

*The Fortnightly Rant***Who's the Biggest Loser Now?**

Like an optimistic child saying "there's got to be a pony in here somewhere," we've concluded that the events of the past fortnight contain the seeds of a theory which could revolutionize political science:

The American body politic is like the atmosphere in that both can absorb far more of a toxic substance, *i.e.*, Fox News or CO₂, than anyone would ever have imagined, and in both cases the strangeness of the consequences rises exponentially, rather than arithmetically—it doesn't just add up, it multiplies.

This parallel may be too obvious to bother mentioning, but we can't help it. Entertaining crackpot ideas is how we stave off the heebie-jeebies which come from reading other newspapers.

It's been a hell of a fortnight. Exactly two weeks ago President Trump stood before the NRA's national convention and talked about "corruption at the highest level" in Washington, D.C. Strangely, he was referring not to himself, but the Mueller investigation. "They tried for a coup," he said. "Didn't work out so well."

Trump also announced he was pulling the U.S. out of the 2014 Arms Trade Treaty, implying that it compromised citizens' 2nd Amendment rights—which is utter #@&%\$.

Next morning came a revelation: there had been a coup—in the NRA. That was a pretty big deal, considering that for decades the organization has effectively held veto power over every Republican nomination to high political office.

Behind the scenes, NRA President Oliver North, a former Marine Lt. Col., and Wayne LaPierre, long-time NRA CEO, had been butting heads. Like "The Highlander," but with guns instead of swords, there

could be only one.

With two of the nation's most self-righteous zealots trading accusations of threats, fiscal shenanigans, and general chicanery, "it's hard to say which is a reliable narrator," said Betsy Woodruff of *The Daily Beast*, earning a Pulitzer nomination for elegant euphemism.

Befitting a man owning \$200,000 worth of Ermenegildo Zegna suits, LaPierre won the power struggle. With North out of the way he can turn his attention back to preserving such vital scams as the NRA's endangered Carry Guard, a form of insurance crafted to serve the needs of law-abiding citizens who just happened to shoot somebody.

Early in the fortnight it was reported that in 2017 U.S. officials signed, on President Trump's orders, a bill from North Korea for \$2 million to cover the cost of Otto Warmbier's medical expenses. President Trump denied that the U.S. had paid North Korea anything, and, on this, we believe him. He is the anti-Lan-nister: a Trump never pays his bills.

As April turned to May, it briefly looked as if Trump might score a coup—literally—in South America. Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó, the beneficiary of early support from Trump, was expecting to take over as soon as a few top aides to President Nicolás Maduro withdrew their support. They failed to do so, and Maduro prevailed, at least for the time being—in Venezuela.

At about that time the coup attempt metastasized, from Caracas to Washington, D.C.—specifically to the Venezuelan Embassy in Georgetown. Maduro had ordered the embassy to close in January, shortly after the Trump administration recognized Guaidó as the country's President. The departing diplomats "gave the keys to ... ac-



tivists, now called the Embassy Protection Collective (EPC), along with permission to remain until a permanent protectorate can be found."

Since the April 30th coup collapse in Caracas, the EPC has been under siege by pro-Guaidó demonstrators. As press time approaches, the scene is reminiscent of the riot outside the Turkish Embassy in May of 2017—if the D.C. cops had helped beat the protestors, instead of protecting them. Gerry Condon, President of Veterans for Peace, attempted to deliver food to the embassy Wednesday. The U.S. Secret Service arrested him, knocking him to the ground in the process and bloodying his head.

That may seem a bit shocking, but put it in context: according to a recent report from the Center for Economic and Policy Research, U.S. sanctions have caused the deaths of 40,000 Venezuelans since 2017.

Speaking of coups, there's a lot of

them going around. Well, not really, but there is a lot of *talk* about coups going around. Newt Gingrich and Sean Hannity have been applying the term to any Democratic member of Congress trying to do his or her job lately. Attorney General Barr has apparently come down with the same brain worm. He's taken to calling FBI investigative work "spying."

A cavalier attitude towards the truth, of course, comes naturally to Trump administration members and its hangers-on: the head man's own official tally for lies has now surpassed 10,000. The question at this point seems to be, does he even know anymore when he's lying?

"President Trump's latest position on the Mueller report is that it both totally exonerates him and is fatally flawed at its very core—because it doesn't totally exonerate him." So wrote the *Washington Post's* Greg Sargent on May 3rd. With the *New*

York Times having just reported on nine years worth of Trump financial data, there is little reason to hope that the President's mood or cognitive ability will be improving any time soon.

As if to rub salt in the President's wounds, hundreds of former federal prosecutors have signed a letter saying the Mueller report provided ample evidence of "multiple felony charges for obstruction of justice."

On Wednesday, Trump threw a Hail Mary and claimed executive privilege for the Mueller report. Now Attorney General Barr is running the risk of being arrested by the Sergeant at Arms of the U.S. House—and that was *before* Don Jr. was subpoenaed by the Senate Intelligence Committee, which is controlled by—gasp—Republicans!

There is no rest for the wicked, nor tranquility for the frazzled.

*The Alleged News®***Yet another warning that the world is ending ... zzzzz**

A UN panel composed of the world's leading environmental scientists met in Paris last week to release the first major report on biodiversity in 15 years. Why Paris instead of UN Headquarters? Perhaps they feared a certain former real estate developer from Queens might get wind of their activities and heap scorn upon them.

The UN called its panel, with a characteristic lack of pizzazz, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). Any two-bit Frank Luntz impersonator could have come up with a more memorable, less-soporific name. We'd have called it the Cassandra Group. The report released Monday is actually just a 40-page "Summary for Policy Makers." The full report, still pending, is expected to come in at about 1,500 pages. It's almost as

if the scientists thought that we, the people, can't handle the whole truth, the condescending bastards.

The report's headline-grabbing bottom line was that the rate of species extinction is accelerating, and about a million species are in danger of extinction in the next few decades. Roughly speaking—which seems appropriate in this context—that's about one-eighth of all the species thought to exist.

The scientists attributed responsibility for this calamity to five primary causes: conversion or alteration of natural habitat, overfishing of the oceans, pollution of land and water, allowing the spread of non-native species, and, of course, changing the climate by burning fossil fuels.

This last latter factor was the subject of an earlier world-is-ending report, released last October. Ninety-one scientists from 40 countries

issued a "Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C." Limiting warming to a 1.5 °C increase, it said, would be a bare minimum to avoid truly catastrophic consequences. That would require "human-caused emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) ... to fall by about 45 percent from 2010 levels by 2030, reaching 'net zero' around 2050."

Eric Holthaus, a meteorologist who also reports on climate news for *Grist*, tweeted, "This report is a wake-up call: Never before in our planet's history has a single species threatened the stability of life itself in such a profound way. We need a radical change not only in how we treat each other, but how we think about each other as part of a living planet." Expecting such a result to arise from our present political landscape would seem perhaps a tad optimistic.

Last month the President signed executive orders making it "easier for firms to build oil and gas pipelines and harder for state agencies to intervene," according to the *Washington Post*. As if on cue, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo went to Finland on Monday for the 11th Ministerial Meeting of the Arctic Council. An official press release said he was there to "reinforce the U.S. Commitment to the Arctic." That sounded fine—until he opened his mouth. "Steady reductions in sea ice are opening new passageways and new opportunities for trade. This could potentially slash the time it takes to travel between Asia and the West by as much as 20 days. Arctic sea lanes could [become] the 21st century Suez and Panama Canals."

Clearly the Cassandra Group made one huge, obvious mistake. Being scientists, they can't really

be faulted. As a newspaper, it's our duty to point it out: all five processes driving us towards the planet's sixth Great Extinction can be subsumed under one heading: business as usual.

The smart money is betting there are big profits to be had before most of us choke to death on our own toxic fumes as we give Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos a well-deserved single-digit farewell salute.

We'd be happy to be proven wrong, of course. After thirty years at the helm of The Nation's Oldest Newspaper™, we're beginning to see faint glimmers of how our job might properly be done. We operate at about the Speed of Congress, though, so implementing significant changes may take more time than we actually have.

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Is the Green New Deal Pie-in-the-Sky?
Now that a few younger people have cleverly outfoxed our sclerotic electoral system and made their way into Congress, we're beginning to hear about a new approach to energy which, they say, might help stave off what scientists are calling the Holocene Extinction. Many of the more, shall we say, experienced members of our political class have suggested that the Green New Deal is just "pie in the sky."

