

A Tragic Farce in Three Acts

The Martyrdom of Brett Kavanaugh

A Prologue Too Long by Half

On a Friday night 45 years ago this month, Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox subpoenaed President Richard Nixon, demanding that he turn over tapes of Oval Office conversations. Nixon, knowing the consequences, offered a compromise: let conveniently-deaf Senator John C. Stennis listen to the tapes, then pass a summary of their contents along to Cox.

Cox, no fool, said no. The next day Nixon ordered Attorney General Elliot Richardson to fire Cox. Richardson, on principle, refused and resigned in protest. Nixon then ordered Deputy Attorney General William French Smith to fire Cox. Smith refused, and resigned in protest.

Nixon then sent a limousine to bring Solicitor General Robert Bork to the White House. Sworn in on the spot as Acting Attorney General, Bork finally fired Cox.

Nixon bought some time, Bork sold his reputation. "I get a little tired of it being portrayed as the only thing I ever did," he later said, echoing the butt of a well-known filthy joke about a man and a goat.

In 1987, Ronald Reagan nominated Bork for the Supreme Court. Democrats were having none of it. His willingness to carry out Nixon's Saturday Night Massacre was, no doubt, the central issue.

It was not the only issue. Bork openly admitted he had no objection to "a small poll tax," or literacy tests at the polls. He denied there was such a thing as a right to privacy, suggesting a willingness to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

With wrong-headed positions on vital issues and a history of doing dirty deeds for tyrants, Bork clearly had no business being on the court. The vote was decisive: 42 in favor, 58 against. Two Democrats voted for him, six Republicans against. In a sane world he'd be an obscure footnote. But *nooooo* . . .

Some catalyst in the Republican psyche—perhaps it was the rise of Newt Gingrich, a few years later—transmogrified Bork into the Baron of Butthurt: a wronged hero, cruelly denied that which was rightfully his by a brazen gang of unscrupulous schemers. Having conjured up this false assessment of the Democrats' tactics, Republicans then adopted them as their own Standard Operating Procedure.

Act One: Enter the Villain

Despite knowing all too well that the old man running the hearing would have much preferred that she just keep her mouth shut, Christine Blasey Ford walked into a Senate hearing room, sat in front of TV cameras, and recounted what had been—up until then, anyway—the worst day of her life. When she was 15 two teenage boys she knew—a couple of years older, both of them drunk—dragged her into a room and pushed her onto a bed. One of them groped her and tried to take off her clothes. When she tried to scream, he clamped a hand over her mouth. The other leaped onto the bed and they all fell on the floor. Seeing her chance, she escaped.

Not altogether surprisingly, as the years went by, she got as far away from the area as she could—not to mention the people in it. Over the



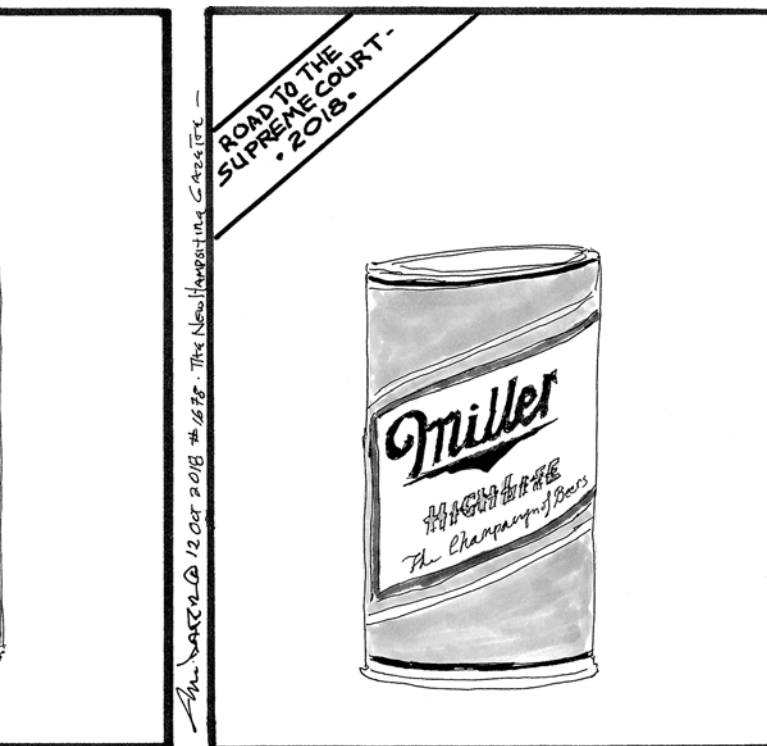
years she became an expert in the ways the brain reacts to trauma. Before a roomful of strangers she told her story—a classic description of a traumatic experience: a few indelible images, suspended in a void. Her description of the nature of her recollections would be all too familiar to some: traumatized war veterans, to pick just one example.

Thanks to her training she was able to describe in clinical detail the physiological processes that cemented those images in place.

A handful of old white men in a position of power doubted her story. She was unable to answer to their satisfaction questions regarding random, peripheral details of that day. Inclined to dismiss her, dismiss her they did. Rejecting her own motive, they manufactured a substitute, better suited to her assigned role as the villain of the piece.

Act Two: Our Wronged Hero

Brett Kavanaugh walked into the hearing room with all the composure of a man on his way to his own



execution, convinced that fervor is his only hope for a reprieve. Yelling from prepared remarks, Kavanaugh reverted to his jock roots: the best defense is a good offense. Threatened with the loss of that which he saw as his due, Kavanaugh channeled Robert Bork with the knob set to 11. As demonstrations of judicial temperament go, the footage would make a fine public service ad for Alcoholics Anonymous.

Naturally, the Democrats blew their opportunity entirely. Having no strategy, they failed to develop a coherent line of questioning. If they were all just going to ask him the same question over and over again, it should have been, "Sir, would you please blow into this breathalyzer?"

Perhaps what really spooked Kavanaugh was that the Republicans—*his own team*—had brought in Rachel Mitchell as their substitute, a prosecutor of sex crimes. An innocent person, of course, would have nothing to fear . . .

For some reason Mitchell's ques-

tions about Maryland's statute of limitations on sexual assault, and whether Kavanaugh's answers that day were consistent with his previous interviews—seemed to spook Chairman Chuck Grassley. For the rest of the day Mitchell was relegated to the role of a potted plant.

Act Three: The Washing of the Hands

The day's proceedings had already jangled everyone's nerves; seeing an allegedly grown man dissolve under pressure can be unsettling. Rubber-stamping Kavanaugh with a big "OK" then and there would only have exacerbated the situation.

Fortunately for Grassley, Jeff Flake saw an opportunity to build his brand in advance of a possible primary challenge to Trump in 2020. The FBI—its lengthy rap sheet having been miraculously wiped clean in the eyes of some Democrats on the basis of its presumed future role in taking down Boss Trump—was wheeled in as *deus ex machina*. Now, after a week's worth of whitewashing, all's Right with the world.

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Here Come the Rollin' Chernobyls!

Return with us now to that thrilling year of 1986. In January the Department of Energy announced the Crystalline Repository Project. Twenty locations in seven states east of the Rockies would undergo seven years of rigorous testing. DoE would then take 20,000 acres by eminent domain from whichever lucky locale proved to have the most suitable rock. That "national sacrifice area" would then be developed as the permanent underground repository for 70,000 tons of high-level nuclear waste—used fuel rods from commercial power plants.

The Cardigan Pluton—a mass of granite a mile or two deep and 12 miles wide, stretching more than fifty miles along a southwesterly line from Groton to Dublin—lured the DoE to New Hampshire. Their specific target was where Hillsborough, Merrimack, Cheshire, and Sullivan counties meet: small towns filled

mostly with working class people who'd lived there all their lives. As any sane person might have predicted, as soon as the locals in that area figured out that the DoE was serious, all hell broke loose.

Then, in April, Chernobyl blew up. The local fight against the DoE went into overdrive. It was a memorable phenomenon to behold. Up until that point, a majority of the residents had likely been in favor of the Seabrook nuclear power plant. Many probably remained so. Facing the prospect of living next to a nuke dump, though, caused an awful lot of people to reassess their opinion of nuclear power.

From January to June of that year, the activity didn't stop. Meeting after meeting was held. Petitions were written and signed. A huge convoy, including simulated nuclear waste casks on semi-trailers, carried the petitions to Governor John H.

Sununu in Concord.

