i>, believing it’s carrying SS officers. Of 4,500 concentration camp inmates aboard, 350 survive.</p> <p>1927—Turnout for Liberia’s Presidential election is 1,680 percent.</p> <p>1909—A passenger train collides with a switching engine in the Portsmouth rail yard: one dead, seven injured.</p>	<p>2004—The U.S. Army reveals that 10 prisoner deaths and 10 abuse cases in Iraq and Afghanistan are under criminal investigation.</p> <p>1990—Six-inch flames shoot from Jesse Joseph Tafero’s head as Florida’s “Old Sparky” takes three jolts and seven minutes to kill him.</p> <p>1989—U.S.M.C. Lieut. Col. Oliver North is convicted of four felonies in the Iran-Contra scandal, but a Congressional screw-up lets him skate.</p> <p>1970—Ohio National Guard troops shoot 13 unarmed students, killing four, at Kent State.</p> <p>1961—The Freedom Rides begin throughout the south.</p> <p>1948—Norman Mailer’s <i>The Naked and the Dead</i> is published.</p> <p>1942—The Battle of the Coral Sea begins. It lasts four days; 14 ships are sunk or damaged, 159 planes destroyed, and 1,565 men are killed. It was a great victory.</p> <p>1940—Nora Joyce says to James, “Well, Jim, I haven’t read any of your books but I’ll have to someday because they must be good considering how well they sell.”</p> <p>1926—A national General Strike begins in England.</p> <p>1904—Charles Rollsmets Henry Royce.</p> <p>1886—In Chicago’s Haymarket Square, demonstrators against May 3rd police brutality at the McCormick Reaper plant are attacked by more police. A bomb kills seven cops; a dubious trial later convicts eight anarchists.</p>	<p>2017—In Santa Barbara, Calif., a freshly-inspected Robinson R44 helicopter with a mechanical problem crashes and burns in a parking lot, incinerating two vans. Miraculously, three aboard survive with injuries.</p> <p>1985—In Texas, a Robinson R22 helicopter celebrates Cinco de Mayo by chewing its own tail off and plummeting to earth, killing both aboard.</p> <p>1985—President Reagan lays a wreath at a cemetery full of Nazis.</p> <p>1981—In Ireland’s Maze Prison, Bobby Sands dies of starvation.</p> <p>1970—Jerry Rubin speaks at UNH.</p> <p>1961—New Hampshire’s own Alan Shepard prays, “Please, dear God, don’t let me f__k up.” Prayer answered, he’s 1st American in space.</p> <p>1960—The U.S. announces that Gary Powers’s U-2 was a “weather research plane” and its pilot a “civilian employed by Lockheed.”</p> <p>1945—The collier <i>Black Point</i> is torpedoed by <i>U-853</i> within sight of the Point Judith, R.I. lighthouse.</p> <p>1945—At a Sunday school picnic in Bly, Ore., five Sunday school children and a minister’s pregnant wife are killed by a Japanese balloon bomb.</p> <p>1925—John T. Snopes is arrested in Tennessee for teaching evolution. On the team prosecuting Snopes is a man named Sue K. Hicks.</p> <p>1886—In Milwaukee, Gov. Jeremiah Rusk orders 250 National Guard soldiers to fire on a crowd of strikers. They comply; seven die.</p>
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SUNDAY, MAY 6	MONDAY, MAY 7	TUESDAY, MAY 8	WEDNESDAY, MAY 9	THURSDAY, MAY 10	FRIDAY, MAY 11	SATURDAY, MAY 12

2012—Stabbed in a bar fight, actor Sean Bean orders another drink.

2010—An imaginary bus bomb inspires panic in Portsmouth, N.H.

2010—A Londoner scamming from his parents’ basement gives The Invisible Hand of the Market™ jitters: the Dow drops nine pct. in five minutes.

1996—Nine days after disappearing, ex-CIA Director William Colby turns up in Chesapeake Bay, dead but remarkably fresh-looking, 20 feet from where searchers found his canoe eight days earlier. Routine drowning.

1992—After making a loud “bang,” a Robinson R22 helicopter plummets to earth at Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., killing pilot and passenger.