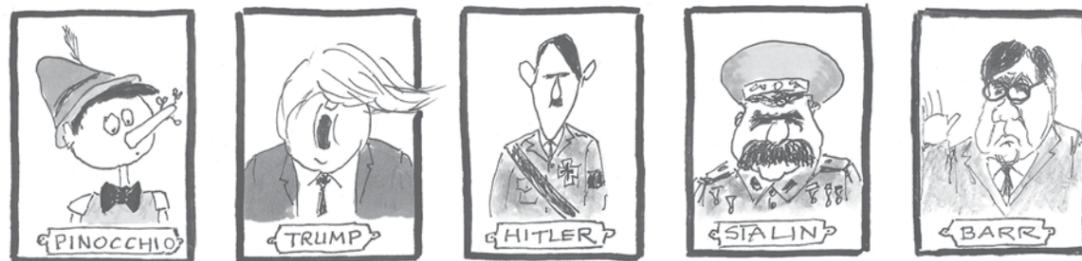
That expression derives from "The Preacher and the Slave," a song written by Joe Hill for the Industrial Workers of the World, and published in 1911:

*Long-haired preachers come out every night
Try to tell you what's wrong and what's right
But when asked how 'bout something to eat*

*They will answer in voices so sweet
You will eat, bye and bye
In that glorious land above the sky
Work and pray, live on hay
You'll get pie in the sky when you die.*
Hill's songs inspired the most radical elements of the labor movement, during his lifetime, and after his 1915 execution by firing squad in Utah. (Found guilty of murder, he is widely thought to have been framed.)

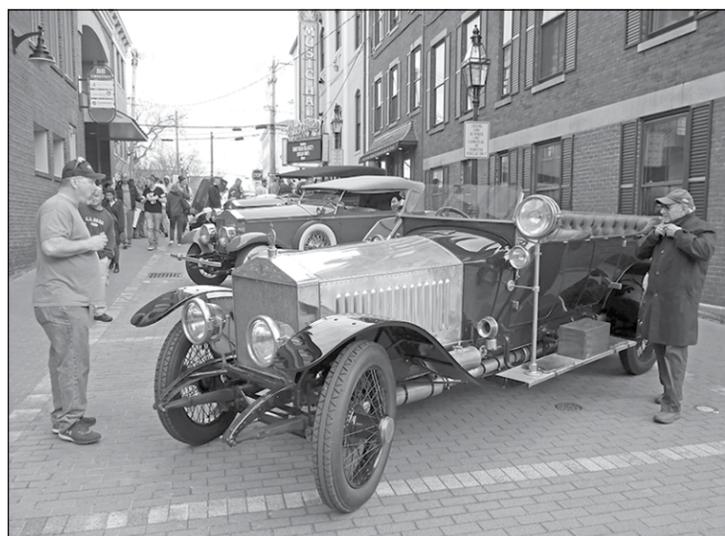
Oh, dear—we seem to have wandered a bit far afield. Where were we? Oh, yes: the impracticalities of generating electricity with newfangled methods like solar panels and windmills—pipe dreams of socialist youth. For solid, reliable practicality, nothing beats a good old coal-fired plant like Brayton Point, down in Somerset, Mass.

What's that you say? It's been shut down? Sure enough—says so right here in the *Providence Journal*: "World-record implosion: Brayton Point cooling towers tallest ever



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The Music Hall hosted "British Blast! A Tribute to British Rock 'n' Roll" last Saturday. The evening concert was a fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Hampshire. Earlier, in the afternoon, a number of fine British automobiles lined up on Chestnut Street: a spiffy new Aston-Martin, a Jaguar XK-120, a Morgan, a bug-eye Sprite—a Singer!—and three Rolls-Royces. This one was the pick of the litter due to its history. It is said to have been owned by Hugh Grosvenor, 2nd Duke of Marlborough, and lent to T.E. Lawrence, for use in his desert campaigns. Lawrence likely mounted the humongous spotlight—the better to aim his Maxim gun, the mount for which is still in place.

brought down.

"The towers, which stood approximately 500 feet tall, had been among the final additions to the now-closed Brayton Point Power Station. It took four years for them to be built at a cost of \$600 million. They enjoyed a lifespan of approximately six years and a death that took a matter of seconds."

Hmmm...that means those towers cost \$273,972 for every day they were in use....

U.S.S. Lyndon B. Johnson Christened
The U.S.S. Lyndon B. Johnson was christened at Bath, Maine on April 27th. A more fitting tribute could hardly be found for a man who served as an officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and as our 36th President during the Vietnam War.

The LBJ, as it will likely be called, is a Zumwalt-class destroyer. Destroyers were originally developed in the late 19th century to defend larger ships against the new threat of steam-powered torpedos. They were light, fast, and cheap. As naval

warfare evolved in the 20th century, heavy battleships and cruisers, with their huge guns, became obsolete, as destroyers were fitted with ever-more-capable guided missiles.

The Zumwalt class of destroyer was intended to combine eleven of the latest technological advances in naval warfare into a single package.

Its radical "tumblehome" design, sloping inward above the waterline, gives it a low radar cross-section, and a distinctive appearance which would look right at home on the cover of a 1950s science fiction magazine.

Its primary weapon was equally futuristic. The Advanced Gun System [AGS] would fire a 155 mm Long Range Land Attack Projectile. Rocket assisted, these shells would have had an unprecedented range of about 80 nautical miles.

As technical difficulties piled up, though, costs mounted, too. The Navy had to cut the number of ships on order from 32 to three. The resulting inefficiencies of scale drove the price of ammunition for the AGS up to nearly \$1 million per

round. At that price point, cruise missiles were cheaper.

In retrospect, former Secretary of the Navy John Lehman said of the Zumwalt class, "Cramming a lot of new technologies into one platform was just crazy—it was doomed from the start."

During the Vietnam War, Robert Strange McNamara and his "Whiz Kids" tried to use high technology to defeat an army of sandal-wearing peasants. Will Pentagon ever learn?

"It Sounded Like Hell Landing"
The pilot and two passengers died in the fiery crash of a Robinson R44 helicopter in Hawaii on April 29th.

Despite the location—in Kailau, a densely-populated suburban neighborhood on the island of O'ahu—the dead were all onboard the malfunctioning machine. Bystanders tried without success to put out the blaze with garden hoses.

One witness described the helicopter spinning out of control before crashing. "It sounded like hell landing," she said.

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NewsNow, “I heard the helicopter in the air and all of a sudden I heard a pop, like a blast kind of thing.” The witness said “he could see smoke coming out.” Debris landed on “at least eight separate properties,” according to that report. The accident occurred about 9:00 a.m. on Oneawa Street; the street was closed until 7:00 p.m. the following day.

The helicopter was registered to Novictor Helicopters. The company also owned the Robinson R44 which crashed on a sandbar in Kaneohe Bay, near Kailua, last October. The pilot twice lost consciousness during that flight. A passenger, a new bride, grabbed the controls and was able to reduce the impact into waist-deep water. All three aboard required hospitalization.