Then it all ended, not with a bang, but a whimper. Deal-makers in Congress came to a backroom agreement that led a year later to the "Screw Nevada" bill. It called for a single national high-level nuke dump at Yucca Mountain. The Crystalline Repository Project was shut down.

After a few years the Yucca Mountain plan also ground to a halt. As it turns out, the mountain is earthquake prone and, consequently, subject to water infiltration through the resulting fractures. So, spent fuel rods continue to accumulate at the nation's nuclear power plants.

Now we learn from John Laforge, writing at *NukeWatchInfo.org*, that there's a new scheme afoot to "get rid" of the problem—by sending it everywhere!

The private company Waste Control Specialists (WCS) or "Interim Storage

Partners" wants to place a high-level radioactive waste dump site (called a "centralized interim storage facility") in West Texas.

If approved, opening this high-level waste dump would launch nation-wide transports of a total of 40,000 tons of irradiated reactor fuel (misleadingly known as "spent" fuel), to Texas from all over the country. The shipments are to be by rail, highway, and floating barge (even on Lake Michigan!). The planned-for thousands of such transports create risks for nearly everyone in the United States, because the ferociously radioactive material would pass near schools, hospitals, businesses, and farms, would travel on and over lakes, rivers, and waterways, and go through areas where our food is grown and where families live, play and work. Amazingly, no public meetings on the subject are planned in Texas or elsewhere.

Environmental and community

right-to-know groups are demanding: 1) public meetings in Texas and along transportation routes across the country; 2) a halt to these transport and dumping plans; and 3) uniform publication of application and related materials in Spanish. You can add your voice to these urgent demands by writing to the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on the license application by WCS until Oct. 19th.

Tell NRC: Listen to the people! No mass radioactive waste shipments to Texas.

Under WCS's license application, the 40,000 tons of high-level waste from commercial power reactors could move on railroads, highways and even on waterways using barges for decades. Then, because the Texas site is supposedly "temporary," after being shipped there the waste would have to

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be packed-up and transported again, to a "permanent" waste dump site—if one is ever approved. This means that new transportation and repackaging dangers will continue for additional decades.

For this reason, experts like D'Arri-go at NIRS and elsewhere recommend against any "interim" storage sites, and instead suggest storage on or near the reactors, until a permanent waste dump is opened.

The Texas region where WCS wants to store the waste (above-ground, and in the open) is prone to earthquakes, intense storms, extreme temperatures, and flooding. West Texas is not the place to store the most hazardous waste in the world.

Under the guise of "managing" this deadly waste from nuclear power reactors, the centralized temporary storage plan would make the problem worse, changing the country forever by ushering in an era of intensely deadly reactor waste transports everywhere, moving regularly through our major cities and rural communities.

Yet, the United States NRC does not want to fully consider the impacts of repeatedly transporting radioactive waste to or from the supposedly "temporary" site. Please tell the NRC to hold public meetings, to extend the comment and intervention deadlines, and

to fully consider all the dangers from high-level waste storage and transport in the WCS Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

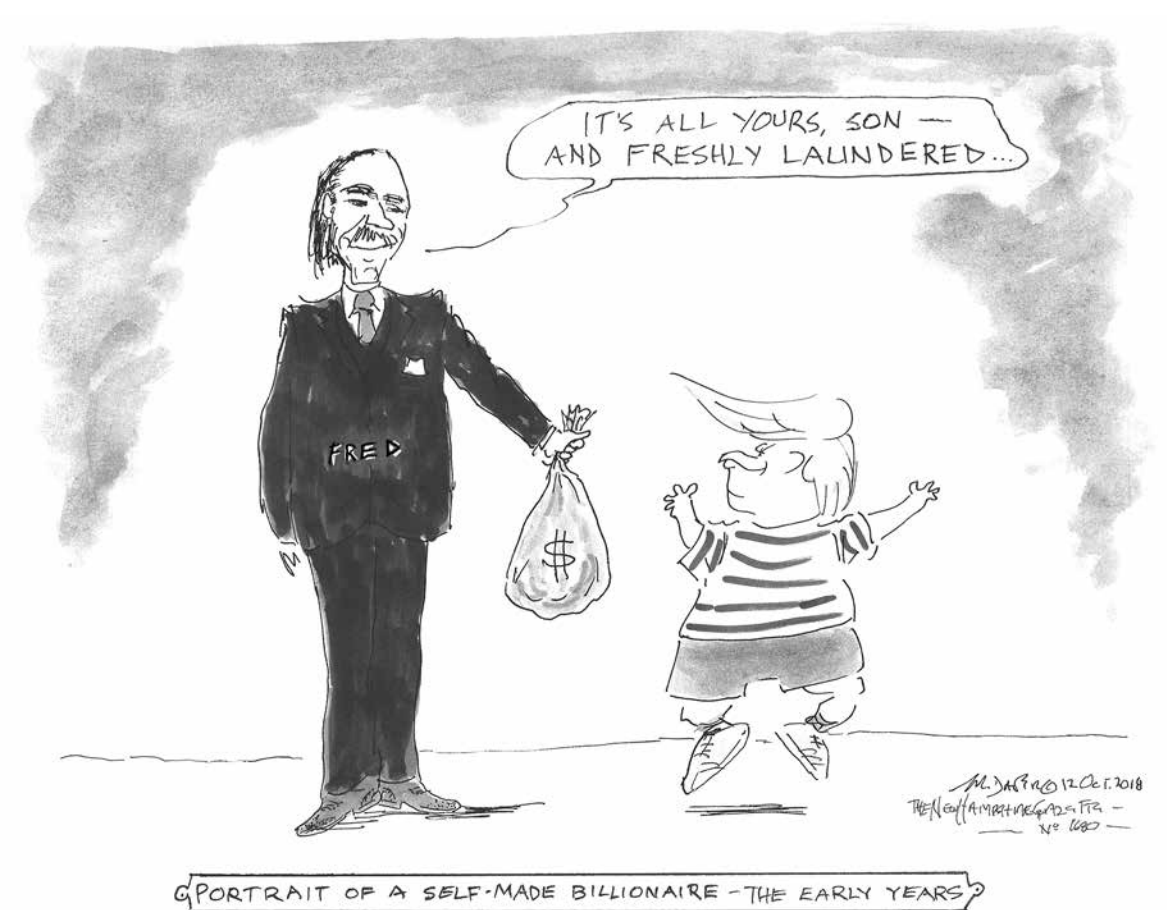
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What's Happened to the Big Wage Increases Promised by Republicans?
By Lawrence Wittner

The recent announcement by the founder of Amazon, Jeff Bezos, that his company would give substantial raises to its lowest-paid employees should not blind us to the fact that most American workers are not receiving big wage increases. In fact, the real wages (that is, wages adjusted for inflation) of average American workers are declining.

When justifying the Republicans' December 2017 \$1.5 trillion tax cut for corporations and the wealthy, President Donald Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan claimed that it would result, in 2018, in wage gains for American workers ranging from \$4,000 to \$9,000 each.

But, in reality, nothing like that has materialized. Instead, as the U.S. Labor Department reported, between the second quarter of 2017 and the second quarter of 2018, the real wages of American workers actually declined. Indeed, the second quarter of 2018 was the



The Last Stand of the Seacoast Deplorables? The Pro-Trump counter-demonstrators who go by that name showed up on September 30th, violating the Flag Code in the process. Title 4, Sec. 8, Paragraph (b) says, "The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise." We're pretty sure this prohibition encompasses granite bollards. Last Sunday, the Deplorables were conspicuously absent.

third straight quarter—all during the Trump administration—when inflation outpaced wage growth. The last time wages grew substantially above inflation was in 2016, during the Obama administration. Consequently, by August 2018, as the Pew Research Center reported, the purchasing power of American workers' wages was at the same level as in 1978.

Why did the Republican promises go unfulfilled? A key reason for stagnating wages lies in the fact that U.S. corporations used their windfall derived from the slashing of the corporate tax rate from 35 to 21 percent under the 2017 GOP tax legislation to engage in stock buybacks (thereby raising their stock prices) and to increase dividends to share-holders. This practice produced substantial gains for big corporate investors but did nothing for workers. Although it appears that some workers (a reported 4 percent) did receive pay raises thanks to the tax cuts, it's estimated that corporations spent 88 times more on stock buybacks than on pay increases for workers.