1982—LAPD Chief Darryl Gates explains “some blacks [die in choke holds because] the veins or arteries do not open up as fast as they do in normal people.”

1978—In Chicago, First Lady Rosalynn Carter is photographed shaking hands with Polish Constitution Day Parade chairman & serial killer John Wayne Gacy.

1967—Gen. Wallace Greene, Jr., U.S.M.C., says in Manchester, N.H. that America is winning the war in Vietnam, “and I say that without any doubt whatsoever.”

1868—Angry that Samuel Mills had dropped from sight when the gallows opened under him, hundreds of observers riot in Woodsville, N.H.

1864—Five generals are KIA in the Battle of the Wilderness.

1999—A U.S. B-2 drops five “smart bombs” on the Chinese embassy in Belgrade: three dead, 27 wounded.

1998—Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan successfully quash an effort to regulate credit default swaps.

1992—Reporters reveal Ross Perot’s “concern” over U.S. POWs was mostly about Richard Nixon’s presidency.

1985—New York throws a ticker tape parade for 25,000 Vietnam veterans. Better late than never.

1984—Vietnam veterans’ suit for damages from chemical companies which sold Agent Orange to the U.S. is settled for chump change.

1964—Former Olympic yachtsman Francisco Gonzales shoots the pilot and co-pilot of Pacific Air flight 773, then himself. The plane crashes near San Ramon, Calif., killing 41 more.

1960—After lying for a week, and only after Khrushchev reveals the Soviets have its pilot, the U.S. admits that the U-2 is a spy plane.

1955—Black voting activist Rev. George W. Lee is gunned down in Midnight, Miss. No charges are ever filed.

1954—The Viet Minh overrun the French garrison at Dien Bien Phu.

1942—More than 100,000 Japanese-Americans are sent to concentration camps.

1896—Gilmanton-born Herman W. Mudgett, aka “Dr. H.H. Holmes,” murderer of 100 or more women, is hanged for murdering some guy.

2007—GOP lawmakers, worried about re-election, get all up in George W.[MD] Bush’s grill about Iraq.

2006—CNN’s Headline News adds Glenn Beck to its lineup.

2003—A cargo door on a Russian-built plane flown by a Ukrainian crew pops open over the Congo. Three-fourths of the 200 aboard are sucked from the plane.

1995—A Robinson R44 helicopter destroys itself in flight over Saxony, Germany. Four die; all are commercial helicopter pilots.

1992—A Robinson R22 helicopter loses power over Anaheim, Calif. and crashes, killing the pilot.

1979—Salvadoran police maintain order by killing 23 and wounding 70 at a cathedral.

1970—“Hardhats” beat antiwar demonstrators in New York. Nixon later makes a leader Secretary of Labor.

1970—At the University of New Mexico, 11 people protesting the Vietnam War are bayoneted by National Guardsmen.

1967—Muhammed Ali is indicted for refusing to be inducted.

1963—In Hue, Ngo Dinh Diem’s goons kill nine Buddhists for flying their flag, then blame the ‘Cong.

1958—In Lima, Richard Nixon is stoned and spat on by Peruvians.

1755—In Portsmouth, murderer Eliphaz Dow becomes the first person executed in New Hampshire. Ruth Blay gets strung up 13 years later.

2017—President Donald Trump fires FBI Director James Comey.

1999—At the University of Chicago, two students competing in a scavenger hunt build a plutonium-producing reactor. They come in second.

1989—“What a waste it is to lose one’s mind,” says Veep Candidate Dan Quayle, addressing the Negro College Fund, “or not to have a mind is being very wasteful, how true that is.”

1980—The Liberian-flagged *Summit Venture* knocks out a span of St. Petersburg, Fla.’s Sunshine Skyway Bridge, causing a Greyhound to plunge into Tampa Bay and kill 35.

1974—Congress finally begins to ponder impeaching Richard Nixon.

1970—Richard Nixon chats with antiwar students on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial at 4 a.m.

1963—The U.S. orbits 480 million bits of wire .7 inches long in a failed communications experiment.

1961—FCC chairman Newton Minnow calls American television “a vast wasteland.”

1969—*The New York Times* reports the U.S. is bombing Cambodia.

1967—Because he won’t fight in Vietnam, Muhammad Ali is stripped of the title he won in the ring.