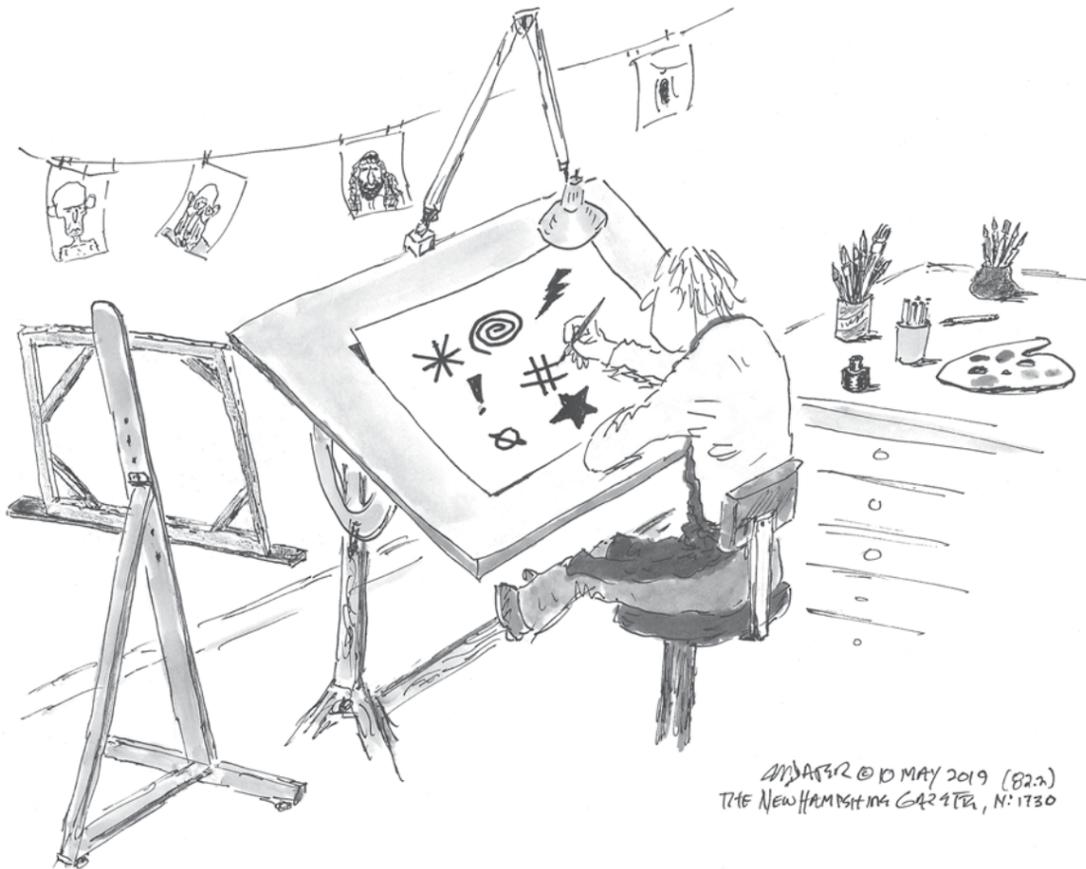
According to Aviation International News, Hawaii State Rep. Cynthia Thielen, a Republican, has “called on the FAA to prohibit air tours over residential areas and national parks and called for the immediate grounding of helitour flights in Hawaii pending an investigation.”

Piscataqua Press Reaches Milestone
Piscataqua Press, in-house publish-

ing arm of RiverRun Bookstore, is celebrating its 200th title.

For to See the Elephant: A Novel in Verse, follows the story of an enslaved boy who, in 1795, is directed to care for the first elephant transported to the United States. Author Tami Truax, of Eliot, Maine, was chosen as the 2018-2020 Maine Beat Poet Laureate, and was recently named the Poet Laureate of Portsmouth. Throughout her career, Truax has focused on literacy, aiming to teach students of all ages in New England and abroad, from preschoolers to prisoners. Piscataqua Press had chosen to publish *For to See the Elephant*, and was in mid-production, when Truax was elected the next Portsmouth Poet Laureate. The book is now available in paperback at RiverRun Bookstore or through most online outlets including Amazon.

Piscataqua Press operates within the modest confines of RiverRun Bookstore on Daniel Street in Portsmouth. Since the publishing business was established by bookstore manager Tom Holbrook five years ago, it has published seacoast authors such as novelists Katherine Towler and Katie Curtis, memoirist Danielle Flood, and fantasy writ-



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“PORTRAIT OF A CARTOONIST CONTEMPLATING YET ANOTHER TRUMP CARTOON”

er Elliott Baker. Authors farther afield also keep the Press humming. Roughly 80 percent of authors are local; the other 20 percent of authors publish with Piscataqua Press remotely and live in states such as Florida, Indiana, and New York. Writers have learned they can count on Piscataqua Press for dependable personal attention.

“We provide an easy, personalized, and dependable way to publish your book,” said Holbrook. “We use several methods to get books into the hands of readers. In most cases, we ask the author to pay us for our services. We think of this as ‘assisted self-publishing.’

“Authors everywhere are turning to independent publishing because the world of traditional publishing has become so difficult and convoluted,” Holbrook said. “It’s terribly hard to get an agent, and then it may be years until that agent finds

a home for your book. Most of our customers want a process that is faster than that, and one over which they have more control. Instead of hiring a separate editor, cover designer, and ebook creator for their book, they hire us to do it all for them.”

The Piscataqua Press publishing package considers the author’s bottom line. They do not take any share of the royalties from print and ebook sales until the author has recovered his entire initial investment.

“We started the press originally because we saw so many local authors self-publishing their books, and, while we admired their drive and independence, the books often did not look as nice as a book published by one of the big publishing houses,” Holbrook explained. “We saw a need for someone to help get these books into print at a reasonable price.”

Piscataqua Press has helped RiverRun Bookstore with its bottom line as well. At a time when independent bookstores everywhere are hard-pressed to turn a profit, diversification (including the repair and sale of vintage typewriters) has helped keep the doors open at RiverRun for 17 years. Their success as a “for-hire” publisher has also allowed Piscataqua Press to publish a few titles a year as a “traditional publisher,” including recent releases *Finding Kurdistan*, by Hawreh Haddadi, and *Ice Under Snow*, by Josephine May.

“We love to talk about all aspects of independent publishing, so contact us with any questions about us, our process, or just the state of the publishing industry in general,” Holbrook noted. For more information, Holbrook can be reached at RiverRun Bookstore, (603) 431-2100 or via email at info@piscataqua-press.com.



On the same day as the British Blast! [see other photo] our Wandering Photographer spotted this fine Model T Ford parked in front of the Hartford Building. Though a bit less ostentatious than the rigs around the corner, it was in absolutely impeccable condition.

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JROTC: A Military Recruiting Tool
To the Editor:

America is a militarized country as reflected in our 2019 federal budget of \$717 billion dollars. This militarization of our country is pervasive as it permeates every facet of our society. Sadly, our public schools have been weaponized to the extreme and one reflection of that is the Junior Reserve Officers Corps (JROTC). Following the end of the Vietnam fiasco and the draft, the Pentagon focused on expanding JROTC units nationwide. Veterans for Peace asserts JROTC is a military training and indoctrination program in 3,500 public schools where some 500,000 students are exposed to one-sided textbooks, especially on U.S. History, and classes are often taught by non-certified military instructors.

The military said its curriculum and textbooks teach "citizenship" and help cadets develop "leadership" skills. VFP disagrees and maintains JROTC teaches "blind obedience" to authority and that disagreements with other countries can be resolved by using violence. The Pentagon spends about \$370 million a year to indoctrinate teens from 14 to 18. Each local school district pays half of the instructors' salaries who also may receive the same benefits as certified teachers.

Another aspect of JROTC is that many schools offer a Civilian Marksmanship Program that works closely with the National Rifle Association (NRA) in terms of developing character. Apparently, the shooter in Parkland, Florida, who killed 17, who was one of four JROTC cadets on the high school's sharpshooter team, missed that lesson. His rank was "lieutenant" and when arrested, he was wearing his JROTC shirt.

Will Thomas
Auburn, N.H.
Will:
Right on.
The Editor

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Let's Think About Thinking

To the Editor:

Can one think complex thoughts without thinking in words? Is there an inner dialog going on in your mind?

Sure, there are left brain/right brain dominant differences, and female archetype vs. male archetype communicators. But, ultimately, your thoughts are only as big as your vocabulary.

Reading is fundamental to brain and language development in children, and, it is also critical to the expansion of your vocabulary as an adult. If we don't read, we limit our ability to comprehend the world around us.

Buckminster Fuller described language as the box we can't think outside of. One example; common phrases like "the wind blows" make you think a certain way, when in fact, according to Fuller, the wind sucks. He believed our language informs our thoughts.

Unfortunately, we have a President who admittedly does not read. It is evident in his lack of nuance, limited vocabulary, stumbling over words on the teleprompter that have more than one syllable, and his fascination with and repeated use of a word he just learned in a briefing.

Trump has a grasp of derogatory slurs, bigoted statements and general bully talk. This may be what his brain is limited to, he may not be able to think of others any other way. This is scary to think of when we rely on our President to negotiate with word leaders, who, I suspect, have incredible grasps of their native languages, as well as other languages to boot! Clearly, they can outsmart him.

Adhering to politically correct language is a way of teaching our minds to think of others respectfully. Using slurs to communicate indicates hierarchical thinking that relies on putting others down in an effort to elevate oneself, rather than competing in the world of ideas. This indicates insecurity, and weakness.

We are at a crossroads, do we trend down a path toward easy to tweet, or elevate and expand our vocabulary so that we can think inside a bigger box and maybe even outside the box?

Didi Wallace
Portsmouth, N.H.
Didi:

Language molds our thoughts, and our thoughts dictate our actions. The world is the sum of all our actions, combined. With

an incurious, petulant child in our most important position, it's no wonder the world's a mess.

The Editor

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A Tin-Pot Primer

To the Alleged Editor:

So, class, want to tear down a democracy? Okay, let's get started.