Another important long-term factor that has depressed workers' wages is the dwindling membership

and declining power of America's labor unions. Once a force that created a more level playing field between workers and their bosses, unions have been badly weakened in recent years by Republican-sponsored anti-union measures, such as so-called "Right-to-Work" laws and the subversion of the National Labor Relations Board.

The Republican opposition to raising the minimum wage has also undermined wage levels. In the past, numerous Republican Presidents backed legislation that increased the minimum wage. But that position has radically changed as the Republican Party has turned sharply to the Right. Although the federal minimum wage has remained at \$7.25 for more than nine years, Trump and Congressional Republicans have blocked legislative efforts to raise this pathetically low wage floor, contending that they saw no need for a federal minimum wage. Moreover, Republicans have used their control of state governments, as in Missouri and Iowa, to block cities and counties from raising local wage levels through legislation.

By contrast, Republican policies have done wonders for the wealthy

and their corporations. By the fall of 2018, the stock market had reached new heights and the fortunes of the wealthiest Americans had grown remarkably. According to Forbes, the wealth of the 400 richest Americans averaged \$7.2 billion each—a hefty increase over the previous year, when they averaged \$6.7 billion. Moreover, the ten richest Americans possessed \$730 billion among them—an increase in their wealth of nearly 20 percent over the past year. And the very wealthiest American, Jeff Bezos, nearly doubled his wealth during this time—to \$160 billion. From the Republican standpoint, their programs had been a great success. Accordingly, the GOP-controlled House of Representatives voted in late September to make its steep tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy permanent.

So let's stop saying that Republican rule in the United States—from the White House, to the Congress, to the Supreme Court, and to the states—has been dysfunctional. It's been very functional—not for American workers, of course, but certainly for those people Bernie Sanders has referred to as "the billionaire class."

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Nobel Winner Sells Prize to Pay Med Bills

Leon Lederman, who died October 3rd at the age of 96, was the son of immigrants. His parents were Ukrainian Jews. His father, who ran a hand laundry in New York, was said to have venerated learning. After serving in the U.S. Army for three years during World War Two, Leon became a physicist. In 1962, with Melvin Schwartz and Jack Steinberger, using a high-energy accelerator, the trio discovered the muon neutrino, which won them the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1988.

It's a good thing he did, too. For all his smarts, Lederman began developing dementia around 2011. By auctioning off his Nobel Prize for \$765,000, he was able to afford care in an Idaho nursing home.

Sanders Poynt — Finally, A Finale?

Six years and hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees later, the saga of Sanders Poynt appears to be almost over—unless some undead lawyerly hand rises from the waters of Little Harbor, holding a dripping writ.

On or about Halloween, 2012, minions of William “Bill” Binnie’s

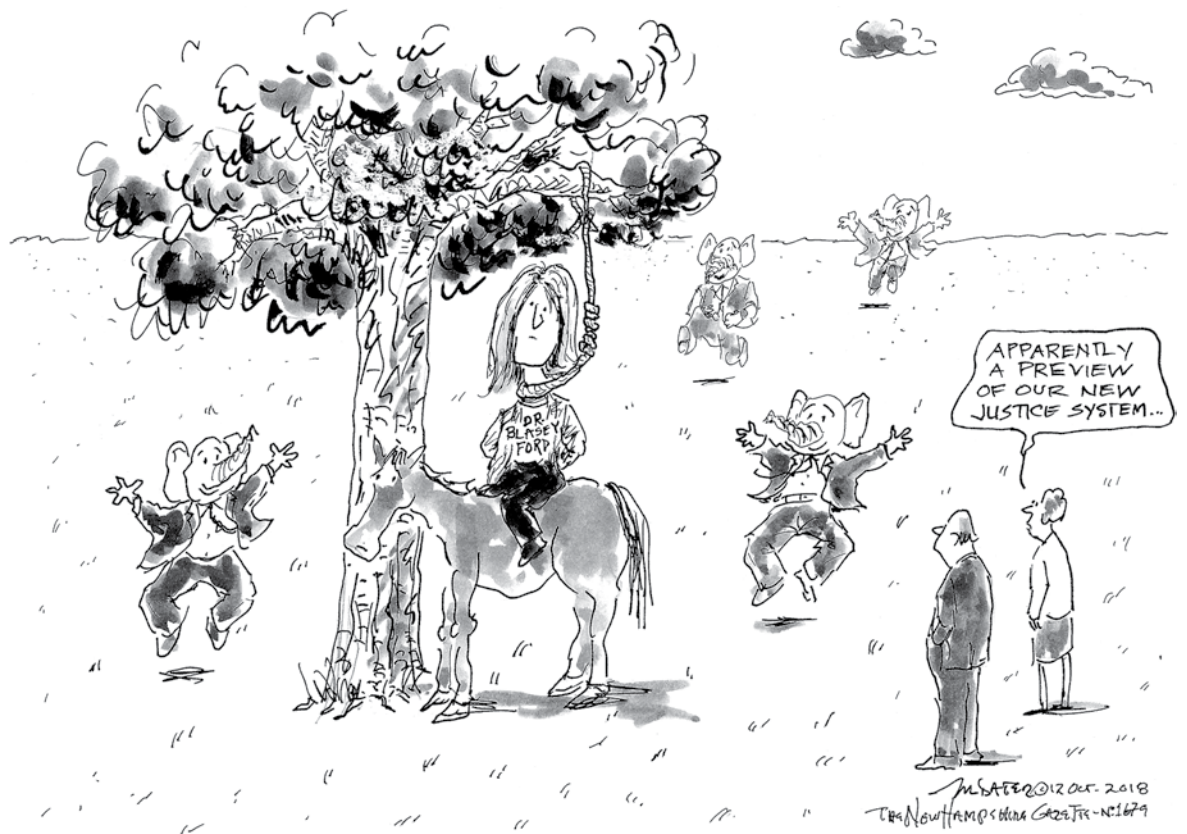
adult playground, aka Wentworth by the Sea, erected at Sanders Poynt on the south shore of Little Harbor a series of barriers almost worthy of repelling the Normandy invasion: a row of two-ton boulders, a wooden rail fence, and a thick hedge of chest-high juniper shrubs.

Rye resident Robert Jesurum declined to be intimidated. He and Binnie fought a legal battle that went all the way to the Supreme Court in Concord—and then back down to Brentwood.

In Rockingham County Superior Court, Binnie showed what a person can do in a country where the wealthy can scoff at income taxes: filing appeal after appeal, deploying one delaying tactic after another, he dragged out the legal fight he lost in 2015. He met his match, though, in Robert Jesurum.

By the spring of this year, the only remaining point of contention was a small wooden sign reading “Sanders Poynt 1623.” Jesurum wanted it put back, Binnie wanted it gone.

On September 28th, in a 22-page decision, Presiding Justice Marguerite Wageling split the baby. She gave Binnie permission to take down the “Sanders Poynt 1623” sign—but gave Binnie 30 days to erect a sign, clearly visible from either direction, reading “Scenic View



and Public Beach Access.”

According to Jesurum, the “Sanders Poynt 1623” sign came down Thursday, October 4th. We asked him if he had plans to continue fighting for its restoration. He replied, “Not unless he appeals again.”

Crashes Not Our Problem, Says Airport
Recent events suggest that under existing regulations, companies may crash any number of helicopters without violating airport safety standards.

“Flight School Involved in 3 Copter Crashes in Past Year Has No Safety Violations at JWA, Airport Says,” read a headline in the September 7th *LATimes*.

That story was sparked by a September 3, 2018 helicopter crash at John Wayne Airport in Orange County, California—the third in one year involving a single flight school.

“John Wayne Airport spokeswoman Deanne Thompson said the airport holds strict airfield safety standards for anyone flying in or out of the airport,” according to the *Times*. “However, she said, incidents like Monday’s are ‘out of [the airport’s] purview’ and that the Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board

have jurisdiction for the investigation.”

Revolution Aviation owned a Robinson R22 that crashed at John Wayne Airport in September, 2017, injuring the student pilot aboard, as well as a Robinson R44 that crashed into homes in Newport Beach in January, 2018, killing three of the people onboard and seriously injuring a fourth. A bystander also sustained minor injuries.

Assurances from John Wayne Airport spokeswoman Deanne Thompson notwithstanding, FAA spokesman Ian Gregor told the *LA Times*, “in July 2017 ... the FAA received a complaint about alleged maintenance violations concerning Robinson R22 and R44 helicopters that Revolution Aviation owned or operated. Reviews of the copters that eventually went down in Long Beach and Newport Beach found maintenance issues that did not meet FAA or maintenance manual standards, according to an FAA memo in August 2017.” Following those crashes, Revolution Aviation changed its name to One Above Aviation.