1960—“The” pill is approved.

1958—On CBS’s “Trackdown,” lawman Hoby Gilman exposes a con man who claims that only he can save the town from destruction. The con man’s name is Walter Trump.

2000—“I think we agree,” George W.[MD] Bush says to John McCain, “the past is over.”

1986—A Robinson R22 helicopter makes a loud “pop” as its main rotor severs its tail boom. It crashes in East Fishkill, N.Y., killing the pilot.

1973—Nixon cronies John Mitchell and Maurice Stans are indicted, along with Robert Vesco, for Vesco’s illegal \$200,000 campaign contribution.

1967—Capt. Howard Levy is jailed for 3 years for refusing to train U.S. soldiers for Vietnam.

1945—New Hampshire adopts the motto, “Live Free or Die.”

1933—In Berlin, Joseph Goebbels exhorts students to make Germany great by burning books.

1919—In Charleston, S.C., white sailors foment the first of 33 U.S. race riots over a five-month period.

1908—The first Mother’s Day Service is held in W.Va. at the instigation of Anna Jarvis, who is arrested on Mother’s Day 40 years later for protesting its commercialization.

1869—Leland Stanford [aka “Stealin’ Landford”] fails to drive the Transcontinental Railway’s “Golden Spike,” because he’s drunk. “Every step of that mighty enterprise,” says one Senator, was “taken in fraud.”

1740—South Carolina passes a law making it illegal for the enslaved to assemble, raise food, earn money, or learn to read, but makes it legal for slave holders to kill the rebellious.

2012—The Kuala Lumpur War Crimes Commission finds George W.[MD] Bush, Dick “Dick” Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, Tony Blair and others guilty of war crimes.

2001—The tail boom falls off a Robinson R44 helicopter after it’s hit by its own tail rotor. The subsequent crash and fire kill two in Gorst, Wash.

2006—*USA Today* reports that the NSA is tapping U.S. phones.

1975—In New York, 80,000 celebrate the end of the Vietnam War.

1969—Huey Cobras mistakenly fire on the 3/187 Battalion HQ on Hamburger Hill; two KIA, 35 WIA.

1969—A fire at the Rocky Flats nuclear bomb plant results in the release of plutonium—and previously-suppressed news that a fire 12 years earlier had release 1,000 times as much.

1968—In France, labor unions turn out in support of student protests.

1966—“It appears,” says Defense Sec. Robert Strange McNamara, “that the Viet Cong is [sic] losing what support it had from the rural population.”

1963—Blacks in Birmingham, Ala. riot after two more KKK bombings.

1894—George Pullman cuts his workers’ wages but not their rent; they fight back with a wildcat strike.

1886—The *Milwaukee Daily Sentinel* publishes an article headlined “No Poles Need Apply,” praising the railroads for firing immigrants.

1854—Birth of Ottmar Mergenthaler, inventor of the Linotype.

2015—An FEC report reveals that Rep. Frank Guinta, after years of denying wrongdoing, has agreed to pay back an illegal \$355K campaign loan and a \$15K fine to boot.

1996—Sec. of State Madeleine Albright tells Lesley Stahl on “60 Minutes” that sanctions killing 500,000 children in Iraq is “a very hard choice, but ... we think the price is worth it.”

1987—News reports say Oliver North lost a \$10 million contribution for the Contras by using the wrong Swiss bank account number.

1984—The No. 2 man at HUD says Hispanics live in crowded homes, not because of poverty, but out of “cultural preference.”

1975—Khmer Rouge naval forces using ex-U.S. Swift Boats seize the U.S. container ship *Mayaguez* and 39 crewmen off Cambodia.

1960—The remains of SSgt. Guy E. Shelley are found 97 miles from where he parachuted to Earth, 17 years after his plane crashed in the Sahara.

1958—Future Defense Secretary Robert Strange McNamara says cabbage and broccoli will protect Americans from atomic fallout.

1947—Trunk murderer Winnie Ruth Judd makes her third escape from the Arizona State Insane Hospital.

1916—In deference to the wounds they inflicted during the Easter Uprising, the Royal Irish Constabulary put James Connolly in a chair so the firing squad can shoot him again.


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