Right up near the top let's violate any Constitution which exists. And keep violating it. Law, schmlaw, who cares? Any litigation against you as a wanna-be tyrant takes time and ties up the courts close to forever. The possibility exists, though, that you could lose in the courts, right? Wrong!

Then how do you win in the courts? Well, duh, just stack all the courts with like-minded Right Wing extremists—from the top court all the way down, down, down (just like turtles).

Next, calling all toadies! Fall in line or get the hook. Install two-bit potentates as department heads who (a) are your fellow corporate hatchet men and proven enemies of the departments they head and (b) are loyal sycophants who march to your perverse and deranged fantasies. (They play ball or it's sayonara, bébé.)

And of course Lie! Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels pretty much set the gold standard: "If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it... truth is the greatest enemy of the State." Message? Keep spewing exaggerated claptrap over and over and in no time your whopper of a lie morphs into the unvarnished truth.

And don't forget Divide and Conquer. Vilifying any one or any group deemed a threat, manages in the process to incite hatred and violence against this alleged threat, as in "lock her up" or "fake news media." A good tactic, for instance, is to encourage white nationalism's racists is by championing them. As Robert Sapolsky wrote (*Foreign Affairs*, March/April,

2019, p. 42), "[Nationalism] is potentially the most destructive form of in-group bias." Pit one group against another, especially against a minority. Let's suppose white-nationalists were wearing Nazi armbands and spewing violence against Jews in Charlottesville, Va., in August, 2017. What to do? Simply remark that there are "some very fine people" in the neo-Nazi group. By recognizing America's neo-Nazis as benign snowflakes they are further emboldened. It's one of a despot's favorite stratagems for tearing down a democracy. Pick a scapegoat, then set the dogs loose.

No one needs reminding that certain ostensibly innocuous slogans can be coded messages. Could the phrase "Make America Great Again," possibly be a code for "Make America White Again?" Who knows? Just wondering. In any event, try and make up your own slogans, something like "America For Americans." Innuendo to racism and bigotry is always a winner when dividing to conquer.

Times up, class. But all you have to do is follow these few simple rules, and bingo, you will establish yourself as an authoritarian tin-pot dictator in no time. Then nothing will stop you from ripping a democracy out by the roots and trashing it, bigly. #easy-peasy.

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Don't hold back, Barnabas—tell us how you really feel!

The Editor

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Prosecutors: Trump Committed Felonies

To the Editor:

As of May 7th, 691 former Department of Justice prosecutors signed a letter stating, "Each of us believes that the conduct of President Trump described in Special Counsel Robert

Mueller's report would, in the case of any other person not covered by the Office of Legal Counsel policy against indicting a sitting President, result in multiple felony charges for obstruction of justice."

The number of former prosecutors signing grows daily! It can be found on *Medium.com*.

The letter goes on to describe the many ways Trump broke the law. These prosecutors are Republicans and Democrats, come from all over the United States, from rural and urban areas. Their backgrounds and party affiliations are different, but they agree on one thing, and so should you: Trump is a criminal.

Their experience is vast, most have served under four or five Presidents. They see that the United States is in danger of losing its form of government, the rule of law, the system of checks and balances, the freedom of its citizens. They care enough to speak out, and so should you.

So I ask, and so should you, why are current Republican Senators and Members of the House defending this felon? When will they develop the courage to speak out for the good of the country? And if they don't, do they deserve to be representing us?

Michael Frandzel
Portsmouth, NH

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McConnell: Trump's Stooge?

Dear Editor:

Pooh pooh to those whose warped loyalty to this extraordinarily bad actor/President remains firm. He's a liar, he's a blame-shifter, he's a whiner. He is the bad child in a family (his White House, that I prefer to call Our White House) who accepts the bad child sucking all the oxygen out of the room. Getting all the attention.

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WOW! PILE AND HUMOR



Did you ever see a spoiled child lie on the floor and kick his heels while screaming? That's Trump. I heard one black Congresswoman aptly call him a "grifter." Someone who obtains money illicitly as in a confidence-game. Now the newscasts are tracing his years of bad business losses that he prefers to hype as not-that.

The more he orders those close to him not to cooperate with Congress, the more obvious it is he has big things to hide from the public eye.

As for Sen. Mitch McConnell saying "it's all done, over," about the Mueller Report—McConnell acts as another Trump-stooge. Our country is in a bad time with this irresponsible President. We went through six years of Republicans keeping President Obama from achieving anything, and now we have a bad President who is making the scene all about him for two-plus years. Infrastructure needs, income inequality exacerbated by Trump's mega tax cut for the rich, war tensions increasing with Iran, need for supported rather than set-aside clean air and clean water attention—all this is not getting attention while the bad-boy President lies on his back kicking his heels and whining and refusing to be responsible for anything/everything he does or has done.

Lynn Rudmin Chong
Sanbornton, N.H.

Try Getting it Right This Time

To the Editor:

It's over: Finally.

Donald Trump won the 2016 election. Hillary Clinton was the loser. There was no Russian collusion. Millions of dollars were wasted along with all the breath and ink wasted on those weekly bombs that CNN and those with the Trump derangement syn-

drome salivated over each time and which turned out to be duds by the end of the week. However, the Democrats persist in not only making fools of themselves but in boring the nation to tears.

If the Democrats are wise they will give up this farce and will now try to gain and hold the Presidential office the old fashioned way—by adopting a platform that most Americans can agree with, and a candidate that is able to articulate the message.

Unfortunately for the Democrats, that messenger will not come from Clinton clones and retreads like Joe Biden with the failed messages of globalism that destroyed America's industrial base; his neoconservatism, with its perpetual war philosophy; and the neoliberal policy of welfare for the rich and austerity for everyone else.

A winning message can only come from those new, young and exciting voices such as Tulsi Gabbard and Ilhan Omar who really want to make America great again by withdrawing from the Middle East wars, in Gabbard's case, and breaking the grip of Israel and AIPAC over American foreign and domestic policy, in Omar's case.

In addition, there is the dynamic Alexandria-Ocasio-Cortez. Although too young to run [for President, she] articulates the message that if the Fed is going to print money to distribute to the Wall Street casinos through the banks, then not only billionaires should receive the money, but so should the rest of us.

For this, she is labeled as a socialist—or worse, a communist. Why should her constituents pay five hundred percent on payday loans while the wealthy get interest-free money to risk in those casinos with the guarantee that if their bets go wrong they will be bailed out?

I'm sure that the Democrats will work hard to crush the effort of Gabbard to become the nominee, just like they are working hard to crush the voice of Representative Omar, and those who want to stop the distribution of welfare to the wealthy that the Fed is bestowing on them now that the Fed has become the command and control of the once-vibrant capitalist economy where businesses that were poorly run were allowed to fail and crooks and fraudsters went to jail.

Well, it's the new baseball season and in this same spirit, I would like to pick my political dream team which, now that Trump has become Sheldon Adelson's stooge will likely be Gabbard for President and Omar for Vice President.

After all, I can dream, can't I?

John Dente
Wilmington, Del.

John:

We don't believe it's wise under any circumstance to look the other way as a President wipes his golf shoes on the Constitution.

That said, there's no harm in following your suggestion that Democrats use whatever power they have to reject and repudiate neoliberalism, and adopt a platform that uses the power of government to reverse as much as possible the damage done over the last four decades.

The Editor

Bernie Winning Hearts and Minds

To the Editor:

Senator Bernie Sanders confidently assured all naysayers prior to his Fox News-hosted town hall event, "Trust me, I know Fox News. I know who they are and I know what role they are playing. It's important to distinguish 'Fox News' from 'the people who watch' Fox News. It's important to talk to Trump supporters and explain that he has betrayed the working class of this country."

Bernie did exactly what he set out

to do. One of numerous examples was when Fox News host Brett Baier polled the audience about who would be willing to switch to Medicare-for-All. His attempt to trip up Bernie blew up in his face.

Baier asked: "I want to ask the audience a question. If you could raise your hand here, a show of hands, how many people get their insurance from work, private insurance? Right now, how many get it from private insurance? Okay, now of those, how many are willing to transition to what the senator says, a government-run system?" His question was met with loud cheers and applause. He continued, "There's 180 million people on private insurance—they would be lost to your system."

Bernie answered, "That's what the right-wing throws out, so let me answer that question." Bernie goes on to explain that no one would be lost in his system. He says that millions of people, every single year, lose their health insurance because they get fired or quit their jobs. Many people also find they have a new policy that they didn't choose either because they've changed jobs or their employers have switched insurance plans. He continued, "Every year, millions of workers wake up in the morning and their employer has changed the insurance that they have. So, what we're talking about actually is stability—that when you have a Medicare for All, it is there now and it is there in the future."