Robinson Helicopters Resume Crashing
Robinson helicopters had been having a lucky streak: more than a

month passed without a fatal accident. That ended September 25th, when a Robinson R44 crashed and burned near Buttonville, Ontario after a technical malfunction, according to the Aviation Safety Network. The pilot, the sole occupant, was pronounced dead on the scene.

Alexander Novoseltsev was luckier—if one can call enduring four harrowing days on a snow-covered Siberian mountain lucky. Novoseltsev was flying from Srednekolymsk to Yakutsk on September 29th when his Robinson helicopter crashed at an elevation of 5,000 feet. Blizzard conditions delayed his rescue. Without food or water, and thinly clad, Novoseltsev said he survived by jogging, doing push-ups, and eating snow.

That same day, in Westminster, Maryland, a Robinson R44 helicopter taking people on joyrides clobbered a 2018 Dodge Charger on the top floor of a parking garage. Fortunately, no blood was shed.

The pace of Robinson-related mishaps had escalated quickly, though. On October 1st, tragedy struck—once again, in Siberia. Two men were killed when their Robinson hit power lines and fell into the Vitim River, a few miles from the city of Bodaibo.



The Press Room on Daniel Street has been closed since last call on June 4, 2017. Our Wandering Photographer, in a fit of pique, barged past the “No Admittance” sign on Tuesday and asked Chris Greiner, right, what the hold up was. Greiner pointed to his brother John, in the background. At least, that’s what the W.P.’s notes indicate—we’re not sure we’d put much credence in that story; he’s a notoriously unreliable narrator. Chris Greiner, on the other hand, we choose to believe. He said that, despite appearances, the doors would open and the beer would flow again on October 26th.

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What Happened to Insulin Prices?
To the Editor:

In 1921, three Canadian scientists discovered a process for the commercial production of insulin. Their discovery was a godsend to diabetics, significantly improving their health and granting a reprieve from an early death sentence for many. The Canadians won a Nobel Prize in 1923 for their efforts and perhaps in the last act of altruism connected to the manufacturing of insulin sold the patent to the University of Toronto for one Canadian dollar. They wanted insulin to be readily available to all who needed it.

In the spring of 2018, Alec Raeshawn Smith died of diabetic ketoacidosis. According to NPR, he had aged out of his mother's health insurance and despite working full time found that he could neither afford a new policy that covered his condition nor the cost of his diabetic drugs. Smith's mother surmises that he had been rationing the insulin that he could afford. His insulin pen was empty at the time of his death.

How is it possible that an 87-year-old drug whose rights to production were essentially given away can sell today at a list price not affordable to a working adult? In a competitive industry such a product would have been standardized and sold as a low price generic commodity long ago. The explanation lies in the structure and practices of the pharmaceutical industry. The production of insulin is controlled by three firms: Sanofi, Novo Nordisk and Eli Lilly. These firms maintain monopoly power in the marketing of insulin by incrementally improving their products and patenting each new version of insulin which they sell at a higher price. They also follow a practice known as "shadow pricing," whereby price increases by one firm are mirrored by the others, so that each "new" insulin product brings about a round of price increases, rather than the decreases that would occur in a competitive industry. Insulin prices have increased four-fold in the past decade. Health insurers negotiate with the drug companies against ever increasing prices, raising the cost of

insurance. Diabetics with no health insurance or high deductibles bear the full brunt of high prices.

Insulin price increases have taken place against a backdrop of consistently rising drug prices. The cost of cancer drugs provides a striking example. According to VOX, the average cost of drugs used to treat a cancer patient in the 90's was \$50,000. Today, the cost has risen to an average of \$250,000 per patient. The price of new immunotherapies touted by the drug industry will cost even more.

Pharmaceutical industry spokespersons defend high drug prices on the grounds that research and development of new drugs is expensive and revenues from current drugs are needed to support the development of innovative new ones. There is no question that R and D and the drug approval process is long and expensive, but these costs do not justify current price levels. Virtually all of the top ten companies spend more on marketing and sales than on R and D. Additionally, over a third of recently patented drugs were developed initially by small biotech start-ups or university research hospitals and acquired by Pharma companies at a late stage of development. According to VOX, every drug approved by the FDA between 2010 and 2016 was supported at some time in its development by taxpayer dollars in the form of National Institute of Health research grants. A recent study reported in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* states that the pricing of drugs demonstrates little correlation to development costs. The authors conclude that the primary criterion for setting price is what the market will bear.

Profit maximization, of course, is a prime tenant of capitalism and some defend high drug prices in terms of their benefit to shareholders. Profit maximization only works to the benefit of society, however, when markets are competitive and consumers are able to make informed choices. Neither is the case in the pharmaceutical industry. Patents create monopolies for "new" drugs and industry structure and practices preserve monopoly positions



for the benefit of Wall Street investors and drug executives with multimillion dollar salaries while consumers increasingly find that they cannot afford the cost of life-saving drugs.

Monopoly prices in the drug industry are not just a matter of economic inefficiency. They are a moral issue. Drugs necessary to maintain the health and life of patients should not be held hostage to industry profits. The knowledge that underlies all new drug development has been accrued through a social process that has occurred over generations. Society at large has the right to benefit from this process, not just investors, executives, and the moneyed elites who can afford newly developed drugs.

Drug prices in most of the industrialized countries are one-half the level in the U.S. The reason is that these countries provide a countervailing force to the Pharma monopolists by bargaining and regulating drug prices. Despite the political posturing of the Trump administration and several feckless Congressional committees, no program to control drug pricing has been proposed. It is well past time for the U.S. to join the rest of the industrialized world and protect our citizens from the immoral exploitation of the pharmaceutical industry.

Robert D. Russell, Ph.D.
Harrisburg, Pa.

Robert:

Thank for this lucid outline of a horrifying situation.

At the risk of stating the obvious, it looks like we're all screwed unless ordinary people somehow gain enough control over the government to force corporations to act right.

The Editor

Join The Greatest Women's March Ever
To the Editor:

All women (and men who, like me, wish to be considered an honorary woman for one day) are encouraged to

take part in what promises to be the greatest women's march in the history of our country. The march is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2018, and your destination will be your local polling station. You can join all other American women in voting to put a halt to the destruction of American Democracy, to put our nation and its citizenry on its long road to recovery, and to replace the current U.S. Congress (both chambers) and the New Hampshire Statehouse (the Governor and both chambers of the Legislature) with people who will provide checks and balances and hold the most un-American, anti-democratic, immoral, unethical, and unjust presidential administration and its accomplices in the Republican-led Congress and Statehouse accountable for their very bad behavior at home and abroad.

I look forward to seeing you on Nov. 6 at my Dover Ward 1 Polling Station.

Wayne H. Merritt

Dover, N.H.

Wayne:

Well framed, sir. We would only add, bring a friend.

The Editor

A Stark Contrast

To the Editor:

What struck me very clearly watching the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings last week was the two vastly conflicting views between Judge Kavanaugh and his Republican supporters on the Committee and those of Dr. Ford and the Democrats on the Committee with regard to what really matters in life.

What I saw from Kavanaugh and the Republicans was that what really matters was power, control, self-pity, anger, evasion, revenge, hostility, privilege, and winning regardless of the harm to the nation. In stark contrast,

what I saw from Dr. Ford and the Democrats was that truth matters, respect matters, honor matters, courage matters, values matter, dignity matters, integrity matters, sincerity matters, empathy matters, compassion matters, temperament matters, and behavior matters.

Anyone with the slightest bit of objectivity could clearly see the difference in the way Dr. Ford behaved and responded to questions compared to that of Judge Kavanaugh. Not only did Judge Kavanaugh display that he lacks the temperament, honesty and objectivity to sit on the Supreme Court, he demonstrated that he is not worthy to hold his current judicial position.

I agree that Democrats are as much interested in obtaining power and control over policy matters as Republicans; however, it is how that power and control is ultimately used that clearly separates the two. The major difference between Democrats and Republicans is that Democrats most often use their power and control to advance policies that serve the greater good, while Republicans use their power and control to benefit the few and the powerful. The history of legislative accomplishments, such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, The Affordable Care Act, children's health, nutritional support, head start and education, the minimum wage, the G.I. bill, voting rights, worker rights, and safety are a few examples. Republicans on the other hand use their power and control to pass legislation to provide tax cuts for the wealthy, reduce access to health care, restrict worker rights, restrict voting rights, and on and on. The historical record is clear as to which party uses their power and control for the benefit of all.