Bernie's answer received loud cheers and applause, and it suffices to say that he won over the hearts and minds of at least 2.5 million working-class Americans by talking with them.

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, N.H.

Wayne:

We were going to praise Bernie here by inserting a quote long attributed to Orwell—"In a time of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act." Sadly we can't.

Not because it isn't true—it is. Not because Bernie isn't a revolutionary truth-teller—he's that in spades. No, because according to a QuoteInvestigator.com post from 2013, Orwell never said

or wrote that, at least as far as anyone can determine.

We can't help but think that Orwell would have loved Bernie—but we can't prove it.

The Editor

J'accuse Donald J. Trump

To the Editor:

On this day, April 28 in 1898, Emile Zola's open letter "J'accuse" (I accuse) was published, accusing the French government and military of making a Jewish officer, Captain Alfred Dreyfus, a convenient scapegoat to coverup treasonous acts by the military.

One hundred and twenty-one years later, J'accuse President Donald J. Trump of fostering, supporting, encouraging a climate of hate, bigotry and mass murder to advance his political ends.

It is more than a coincidence that shortly before the Poway, Calif. synagogue murder of Lori Kaye, Donald Trump once again defended the Nazi's murderous rally at Charlottesville, this time with the justification that they were really defending the statue of Robert E. Lee, one of our "greatest generals." Lee was certainly a great general. He also was a traitor who waged war on the United States in defense of slavery.

Defending a statute of one of Lee's leading officers, Gen. James Longstreet, of whom there are no statues, would have made some sense. In New Orleans in 1874, the retired Longstreet led local police in resisting the takeover of local government by the White League. For that act of American Patriotism, Longstreet was accused of being a "race traitor," unlike Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee, whose statues proliferated.

Donald Trump's improbable rise to power and his attempt to stay in power is driven by ceaseless attacks on black and brown people, on immigrants, on Muslims, on his steadfast refusal to condemn in no uncertain terms Nazis as evil, as did Vice President Pence after Poway. Trump offers condolences

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Final Exams in Kansas, 1895

by William Marvel

For years now, an 1895 eighth-grade graduation examination has been circulating around the internet. Newspapers occasionally poach it for editorial ammunition or amusing filler, and in this era of immediate reader response the reaction is often vitriolic.

The test was given to students in Saline County, Kansas, on April 13, 1895. The questions covered grammar, arithmetic, U.S. history, orthography, geography, and physiology, leaning heavily toward agricultural relevance. Under physiology, the student was expected to know how to stop bleeding if an artery were lacerated—a good skill to have, in farm country. Simple arithmetic questions included how much a 3942-pound load of wheat would be worth at 50 cents a bushel, deducting 1050 pounds for tare. That required knowing what “tare” was—which I didn’t, until the Kansas native across my breakfast table told me. Then one had to be able to convert wheat from pounds to bushels; another problem

involved calculating the cubic feet in a load of wheat and transforming that, too, into bushels. Several geography questions were related to weather, which they have altogether too much of in Kansas.

I did not find the history segment very demanding, although it might confound today’s graduating senior. There was no inquiry at all into literature or American government. The categories of grammar and orthography might stymie most modern adults, however, for they covered the elements of syntax and linguistic morphology that are soon forgotten, and are not often emphasized today. Relatively few Americans probably even know what “case” means in the grammatical sense, or what orthography even is. The prospective graduate was evidently also expected to demonstrate an ability to find his (and more often her) way around a dictionary.

Today the test surprises many with its apparent difficulty, which is exaggerated by archaic vocabulary, and the esoteric subject matter distracts from its curricular shortcom-

ings. Many resent how the questions are used to suggest the deterioration of modern education; those who show the most evidence of having been stumped by the grammatical questions seem particularly rankled.

When the *Washington Post* featured the test in 2015, the self-satisfied audience of that paper took umbrage. One subscriber blamed the 1895 test for a spelling mistake made by the *Post* typesetter, and decided “obviously Kansans are morons.” A couple of others offered condescending explanations of mistakes they thought they found in the presentation of one question, but the mistake arose from their own ignorance of the subject.

Many simply wrote the test off as fake news, but it wasn’t. My wife was born and raised in Saline County, and Superintendent Joseph W. Armstrong, who compiled the questions, is buried in the cemetery almost directly across from the house where she first lived. He came to Kansas as a teenager with his recently widowed mother in 1869, and spent most of his youth working on

their farm. Not until his mid-twenties did he begin attending Salina Normal Institute, earning a teaching certificate in 1883. In 1888 he ran for the elective office of county superintendent, and held it for years while also running the family farm.

That he designed it as an eighth-grade tests accounts for the absence of questions about literature or government, and the cursory attention to history. Hoping to reduce the contrast between scholastic expectations then and now, some champions of modern education argue that it was instead intended for high-school seniors. The original test sheet doesn’t specify, but Kansas newspapers advertised the locations of the eighth-grade tests every April, just before commencement. It was a big deal.

Some of the questions would challenge today’s seniors, too, but the ages between the two levels was not as stark in 1895 as it is in our stratified system. Salina’s eighth-grade graduates in 1892 ranged from not-quite-14 to nearly 18, while seven girls and one boy between 16 and 18

graduated from the high school. The higher the grade, the fewer the boys in school.

In their zeal to discredit the exam, critics suppose that most students failed it. Conway now has about 1 percent of its population in the eighth grade, and in 1892 Salina gave eighth-grade certificates to 55 students, representing nearly 1 percent of its residents. Kansas then had twice the proportion of children, but many left school before the eighth grade, so a solid majority of Salina’s students probably passed the test.

As we near commencement with 39 percent of Kennett students and 57 percent of those at Fryeburg on the honor roll, the thing to remember about the 1895 test is that passing it yielded more than a certificate of attendance. Failing meant going home without graduating. Kansans knew that lowering standards to increase the graduation rate would only devalue the accomplishment, to the detriment of everyone the system served.

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and notes the cops got their man.

But from the President of the United States, there is no clear condemnation of murderous bigots-become-terrorists and their hateful ideology unless they are Jihadist killers. There is also no attempt to control the purchase, spread, use, manufacture of assault weapons, or the ability to sue the gun makers.

Instead, Donald Trump, on the evening of the Poway shooting, called members of the FBI “scum” for investigating him and embraced his “crazy idea” of sending immigrants and asylum seekers to sanctuary cities as supposed punishment. He also praised football player Nick Bosa for Facebook posts attacking



quarterback Colin Kaepernick. The hits just keep on coming.

The problem is not that Donald Trump is a conservative, or a Republican. The problem is that he is a bigot whose political strategy is to appeal to bigotry, to lawlessness in defense of bigotry, telling border patrol officers to ignore court orders.

I am not saying that to be a Trump supporter means you are a bigot. I am accusing Donald Trump of deliberately, instinctively, and with malice centering his Presidency and his politics on a path of bigotry, authoritarianism, and corruption of democratic ideal and our Bill of

Rights.

Bigotry and antisemitism, to paraphrase Jean Paul Sartre, is “the socialism of fools.”

Bigotry is at the beating heart of Trump and Trumpism. It’s a 21st century version of the anti-immigrant, anti-Catholic Know Nothing party of the 19th century.

Trump is President, but not of all the people. He cares only about those who bend their knees and pledge loyalty and fealty to his every whim or to forgive all or almost all his trespasses.

It’s completely clear what he is,

and how he is doing everything he can get way with to remake our country and the world in his sad, flawed, and dangerous to democracy image. Wake up America. Conservative or liberal, it’s time to turn our backs on Donald Trump’s obscene violations of freedom and democracy and take corrective action in our own ways now before it’s too late.

Roy Morrison
Warner, N.H.

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Trump is Right...About the Media
To the Editor:

As much as I hate to admit it, Donald Trump is right. The media

is biased. But Donald Trump is also wrong. The media is not his enemy; the media is the best friend Donald Trump ever had.

The media wants viewers. Donald Trump runs his campaigns and Presidency as if they are a television program. His aim is to get viewers and the public’s attention as a way to increase his popularity. When Trump declared his candidacy in 2015, it was if we had the insult comic Don Rickles running for president. Trump insulted his way onto our television screens. We were intrigued, if not amused. Television stations loved it; high ratings. So we got more and more Trump on our screens, which increasingly benefited Trump’s campaign. The media played a large role in helping Donald

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What is the “AI agenda,” who’s pushing it, and why?

by Jim Hightower

Corporate bosses don’t talk about it in public, but among themselves—pssst—they whisper excitedly about implementing a transformative “AI agenda” across our economy.

AI stands for artificial intelligence, the rapidly-advancing digital technology of creating thinking robots that program themselves, act on their own, and even reproduce

themselves. These automatons are coming soon to a workplace near you!

Not wanting to stir a preemptive rebellion by human workers, corporate chieftains avoid terms like automation of jobs, instead substituting euphemisms like “digital transformation” of work. Privately, however, top executives see AI as their path to windfall profits and personal enrichment by replacing whole swaths of their workforce with an automated

army of cheap machines that don’t demand raises, take time off, or form unions.

As one prominent tech exec confided to the *New York Times*, AI “will eliminate 40 percent of the world’s jobs within 15 years.” Some CEOs are so giddy about AI’s profiteering potential that they openly admit their intentions. Take Foxconn, the Taiwanese electronics giant hailed as a job creating savior last year by Donald Trump. It was given \$3 bil-

lion in public subsidies to open a huge manufacturing plant in Wisconsin, but it’s now renegeing and declaring that it intends to replace 80 percent of its global workforce with robots within 10 years. Corporate apologists say displaced humans can be “reskilled” to do something else. But what? Where? When? No response.

Executives try to skate by the human toll by saying that the machine takeover is the inevitable march of

technological progress. Hogwash! There’s nothing “natural” about the AI agenda—it’s a choice being made by an elite group of corporate and political powers trying to impose their selfish interests over us.

Populist author, public speaker, and radio commentator 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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Trump get elected president.

And the media now plays a large role in sustaining the Trump Presidency. Anything Trump does gets media attention, even if what he is saying are lies, exaggerations, and distortions. We get extensive coverage of Trump campaign rallies which are essentially nothing but propaganda and are of zero news value.

And the media is also biased against lesser politicians. Gossipy bits and scraps of information are headlined for days on end as if they are of cosmic significance. Elizabeth Warren claimed to be of Native American heritage on one or more applications, though she has very little Native American blood. Okay, media, we heard the case; we processed it, now drop it. Stop chasing viewers.

Bernie Sanders made a million or two on a best-selling book. That wasn’t the reason he wrote the book. He wrote it to help him become President. What was he supposed to do, refuse the money? The real question is “what will Bernie do with the money now that he has it? Something constructive like investments in renewable energy, or something damaging like investments in cigarette companies?” Okay, media, we heard the case; we processed it, now drop it. Stop chasing viewers.

Joe Biden has been accused of being overly friendly and personal with women. My late wife and I have personal experience with this. Not that we were Joe’s friends, but my wife and I saw him at enough political events that he came to rec-



ognize our faces. So, one time, Joe came over and kissed Lenore on top of her head. Lenore was fond of Joe before that event; she was fond of him after that event. He was Uncle Joe being Uncle Joe. Was Joe too intimate with women? Okay, media, we heard the case, we processed it, now drop it. Stop chasing viewers.

Donald Trump does more offensive and destructive things before 10 o’clock in the morning on any given day than Warren, Sanders, and Biden did in these cases.

Perhaps, the best way to get the media to keep things in perspective is to turn the ratings game against it. If you feel that Trump gets too much undeserved attention on television, when his face appears on the screen, turn the channel. If ratings drop when Trump appears, you may be sure television stations will reduce his coverage to a reasonable level.

Gary Patton
Hampton, N.H.

Gary:

They don’t even deny it. “He [Trump] is good for business.”—Tony Maddox, Executive VP, CNN International, August, 2017.

The Editor

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Sununu vs. College Voting Rights

To the Editor:

Governor Sununu wants to make it more difficult and expensive for young people to vote in New Hampshire. He showed us that when he signed HB 1264 into law last year, despite telling members of the New Hampshire Youth Move-

ment that he would never do anything to suppress the vote. While New Hampshire claims to be working to attract and retain more young people, students in our state are soon to be subject to paying hundreds of dollars in automotive fees in they choose to vote in local elections. As young people invest in getting an education here, this legislation tells students that they are not welcomed.

Right now, more high school students leave New Hampshire for their degrees than any other state (59 percent), largely due to having the highest in-state tuition in the country. If we want to protect our economy and community, we must make it easier to stay and participate here. The Granite State is an incredible place to get connected to local politics, but with these new barriers, it’s unlikely that these students will get engaged and ultimately stay here.

I write this as a young person who is invested in making New Hampshire a better place for others to live and thrive, but there’s a lot of work to do. I call on Governor Sununu to keep his promise to young people by signing HB 106, which will repeal the previous legislation he signed and allow students to vote freely again in our state.

Josie Pinto
Concord N.H.

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Nottingham Water Alliance Defends Rights Based Ordinance

The Nottingham Water Alliance (NWA) has retained the Commu-

nity Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF) to represent them in defending the Freedom from Chemical Trespass Ordinance.

A challenge has been brought by Brent Tweed of G&F Goods, LLC in Rockingham Superior Court. The Ordinance was passed by voters in March of this year at Nottingham Town Meeting.

The new Rights-based Ordinance protects the rights of Town residents to clean water, air, and soil, and prohibits corporations or government agencies from disposing of toxic wastes in Nottingham in order to protect those rights. This is the second such Ordinance adopted by the Town of Nottingham, the first protecting the right of Townspeople to clean drinking water by banning commercial water extraction. The Right to Water Ordinance was passed in 2008 and prevented USA Springs from extracting and bottling water, draining Nottingham’s aquifer.

“We are concerned about keeping our children safe by keeping toxins out of our water,” said Judy Doughty, Board member of the Nottingham Water Alliance. There are around 850 toxic waste sites in New Hampshire, including 22 on the national Superfund registry.

“The people of Nottingham are the best ones to protect our water and natural resources, and the voters have spoken at Town Meeting,” stated John Terninko, Chairperson of the NWA. “Seven children have been diagnosed with cancer near the

Coakley Landfill and two have died, and we don’t want that problem in Nottingham.”

For more information contact John Terninko of NWA (john@terninko.com) or Michelle Sanborn of CELDF (michelle@celdf.org).

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N.H. Nuke Sub Vet to Speak
A Benefit for Sub Vet Scholarship Fund
New Hampshire Submarine Veteran and Author Frank Hood will be at Albacore Park and Museum Saturday, May 18th to talk about life aboard a nuclear submarine. He will also be signing his book, *Poopie Suits & Cowboy Boots: Tales of a Submarine Officer during the Height of the Cold War*.

While being at sea for 300 days a year, all kinds of non-classified “things” can happen: funny stories, scary events, international sticky situations—even Admiral Rickover coming aboard for a ride. In *Poopie Suits & Cowboy Boots*, these stories are placed in the context of the events of the time: the Vietnam War, astronauts going to the moon, political assassinations, the counter culture, and more. This 480-page book, packed with over 100 annotated photos and a Submarine Lingo Glossary, will be available through the Albacore museum store. All proceeds will go to the Submarine Veteran Scholarship Fund. So far, Frank and his co-author, his brother Charles, have donated over \$18,000 to this Fund.

The Albacore Park and Museum is at Market Street off Exit 7 of I-95, in Portsmouth, N.H. Frank Hood will be signing books between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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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

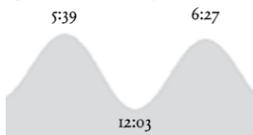
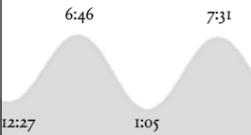
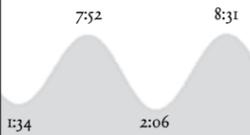
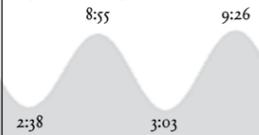
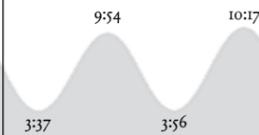
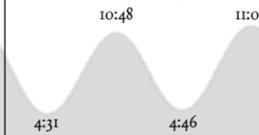
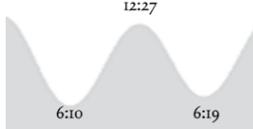
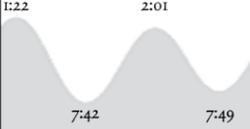
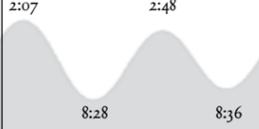
drags about seventeen billion gallons of seawater — enough to fill 2,125,000 tanker trucks — up the river and into Great Bay. This creates a roving hydraulic conflict, as incoming sea and the outgoing river collide. The skirmish line

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.