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tent on confirming Judge Kavanaugh, and why they did not even allow President Obama's nominee Judge Garland to have a hearing. It is all about making sure that the Republicans maintain power, control and their agenda is securely protected by the Supreme Court. An agenda of self-interest and control of the majority by the minority. Rich DiPentima, LTC, USAF, Ret. Portsmouth, N.H.

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Free Whitewash!
To the Editor:
Until they were backed into a corner by Jeff Flake, the Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee fought tooth-and-nail against having an FBI investigation into the many allegations against Brett Kavanaugh. When they reluctantly agreed, the investigation was restricted to seven days and four witnesses! Ridiculous: one follows the evidence of an investigation, not some proscribed list dictated by one partisan side. *Whitewash!*
Pressure caused Trump to "open up" the investigation, under the guidance of the Senate Republicans, not the FBI. *Whitewash!*
Now we hear, five days into the investigation, that the FBI has not contacted any of the 20 potentially corroborating witnesses provided by Debbie Ramirez, nor have they contacted any of witnesses who say that Kavanaugh had a big time drinking-belligerence problem, nor have they contacted the 3rd accuser. *Whitewash!*
Since they have not contacted any of these people, they have not expanded their list of other witnesses that these people might provide. *Whitewash!*
The FBI has not yet contacted Christine Blasey Ford, despite her repeated requests and her primacy to the

investigation! *Whitewash!*
The Republicans seem to be having a real problem delving into the truth: they have become the party of ... *Whitewash!*
What does this aversion to truth-seeking tell us? The Republicans on the Judiciary committee must believe the sexual assault allegations against Kavanaugh are true, but they still want him on the court!
Michael Frandzel
Portsmouth, N.H.

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Take the Governor ... Please!
To the Editor:
Let's be frank. A lot of people are not particularly interested in politics. So, they don't follow political news closely. As a result, when an election is about to occur, these people don't know who to vote for. And, they often end up basing their decisions on extraneous things.
Take New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu, for example. A low-information voter might think this way. "I've heard the name Sununu a lot. He's already governor. And, look, the sky hasn't fallen on our heads while he's been in office, so he must be okay. I've never heard of his opponent. So, I'm voting for Sununu."
That would be a mistake. Sununu has not been a good governor. For the record, Sununu's opponent is Molly Kelly, a five-term veteran of the New Hampshire State Senate. The following quotes come from Kathy Sullivan's column (September 17, 2018) in the New Hampshire *Union-Leader*. "Sununu supports school vouchers, which divert tax dollars from local public schools to pay for private and religious school tuition."
By contrast, "Molly Kelly has pledged to veto any bill that diverts tax dollars from local public schools to pay

tuition at non-public schools."
"Their positions on guns are also very different. Kelly believes in universal background checks and reinstating the concealed weapons permit requirement. She would institute a 48-hour waiting period before gun purchases. She would adopt a red flag law permitting police or family members to petition a court to temporarily remove firearms from someone who presents a danger to themselves or others."
Sununu does not believe in passing into law any of these gun safety measures on a state level.
"Kelly stresses her support for renewable energy. She helped to enact net metering legislation and supports expansion." The dictionary definition of net metering is "a system in which solar panels or other renewable energy generators are connected to a public-utility power grid and surplus power is transferred onto the grid, allowing customers to offset the cost of power drawn from the utility."
Sununu vetoed a bill that would have raised the ceiling on net metering.
As we see in the case of Chris Sununu, a well-known political name is no guarantee of effective performance in public office.
Gary Patton
Hampton, N.H.

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Sununu: Get Onboard with Offshore Wind
To the Editor:
For decades, utilities and government officials have warned us we would all "freeze in the dark" if we didn't approve of their schemes to build more fossil-fueled or nuclear power in the Granite State. A recent *Union (Mis)Leader* editorial decries the recent broad public rejection of big pipelines or powerlines, yet they and their ilk have consistently cheerlead for previous grand but hideously expensive projects, from Seabrook to the pollution-control retrofit of the Bow

coal plant. All ratepayers have to do is take a look at the once-again growing "stranded costs" line on their electric bills to get a sense of the shell game that paying for these huge, ultimately uneconomic projects entails. Forgive us if we don't want to get burned yet again!
Fortunately, other states up and down the East Coast found a better way to procure large amounts of clean, safe electric power over the next decade—offshore wind! Massachusetts utilities just signed contracts to purchase 800 megawatts (MW) of offshore wind power, with \$1.4 billion in savings to their ratepayers over other sources, and expected to be on-line within a few years.
Neighboring states Rhode Island and Connecticut are going in for an additional 600 MW from the same federally-approved site south of the Vineyard, and the Bay State has committed to procure another 800 MW down the road. All told, these projects will put more power into the New England grid than Seabrook currently provides, with no pesky radioactive waste or messy—and expensive—clean up to deal with. Other Northeast states are committed to thousands more megawatts of wind power off their shores, and just about every coastal state save New Hampshire has instituted a federally-sponsored, inter-governmental task force as a first step in realizing this potential bounty.
The federal Department of Energy has determined that there are potentially tens of thousands of megawatts of wind power to be tapped in the Gulf of Maine. Their latest report found that there is 2000 MW of wind power with "economic potential" immediately off New Hampshire's coast over the next decade, as well as much more available in neighboring waters. And that analysis was done before the "shocking" low contracted costs announced for the Vineyard wind farm—about half the cost as previously estimated for offshore wind in the mid-2020s! Paired with solar and other growing renewable power sources, as well as rapidly developing utility-scale battery technology, offshore


wind could provide enough clean sustainable energy to power our entire state in coming decades. All our governor has to do to get the ball rolling is to request a task force, as other coastal state governors have already done.
Almost every New Hampshire coastal town and city has passed strongly-supported resolutions in the past year calling on Governor Sununu to act on offshore wind. When will he get it that this is an energy strategy we can all get on board with?
Doug Bogen
Executive Director, Seacoast Anti-Pollution League
Exeter, N.H.

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Vote Cryans — Protect Women's Health
To the Editor:
Please join me in voting for Mike Cryans for Executive Council, District 1, to protect the reproductive health of Granite State women. The Executive Council oversees the business of the entire state, including approval of all contracts. Cryans has promised to vote "yes" to continue funding of Planned Parenthood that provides reproductive health services throughout the state.
In 2017 Joe Kenney, Cryan's opponent, voted against such a two-year contract with Planned Parenthood. Had Kenney prevailed, 12,000 women would be denied crucial healthcare services. A vote for Mike Cryans on November 6 is a vote for continued access to reproductive healthcare for all women of our state.
Margaret Merritt
Center Sandwich, N.H.

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Collins' Guilty Conscience
To the Editor:
To our credit, New Hampshire voters have done everything possible to rein in Mitch McConnell's entrenched grip on Senatorial power. Unfortunately, Maine's electorate has been less diligent, setting the stage for Senator Susan Collins to cave in and sell her constituency down the river.
Collins knows better and must live with a guilty conscience for what she

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Why are Republicans so quiet about their chief economic accomplishment?

by Jim Hightower

Listen—can you hear it? Listen to the eerie “sound of silence” from the Trumpeteers and Congressional Republicans who so loudly cheered themselves just a year ago for bestowing a trillion dollar tax giveaway on corporate elites.

They told us they did it “not for the rich,” but to help the middle class and poor families. How would enriching the already rich benefit the

rest of us? “Trickle-down Economics 101” said Trump & Company, explaining that giving more money to elites would spark “an immediate jump in wage growth,” because CEOs would use their bonanza to reward workers for their productivity. The White House even got specific, declaring that average pay would jump as much as \$9,000 per person!

But here we are in the thick of the 2018 Congressional elections,

and—shhhhh—silence. Not a single lawmaker who voted for this grand ideological promise is mentioning it, much less running ads touting their role in hammering the plan into law. Why so shy?

Because their trickle-down giveaway was a crude hoax from the start. CEOs spent the GOP’s trillion-dollar boondoggle on lifting their own exorbitant pay—mon-eyed elites got the gold mine, working families got the shaft. Far from a

\$9,000 income boost the workaday majority of Americans now find that their hourly earnings are lower than a year ago.