SUNDAY, MAY 12	MONDAY, MAY 13	TUESDAY, MAY 14	WEDNESDAY, MAY 15	THURSDAY, MAY 16	FRIDAY, MAY 17	SATURDAY, MAY 18
<p>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.</p> <p>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."</p> <p>1987—News reports say Oliver North lost a \$10 million contribution for the Contras by using the wrong Swiss bank account number.</p> <p>1984—Philip Abrams, HUD Undersecretary under R. Reagan, says Hispanics live in crowded homes out of "cultural preference," not poverty.</p> <p>1975—Khmer Rouge naval forces using ex-U.S. Swift Boats seize the U.S. container ship <i>Mayaguez</i> and 39 crewmen off Cambodia.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>1958—Future Defense Secretary Robert Strange McNamara says cabbage and broccoli will protect Americans from atomic fallout.</p> <p>1947—Trunk murderer Winnie Ruth Judd makes her third escape from the Arizona State Insane Hospital.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>2015—The day after eight die in a Philadelphia derailment, Congress votes to slash Amtrak's budget.</p> <p>2005—A Pentagon commission recommends closing the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.</p> <p>1985—A Philadelphia police helicopter bombs MOVE headquarters, killing 11 and leaving 250 homeless.</p> <p>1971—President Nixon tells his flunkies to get a new IRS head: "a ruthless son of a bitch... who will go after our enemies and not go after our friends."</p> <p>1957—Ngo Dinh Diem is treated to a ticker tape parade in New York City.</p> <p>1946—Authorities in Germany order the destruction of 30,000 books—American military authorities.</p> <p>1945—After a brief court martial in Amsterdam—and Germany's surrender—Bruno Dorfer and Rainer Beck, deserters from the Wehrmacht's Kriegsmarine, are executed by German soldiers using German rifles provided by the Seaforth Highlanders.</p> <p>1930—The New Hampshire Historical Society announces it's acquired one of three known copies of <i>The Monster of Monsters</i>, the pamphlet that got Daniel Fowle thrown in prison in 1754.</p> <p>1929—Prominent businessmen from across the country begin a three-day conference in Atlantic City, N.J.</p> <p>1862—Robert Smalls, enslaved helmsman of the Confederate military transport <i>Planter</i>, commandeers the vessel, pilots it out of Charleston harbor, and turns it over to the U.S. Navy.</p>	<p>2015—The <i>Union Leader's</i> editorial, in full: "Frank Guinta is a damned liar."</p> <p>1992—The George H.[H.]W. Bush administration opens up 1,400 acres of spotted owl habitat for logging.</p> <p>1987—Robert "Bud" McFarlane tells Congress that if he'd objected to arming Central American terrorists, "Bill Casey, Jeane Kirkpatrick, and Cap Weinberger would have said I was some kind of comic."</p> <p>1975—The Khmer Rouge take the captive crew of the <i>Mayaguez</i> to mainland Cambodia.</p> <p>1969—Two companies of the 101st assault NVA regiment atop Hamburger Hill. Despite 12 KIA and 80 WIA, they make no progress.</p> <p>1961—Klansmen in Anniston, Ala. celebrate Mother's Day by torching a bus. The Freedom Riders on board escape the fire, but not a savage beating.</p> <p>1960—<i>The New Yorker's</i> A.J. Liebling writes, "Freedom of the press is guaranteed only to those who own one."</p> <p>1932—Mayor Jimmy Walker leads 150,000 New Yorkers in a day-long "We Want Beer" parade.</p> <p>1930—<i>The New York Times</i>, in 157 words about the New Hampshire Historical Society's acquisition of a 18th century pamphlet, <i>The Monster of Monsters</i>, mis-states who was jailed and for how long, cites the wrong printer (Zechariah Fowle, not Daniel), and misstates this paper's name.</p> <p>964—John XII's papacy is abruptly ended by a jealous husband.</p>	<p>2003—In Strong, Maine—"Toothpick Capitol of the World"—the last manufacturer of proper, <i>i.e.</i>, birch, toothpicks closes.</p> <p>2002—The White House admits it knew before 9/11 that al Qaeda had plans to hijack U.S. airliners.</p> <p>2001—Two engineers in a locomotive chase and stop an unmanned train full of hazardous chemicals after it rolled 66 miles at high speeds across Ohio.</p> <p>1991—The Pentagon releases info confirming that Manuel Noriega used to be on the CIA's payroll.</p> <p>1975—Marines retake the abandoned <i>Mayaguez</i>. Other Marines, green and unaware that the ship's crew is being released, chopper to Koh Tang Island. Dug-in Khmer Rouge greet them. Fifteen Marines are KIA, 50 WIA. Three are left on the beach.</p> <p>1970—City and State cops shoot 14 protesting black students, killing two, at Jackson State in Mississippi.</p> <p>1969—"If there has to be a bloodbath then let's get it over with," says Gov. R. Reagan, sending the National Guard to take Peoples' Park from the hippies.</p> <p>1968—J. Edgar "Mary" Hoover tells the Chicago office to tell the Mafia Dick Gregory is bad-mouthing them.</p> <p>1951—Gen. Omar Bradley calls Gen. MacArthur's Korea plan "[t]he wrong war, at the wrong place, at the wrong time, and with the wrong enemy."</p> <p>1923—Upton Sinclair is arrested in Los Angeles for reading the Bill of Rights to striking Wobblies.</p>	<p>2017—Two dozen goons attack peaceful protesters outside the Turkish Embassy in Washington, D.C. as President Recep Tayyip Erdogan looks on approvingly. Four are arrested, but all charges are dropped.</p> <p>2001—Ex-FBI Special Agent, devout Catholic, patron of strippers, and amateur exhibitionist Robert Hanssen is indicted for selling U.S. secrets to the U.S.S.R., then the Russians.</p> <p>1969—AP discovers that some grunts on Hamburger Hill are discontented.</p> <p>1974—Bill Harris, terrorist, is caught shoplifting socks from Mel's Sporting Goods in L.A.; but he and wife Emily escape as heiress Patty Hearst blasts the storefront with a machine gun.</p> <p>1948—CBS correspondent George Polk turns up murdered in Salonika Harbor. The U.S.-supported Greek government frames a Commie, and U.S. journalists cover up the frame.</p> <p>1918—Congress passes the Sedition Act. It's now a crime to "... willfully utter, print, write, or publish any disloyal, profane, scurrilous, or abusive language about the form of government of the United States, or the Constitution of the United States..."</p> <p>1916—In the Sykes-Picot Agreement, Britain and France, with Russia's OK, screw the Arabs.</p> <p>1879—Two men in Raleigh, N.C. are hanged twice: the ropes were too long the first time. In Utah, a firing squad misses the condemned man's heart; it takes him 27 minutes to die.</p>	<p>2017—On learning that Bob Mueller will investigate Russia's involvement in his election, President Trump says, "Oh my God. This is terrible. This is the end of my Presidency. I'm fucked."</p> <p>2010—A Robinson R44 helicopter crashes into a housing subdivision on the Philippine island of Luzon. All four aboard burn to death and take two people on the ground with them.</p> <p>1976—R. Reagan, in <i>Time</i>: "Fascism was really the basis of the New Deal."</p> <p>1974—Six members of the Symbionese Liberation Army hole-up in a small house in L.A. surrounded by 400 cops. Armed with full-auto M-1 carbines, they fire 4,000 rounds but hit no one. They all die, shot or burned.</p> <p>1973—To help Continental Oil develop new drilling techniques, the AEC explodes three nukes underground in Colorado.</p> <p>1968—Nine people break into Catonsville, Md.'s draft board and burn 600 files with homemade napalm.</p> <p>1954—Border Patrol agents begin deporting 1 million people from five states in "Operation Wetback."</p> <p>1954—President Eisenhower creates the notion of "Executive Privilege."</p> <p>1954—The Supreme Court throws out "separate but equal" education.</p> <p>1934—At Madison Square Garden, tens of thousands of Friends of the New Germany rally under a swastika in support of Adolf Hitler.</p> <p>1792—The conspiracy known as the New York Stock Exchange is formed.</p>	<p>1992—The 27th Amendment, prohibiting any Congress from raising its own pay, is ratified 202 years after its submission.</p> <p>1982—The Rev. Sun Myung Moon is convicted of tax fraud.</p> <p>1980—Mt. St. Helens cuts loose for the first time in 123 years.</p> <p>1974—India successfully tests a nuclear weapon in an operation named Smiling Buddha.</p> <p>1969—At Hamburger Hill, casualties mount as the fight goes on. The commander orders helicopters out of the area after more friendly fire deaths.</p> <p>1958—CIA pilot Al Pope is shot down while strafing an Indonesian port. The U.S. Ambassador claims he's a mere "soldier of fortune." Documents found on Pope prove it's a lie.</p> <p>1935—The propaganda plane <i>Maxim Gorky</i>, equipped with a printing plant and loudspeakers audible from the ground, crashes after it's hit by an escorting fighter plane; 45 die.</p> <p>1927—Andrew Kehoe, angry at having to pay taxes to support the Bath, Mich. school system, blows up the school killing 43 people including 39 grade-schoolers. He then kills his wife, loads his truck with dynamite and nails, and blows up the school superintendent and himself.</p> <p>1918—Congress creates the draft. Emma Goldman protests, for which she's soon deported.</p> <p>1896—The Supreme Court OKs racial segregation in <i>Plessy v. Ferguson</i>.</p>