But who cares? Being a Trumpeteer Republican means never admitting your lies and never apologizing. Steve Mnuchin, a former Wall Street banker who’s now the Treasury secretary, is a perfect example of a *blasé*, ethically-challenged Trump huckster. He recently shrugged off the failure of the bloated tax cut to raise

working peoples’ income: “Wages are going up on some people,” he declared disingenuously.

Yeah, for multimillionaires like him. Yet, he wonders why most Americans despise him and his ilk!

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

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No, to treatment programs that treat them with respect and help cure them of their disease.

Yes, to being a Climate Change Denier. No, to the Paris Climate Accords and the promotion of clean, alternative energies that should be part of his energy plan to help combat a future of dirty air, increased childhood asthma, lung and heart diseases, flooded coastlines and massive coastal destruction ... but is *not* part of the Governor’s plan.

This year, on Laura Knoy’s New Hampshire Public Radio program “The Exchange,” a caller asked the Governor if he would support the development of offshore wind energy. The Governor answered “if there is community support, I won’t stand in the way.” Governor Sununu has not kept this promise; he is *the only* thing standing in the way!

The fact is that 20 communities across the state, including most of the Seacoast and the Governor’s hometown of Newfields, have passed warrant articles or resolutions over the past year asking Governor Sununu to take the simple step required to begin the development of Offshore Wind. That is, to request the formation of an Intergovernmental Task Force from a federal agency, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM).

At the “65 x 25 Building New Hampshire’s Future Workforce” Conference in Manchester earlier this year, including state leaders in business, education, philanthropy, and government, I publicly asked Governor Sununu why he hadn’t yet sent the letter to the BOEM. He

mumbled something about looking into it sometime this summer. The letter has not yet been sent, with the net result that the Governor is “standing in the way” and continues to be *the* roadblock to undermine efforts to develop an entirely new industry for our state and our workers! Most of the other coastal New England states are well beyond this stage in the development of their Offshore Wind programs.

This past January I sent the Governor a letter asking him to share his vision for New Hampshire’s energy future. I have not yet received the courtesy of a response.

In short, this “smiling-faced” Governor lacks the vision and the leadership to be given a second term as Governor. Vote for Molly Kelly because she has a vision for New Hampshire’s future, has displayed great leadership skills as a Senator, and will govern with intelligence and compassion.

Herb Moyer
Exeter, N.H.

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More High Dudgeon from Don Ewing
To the Editor:

Decent Americans are outraged by the shameless Democrat smears of Judge Kavanaugh with nothing more than unsubstantiated allegations about actions as a teenager, about 35 years ago.

Kavanaugh vehemently denies these charges. He’s had a public life and record; he’s a judge on the second most important American court. He has been investigated by

the FBI six times without discovering disqualifying behavior. Well over 100 women have come forward saying that the alleged behavior is totally inconsistent with the man they have known for years, decades, and, for some, back to high school.

Now that Dr. Ford’s and Ms. Ramirez allegations are crumbling, the porn star’s lawyer, Avenatti, has “discovered” a new, non-credible accuser, Ms. Swetnick.

[Note: We have preemptorily deleted 316 predictable words here, to make room for our response.—The Ed.]

Don Ewing
Meredith, N.H.

Don:

Thank you for providing this telling glimpse into the alleged thought process of a true Stakwart Republican, a breed once thought to be extinct.

The GOP was split during the Gilded Age; Half-Breeds favored civil service reform, while Stakwarts—true conservatives!—wanted to preserve the status quo: the political patronage system that allowed those in favor to “get their beaks wet”—certainly not too much for a man to ask who devoted his life to public service (wink-wink).

Roscoe Conkling, aka “Lord Roscoe,” was the leader of the Stakwarts. He was also a notorious ladies’ man. According to a October 12, 1909 article in the New York Times, “Conkling was a frequent visitor at Canonchet [Rhode Island Governor William Sprague’s estate], and was unpleasantly conspicuous in the proceedings which ended in the divorce of the Spragues. Mr.



Conkling was once forbidden by Mr. Sprague to come to Canonchet. Despite this, however, the Executive [Sprague] later met the Senator [Conkling] on the estate coming from the rear of the house—some reports had it that the Senator jumped from a window—and after him came the Governor with his old civil war musket in his hands.”

Conkling was also stubborn—too much so for his own good. Rather than sheltering in place during the Blizzard of 1888, he attempted to walk three miles home from his office on Wall Street, but collapsed in Union Square.

Lord Roscoe died of pneumonia a week later. The Buffalo Daily Courier devoted its front page to his obituary, including a large half-tone photographic portrait. One of the first half-tones ever published in a newspaper, it was prepared for publication by the editor’s great grandfather, Anton Wild.

The Editor

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The McDuffee Papers

To the Editor:

I have found three New Hampshire Gazettes from 1815 and I am wondering if you would like them. They have been in a box traveling from relation to relation undisturbed for a very long time. I’m concerned that they will deteriorate now that they’ve been discovered.

Katherine McDuffee Smith
El Dorado Hills, Calif.

Katherine

We’re always happy to welcome old Gazettes back home. How would you like to proceed?

The Editor

To the Editor:

I wasn’t thinking about financial compensation! Haha! They are a gift. The dates are: May 17, 1808; June 14, 1808; and June 21, 1808. They were saved by my great-great-great-great-great-great-uncle Lt. Col. John McDuffee. I thought I’d mail them. Is the PO Box below all right?

Katherine

Dear Katherine,

Goodness gracious, as a certain former Secretary of Defense used to say. We have just skimmed a brief bio of Col. McDuffee, and we are mightily impressed—and a little disappointed that we’d been unaware of your collateral ancestor’s highly distinguished career. No doubt you have read it, but we were especially taken by this passage from the History of the Town of Rochester New Hampshire, From 1722-1890, by Franklin McDuffee:

“[Lt. Col. John McDuffee’s] passions were especially violent against the enemies of his country; and in the last years of his life he might frequently have been heard muttering imprecations against Tories and redcoats, for, from being many years a soldier associating with rough companions, he had acquired so fixed a habit of profanity that he seemed to be utterly unconscious of the vice.”

We keep our early copies of the Gazette, and our other vintage papers, in acid-free archival boxes. When we add these, we’ll include an sheet of information regarding the illustrious career of their original owner, and the generosity of his great-great-great-great-great-niece.

Many, many thanks.

The Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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<p>2011—Two weeks after his father, a U.S. citizen, was smote in Yemen by a U.S. drone, Abdulrahman Anwar al-Awlaki, also a U.S. citizen, meets the same fate in the same country. Again, no trial.</p> <p>2001—Delta Flight 458 (Atlanta-Newark) is diverted to Charlotte after two praying Orthodox Jews are mistaken for terrorists.</p> <p>2000—A Robinson R22 emitting “a loud popping noise” crashes in residential area of Pembroke Pines, Fla., killing the pilot and a passenger on her first helicopter flight.</p> <p>1968—The Pentagon orders 24,000 troops back to Vietnam for an involuntary second tour.</p> <p>1968—At the Presidio stockade, 27 soldiers are arrested for mutiny.</p> <p>1962—A U-2 flying over Cuba photographs medium-range ballistic missile sites being built.</p> <p>1947—Broken ribs be damned: Chuck Yeager breaks the sound barrier.</p> <p>1943—Prisoners of Sobibor revolt, killing officers and guards. Half the 600 prisoners escape under fire.</p> <p>1914—Its captain ashore being entertained by a whore, its crew below with whores of their own, the Russian cruiser <i>Zhemchug</i> is sunk in Penang harbor by the German cruiser <i>Emden</i>.</p> <p>1912—William Schranck shoots Teddy Roosevelt in the chest, later saying “any man looking for a third term ought to be shot.” TR, though bleeding, delivers his speech.</p>	<p>2008—The Dow loses 7.8 percent of its value in its 2nd worst day ever.</p> <p>2004—Jon Stewart appears on CNN’s “Crossfire” and begs Tucker Carlson to “stop hurting America.” Less than 90 days later CNN announces the show is over.</p> <p>1997—On Nevada’s Black Rock Desert, RAF pilot Andy Green breaks the sound barrier in a jet-driven, 110,000 horsepower car.</p> <p>1969—In the U.S., two million march in the first Vietnam Moratorium. The Boston demo draws 100,000.</p> <p>1966—Huey Newton and Bobby Seale form the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense.</p> <p>1965—David Miller becomes the first to publicly burn his draft card in Vietnam War protest.</p> <p>1959—A nuke-laden B-52 and a fuel-laden KC-135 collide over Kentucky, but America’s luck holds.</p> <p>1923—The Senate begins investigating Albert Fall, the suddenly-prosperous Interior Secretary. A Republican, Fall leased the Navy’s Teapot Dome oilfield to a friend.</p> <p>1917—Exotic dancer Mata Hari, convicted of spying for Germany, is shot by a French firing squad.</p> <p>1910—Melvin Vaniman, aboard the airship <i>America</i>, transmits the first in-flight radio message: “Roy, come and get this goddamn cat.”</p> <p>1883—The Supreme Court guts the Civil Rights Act of 1875, ushering in the era of the Jim Crow South.</p>	<p>1973—Fred and Donald Trump are sued by the Justice Dept. for discriminating against minority renters.</p> <p>Roy Cohn, their lawyer countersues, claiming the victims are the Trumps.</p> <p>1973—Henry Kissinger gets the Nobel Peace Prize; Tom Lehrer declares political satire obsolete.</p> <p>1972—Majority Leader Hale Boggs [D-La.], Rep. Nick Begich [D-Alaska], and others vanish while flying over Alaska.</p> <p>1968—Tommie Smith and John Carlos raise Black Power salutes at the Mexico Olympics.</p> <p>1962—At breakfast, President John F. Kennedy finds he’s got a Cuban Missile Crisis on his plate.</p> <p>1946—The U.S. Army hangs ten Nazis. The heads of several are bloodied by hitting the trap on their way through. Two choke for 14 minutes before dying; von Ribbentrop for 24.</p> <p>1920—In New York, more than 30,000 Great War veterans march to demand a bonus.</p> <p>1859—John Brown and 18 others, both black and white, capture the federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry, Va.</p> <p>1814—Ruptured vats in a London brewery release 323,346 gallons of beer, drowning seven.</p> <p>1715—Daniel Fowle is baptized at First Church of Boston.</p> <p>1660—John Cooke, who had prosecuted King Charles I for treason in 1649, is drawn and quartered for the same crime under Charles II.</p>	<p>1999—Lissa Roche commits suicide after confessing she had a 19-year affair with her father-in-law, George Roche III, the president of Hillsdale College, “the most conservative college in America.”</p> <p>1981—“I could see where you could have the exchange of tactical weapons against troops in the field without it bringing either one of the major powers to pushing the button,” says President Ronald Reagan.</p> <p>1973—OPEC turns off the oil tap.</p> <p>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 exceeded 92 percent, 64 are KIA; the U.S. Army declares it a victory.</p> <p>1960—The sit-in movement pays off big: several chain stores with locations in 10 southern states desegregate 150 lunch counters in 112 cities.</p> <p>1956—“The only way to win the next World War,” says Ike, “is to prevent it.”</p> <p>1927—Harry F. Sinclair’s trial for conspiracy in the Teapot Dome scandal begins. It ends two weeks later when it’s revealed Sinclair has hired detectives to shadow the jury.</p> <p>1888—Thomas Alva Edison files a patent for an “Optical Phonograph” — a movie camera.</p> <p>1871—President Grant suspends the writ of habeas corpus.</p> <p>1777—Burgoyne surrenders at Saratoga, inspiring the French to support the Americans.</p>	<p>2014—Thousands of college-age cretins, urged on by social media company Finnacle, set fires, throw billiard balls, and overturn cars, putting an end to the Keene Pumpkin Festival.</p> <p>2011—Ohioan Terry Thompson releases his menagerie of 56 exotic animals, including lions, leopards, and tigers, then kills himself.</p> <p>2003—The president of Bolivia is driven out of office (and country) by disgruntled peasants tired of his knuckling under to corrupt international energy companies.</p> <p>1979—“The standard of living of the average American has to decline,” says well-fed Fed Chair Paul Volcker.</p> <p>1929—The Canadian government declares women are “persons.”</p> <p>1927—IWW strikers shut down Colorado’s coal industry.</p> <p>1898—The U.S. colonizes Puerto Rico — benevolently, of course.</p> <p>1891—On the basis of false rumors and a dubious identification, a mob of 1,000 lynches Joe Coe, a married African-American with two children, as 12 Omaha, Neb. cops just watch.</p> <p>1860—British troops burn the Manchu emperor’s summer palace towards the end of the 2nd Opium War.</p> <p>1775—Capt. Henry Mowat destroys Falmouth [now Portland, Maine] with an incendiary bombardment. Result: collateral damage to Mowat’s career and British hegemony.</p> <p>1648—Boston shoemakers form America’s first labor organization.</p>	<p>2005—Sen. Judd Gregg (R-N.H.) wins \$853,492 in the Powerball lottery. A dying woman whose real estate deposit he has refused to return receives exactly none of it.</p> <p>2005—Saddam Hussein goes on trial in Baghdad for crimes against humanity and Bushes.</p> <p>2000—George W.[MD] Bush says at the Al Smith Dinner, “This is an impressive crowd, the haves and the have-mores. Some people call you the elite. I call you my base.”</p> <p>1998—Shortly before his likely re-election, Tennessee Senator Tommy Burks [D] is murdered by his middle-name-changing opponent, Byron Low Tax Looper [R].</p> <p>1987—Stock markets crash everywhere, likely because computers went nuts. The Dow drops 22%.</p> <p>1982—Automaker J. DeLorean is arrested with 59 lbs. of coke.</p> <p>1972—Philippine police shoot and kill Kinshichi Kozuka, Japan’s penultimate WWII holdout.</p> <p>1962—Air Force General Curtis LeMay recommends direct military intervention in Cuba.</p> <p>1960—Eisenhower embargoes Cuba.</p> <p>1936—Watertown, Mass. becomes the first town to fingerprint its high school students.</p> <p>1864—St. Albans, Vt. is attacked by twenty Confederate cavalrymen riding south from Canada. They rob three banks and escape with more than \$200,000.</p>	<p>2011—Brotherly Leader Muammar Ghaddafi is rather unceremoniously dispatched by Libyan rebels.</p> <p>2005—Sen. Judd Gregg (R-N.H.) nixes an increase in Federal home heating aid for the poor.</p> <p>2004—The Red Sox come back from a 3 game deficit and become the American League Champions, beating the Yankees 10 to 3 at Yankee Stadium.</p> <p>1990—In 22 cities, Americans protest the impending Gulf War.</p> <p>1983—The Feds recognize the Mashantucket Pequots, paving the way for a gargantuan casino.</p> <p>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 Prosecutor Archibald Cox, Solicitor General Robert Bork, who is not so encumbered, complies.</p> <p>1967—Roger Patterson and Robert Gimlin shoot 24 feet of film purporting to show a Sasquatch walking along a streambed in northern California.</p> <p>1947—HUAC opens hearings on commie influence in H’wood.</p> <p>1944—Two natural gas tanks explode in Cleveland with 1/6th of the force of the Hiroshima bomb, killing 130 people.</p> <p>1935—The Red Army’s 6,000 mile “Long March” ends.</p> <p>1930—William Kogut, while incarcerated on Death Row at San Quentin, kills himself with a pipe bomb made from playing cards.</p>
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1982—Dr. Joseph Porter’s flight lesson ends prematurely when the rotor of the Robinson R22 he’s flying shears off its tail cone. Gary Porter is at football practice on the athletic field in Indian Hill, Ohio where his father dies.

1975—In the 12th inning, New Hampshire’s own Carlton Fisk waves the ball fair, and the Red Sox win Game 6 of the World Series.

1967—Yuppies, Diggers, Hippies, &c., fail to levitate the Pentagon.

1966—A mountain of mine waste collapses onto a school in Wales, killing 28 adults and 116 children.

1965—Lyndon Johnson flashes his gall bladder scar for photographers.

1957—Special Forces Capt. Harry Cramer becomes the first 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—Sen. Edward D. Baker (R-Ore.), in his capacity as a Colonel leading a brigade at the Battle of Ball’s Bluff, becomes the first and last U.S. Senator killed in battle.

1837—Under a flag of truce, 75 Seminoles are captured and imprisoned by U.S. troops at Ft. Payton, Fla.

1835—William Lloyd Garrison is paraded through Boston with a rope around his neck for saying “all men are created equal.”

1987—At Yoken’s, noted buffoon Donald Trump speaks before a credulous Portsmouth Rotary Club.

1985—The last surviving Kickapoo Indians are given the right to live on their ancestral lands after being kicked off 140 years earlier.

1968—To improve the odds of his re-election, Richard Nixon tells H.R. Haldeman to “monkey wrench” negotiations to end the Vietnam War.

1964—The Atomic Energy Commission explodes a 5-kiloton atomic bomb 2,700 feet underground and ten miles west of Purvis, Miss.

1962—SAC goes to DEFCON 2 as JFK blockades Cuba.

1929—“I know of nothing fundamentally wrong with the stock market,” says President of New York’s National City Bank.

1917—The *Boston Journal* reports that a Henniker, N.H. man proposing ending the war by dropping lethal amounts of his new laughing gas on the German trenches.

1913—A dynamite blast, detonated in violation of safety rules, kills 265 at a Phelps Dodge mine in Dawson, N.M.

1909—A judge tells striking female garment workers in New York, “You are on strike against God.”

1907—A run on the Knickerbocker Bank starts the Panic of 1907.

1834—A bonfire of ancient wooden tally sticks once used for bookkeeping gets out of hand and burns Britain’s Houses of Parliament to the ground.

2015—FBI Director James Comey says a recent rise in violent crime was caused by criticism of the police.

2015—Sen. Ted Cruz [R-Texas] warns “one more liberal justice and they begin sandblasting and bulldozing veterans memorials.”

2001—Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-Wisc.) introduces the senseless PATRIOT Act, & Justice official James Yoo writes a memo saying the President need not obey the law.

1998—Life being sacred, anti-abortion fanatic James C. Kopp murders Dr. Barnett Slepian in Amherst, N.Y.

1987—Robert Bork gets borked.

1983—Suicide bombers kill 241 U.S. Marines and sailors in Lebanon, on Ronald Reagan’s watch.

1973—Eight articles of impeachment are introduced in the House against President Nixon.

1963—Fed up with accurate reporting, JFK asks *N.Y. Times* publisher “Punch” Sulzberger to assign David Halberstam anywhere but Vietnam.

1962—With SAC at DEFCON 2, JFK and aides debate whether to bomb Cuban SAM sites if any U.S. planes are shot down.

1955—In a South Vietnamese referendum with 108% participation, Ngo Dinh Diem wins with 98.9%.

1954—Pres. Eisenhower authorizes direct U.S. aid to South Vietnam, by-passing the French.

1775—The Continental Congress bars blacks from the Army.

2012—George W.[MD] Bush speaks at a Houston fundraiser for troops wounded following his orders. His fee: \$100,000.

2008—America’s markets outperform the rest of the world, having lost only 3.5% of their value in one day.

2001—The U.S. House passes the PATRIOT Act without reading it.

1983—U.S. military aircraft, using old maps, bomb Richmond Hill Insane Asylum in Grenada, killing 16.

1962—Soviet ships reach the U.S. quarantine line off Cuba. They don’t cross it, so we don’t nuke the USSR. A Soviet satellite explodes the same day. NORAD suspects an ICBM attack; but, again, nobody pushes The Button.

1960—One wrongly-set switch at the Baikonur Cosmodrome prematurely ignites the second stage of a Soviet R-16 ICBM. It explodes killing more than 100.

1947—A badly-designed heater sets a DC-6 on fire near Bryce Canyon, Utah. Passengers and crew jettison baggage to no avail; 52 perish.

1947—Walt Disney rats out some employees to Congress as commies.

1929—The irrational exuberance of the 1920’s stock market undergoes a correction on “Black Thursday.”

1901—Annie Edson Taylor, 63, goes over Niagara Falls in a barrel and lives.

1901—General “Hell-Roaring Jake” Smith tells Marines at Samar, “burn and kill; the more you burn and kill, the better it will please me.”

1983—U.S. troops protect us (and distract from the loss of 241 Marines in Beirut) by invading Grenada.

1973—Henry Kissinger, Alexander Haig, and other unelected officials raise America’s military readiness level to DEF CON 3 as Nixon sleeps.

1968—Northeast Flight 946 crashes into Moose Mountain, in Hanover, N.H. Ten survive, 32 perish.

1962—Nuclear-armed jets scramble from Duluth AFB because a guard, not thinking it’s an infiltrator, has shot a bear climbing a fence.

1960—Martin Luther King, Jr. gets four months at hard labor in Decatur, Ga. on old traffic charges.

1944—Adm. Sprague’s task force “Taffy 3,” surprised by a far-larger group of Japanese ships at Samar Island, attacks ferociously, tipping the strategic balance at Leyte Gulf.

1944—U.S.S. *Tang*, captained by Dover’s Richard H. O’Kane, is sunk by its own malfunctioning torpedo; 74 crewmen perish, 9 survive the sinking and a Japanese prison camp.

1927—The *Principessa Mafalda* sinks within sight of rescue vessels off Brazil; 314 of 1,252 passengers drown.

1854—Lord James Cardigan leads a brigade of sword-brandishing light cavalrymen across open ground in a doomed attack against Russian artillery. Somehow, half survive.

1760—King George II dies on the loo.

1669—Virginia legalizes the killing of slaves by their masters.

2016—Bloomberg reports that Donald Trump’s grandpa once ran a brothel in British Columbia.

2003—Iraqi resistance fighters nearly get Deputy Defence Secretary Paul Wolfowitz with a rocket in Baghdad.

1979—South Korean President Park Chung-hee is shot by the head of the South Korean C.I.A.

1972—Four years after helping to scuttle peace talks and get Richard Nixon elected, Henry Kissinger announces that “Peace is at hand.”

1966—Aboard the carrier *U.S.S. Oriskany* off Vietnam, a sailor throws an accidentally-ignited flare into a locker full of warheads. Explosions ensue, 44 die and 156 are injured.

1962—As planning for air strikes continues, President John F. Kennedy gets a telegram from Nikita Khrushchev offering to swap Soviet missiles in Cuba for U.S. missiles in Turkey.

1955—Ngo Dinh Diem proclaims himself president of South Vietnam.

1917—At the Second Battle of Passchendaele, at the cost of 12,000 casualties, the Allies gain a few hundred yards of mud.

1881—The Clanton brothers shoot it out with the alleged law at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona.

1806—Lord Timothy Dexter, seminal American crackpot who made money selling bed warmers in the West Indies and authored *A Penny for the Knowing Ones*, dies at 59 in Newburyport, Mass.

2004—The Red Sox take their first Series since 1918 from the Cards.

1991—After its rotor strikes and severs its tailboom, a Robinson R22 helicopter crashes in Egelsbach, Germany, killing its student pilot.

1972—Richard Nixon pocket vetoes a bill to raise the veterans health care budget by \$85 million.

1969—To convince the Soviets he’s dangerously unstable, Richard Nixon secretly orders eighteen B-52s armed with H-bombs to spend the next three days flying around the North Pole.

1967—Rev. Philip Berrigan and three friends pour duck blood on draft records in Baltimore, Md.

1965—“We must never forget,” says Richard Nixon, “that if the war in Vietnam is lost ... the right of free speech will be extinguished throughout the world.”

1962—One U.S. U-2 is shot down over Cuba and another strays over the USSR as Bobby Kennedy cuts a deal with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin. Meanwhile, aboard Soviet sub *B-59*, near Cuba, Vice Admiral Vasili Arkhipov single-handedly prevents the launch of a nuclear torpedo.

1951—“There is no question,” says Gen. J. Lawton Collins, “that the Communist menace in French Indo-China has been stopped.”

1838—Gov. Lilburn Boggs [D] signs an order saying Mormons will be “treated as enemies,” and “exterminated or driven from [Missouri].”



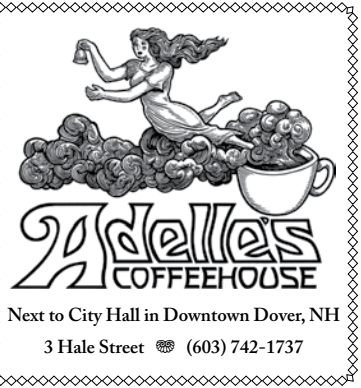
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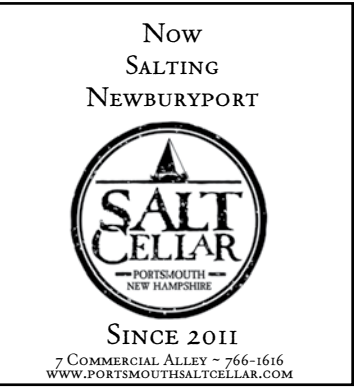
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