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<p>2017—Big game hunter Theunis Botha, 51, dies in Zimbabwe when an elephant shot by a client falls on him.</p> <p>1962—In Madison Square Garden, Marilyn Monroe sings "Happy Birthday" to President John F. Kennedy.</p> <p>1956—A 15-megaton bomb test in the South Pacific raises radiation levels in the U.S. to 10 times normal.</p> <p>1954—The U.S.P.O. OKs a CIA mail-opening project.</p> <p>1953—A wind shift in Nevada sends fallout from our dirtiest-ever nuke test, Upshot-Knohole Harry, to where Howard Hughes will film <i>The Conqueror</i> one year later.</p> <p>1950—In South Amboy, N.J., four ammunition barges carrying 467 tons of ammunition explode killing 30 and injuring 350 more.</p> <p>1943—U.S. sub-chaser <i>PC-815</i>, commanded by L. Ron. Hubbard, engages non-existent Japanese subs in battle off the Oregon coast.</p> <p>1932—Rep. C. Fuller (D-Ark.) introduces a bill requiring Civil Service employees be able to "sing, write or recite the words to the Star Spangled Banner" from memory.</p> <p>1925—Malcolm Little, later "X," is born in Omaha, Neb.</p> <p>1920—In Matestown, W. Va., seven coal company stooges and four locals die in a main street shootout.</p> <p>1918—For protesting her husband's lynching the day before, Mary Turner, eight months pregnant, is lynched in Lowndes County, Ga.</p>	<p>2009—The FBI entraps four Muslim men in a bogus Bronx bomb plot.</p> <p>2004—U.S. and Iraqi troops raid the home and offices of Ahmed Chalabi, formerly the neo-cons' most trusted source of Iraqi intelligence.</p> <p>1978—Mavis Hutchinson, 53, makes America for 69 days.</p> <p>1969—After 11 bloody assaults in 10 days, American troops take Hamburger Hill at a cost of 70 dead and 372 wounded. It's abandoned 16 days later.</p> <p>1973—The Camden 28, who broke into a draft board office, are acquitted.</p> <p>1937—George Orwell takes a bullet in the throat while fighting against Franco's fascists in Spain.</p> <p>1927—Charles Lindbergh leaves Long Island by air, heading east.</p> <p>1926—Thomas Edison announces that Americans prefer silent films to those newfangled talkies.</p> <p>1920—Henry Ford prints the bogus <i>Protocols of the Elders of Zion</i> in his newspaper, the <i>Dearborn Independent</i>.</p> <p>1918—A tornado hits Codell, Kan.</p> <p>1917—A tornado hits Codell, Kan.</p> <p>1916—A tornado hits Codell, Kan.</p> <p>1899—New Yorker Jacob German gets the first ticket for speeding—he went over 12 mph.</p> <p>1631—Unpaid soldiers first conquer Magdeburg, then loot it. Disappointed with their booty, they slaughter 20,000 Protestants for the greater glory of the Holy Roman Emperor and the Mother Church.</p>	<p>2016—Hundreds gather in Houston. Some come to rally in support of Islam. Some, armed, come to oppose. Both sides are responding to online posts from a Russian troll farm.</p> <p>2010—Glenn Beck claims "a good portion" of Americans were glad when President Franklin D. Roosevelt died.</p> <p>2001—The GAO refutes Republican claims that departing Democrats vandalized the White House.</p> <p>1981—The Senate OKs \$20 billion to resume full-scale production of nerve gas and other chemical weapons.</p> <p>1980—In Gwangju, Korea, students using weapons looted from armories drive troops from downtown.</p> <p>1968—Students protest the Vietnam War in West Berlin, Paris, Peking, Berkeley, and New York.</p> <p>1946—A screwdriver slips; the same plutonium core that killed Harry Daghlion the previous August gives Louis Slotin a lethal burst of radiation.</p> <p>1945—Bogie, 45, marries Bacall, 20.</p> <p>1924—Nathan Leopold, 19, and Richard Loeb, 18, murder Robert Franks, 14, for the fun of it.</p> <p>1894—Dr. Guillotin's device about to humanely remove his head, Emile Henry tells the assembled throng, "<i>Courage, camarade, vive l'anarchie.</i>"</p> <p>1871—To correct the alleged errors of the Paris Commune, the 20-35,000 executions of "Bloody Week" begin.</p> <p>1823—The 200th anniversary of the settling of Portsmouth is "celebrated with great éclat."</p>	<p>2004—Portsmouth's Leftist Marching Band debuts before a surprised and delighted audience in Market Square.</p> <p>2002—Bobby Frank Cherry is found guilty of bombing the 16th Street Baptist Church in 1963.</p> <p>1977—In the wee hours of a convention, hard-liners take over the NRA.</p> <p>1968—In New York, police arrest nearly 1,000 at occupied Columbia U.</p> <p>1968—A Sikorsky helicopter leaves Disneyland heliport and falls apart in mid-flight; all on board [23] die.</p> <p>1968—The nuclear sub <i>Scorpion</i>, two nuclear torpedoes, and all 99 crew members are lost at sea.</p> <p>1962—Thomas G. Doty buys dynamite and flight insurance, then boards Flight 11, which explodes. Instead of \$300K, his wife gets a \$3.00 refund.</p> <p>1957—A 10-megaton H-bomb is accidentally dropped near Albuquerque. It's non-nuclear explosives leave a crater 12 feet deep and 25 across.</p> <p>1949—Ex-Defense Secretary James Forrestal ambiguously defenestrates from a 16th floor hospital window.</p> <p>1944—<i>Life</i> publishes a photo of an American girl at her desk with a souvenir sent by her boyfriend in the Pacific—the skull of Japanese soldier.</p> <p>1884—Hugh Daily fans 13 for the Chicago Browns pitching with his right hand—the only one he has.</p> <p>1856—Rep. Preston Brooks (D-S.C.) visits the floor of the Senate and beats Sen. Charles Sumner (R-Mass.) nearly to death with a cane.</p>	<p>2012—A mentally-unstable PNSY employee sets a fire that destroys the billion-dollar <i>U.S.S. Miami</i>.</p> <p>1990—A Robinson R22 helicopter with two aboard loses power over Griffin, Ga. Somehow only one dies.</p> <p>1976—The <i>Washington Post</i> reports that Rep. Wayne L. Hays' (D-Ohio) mistress, on his payroll at \$14,000 a year, admits she "can't type...can't file, [and] can't even answer the phone."</p> <p>1971—President Nixon meets with the milk cartel. For a \$2 million campaign contribution, he OKs a \$100 million increase in the cost of milk.</p> <p>1969—Air Force Sgt. Paul Meyer, homesick, drunk and impersonating an officer, steals a C-130 from Mildenhall, UK and heads for Langley, Va. He crashes into the English Channel—possibly shot down.</p> <p>1939—<i>Squalus</i> sinks off the Shoals with 59 aboard. Within 40 hours, 33 are rescued, but 26 die.</p> <p>1934—Cops in Louisiana ambush and kill Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow. Their bodies are mauled by gawkers as they get hauled through town dead in their shot-up Ford V-8.</p> <p>1930—"I wish you all had one neck and that I had my hands on it," writes serial killer Carl Panzram to the Society for the Abolition of Capital Punishment.</p> <p>1908—In Calif., 16 passengers survive a fall from an exploding dirigible.</p> <p>1849—In Haverhill, N.H., thousands watch as Rev. Enos Dudley is hanged for strangling his wife.</p>	<p>2005—"See, in my line of work you got to keep repeating things over and over and over again for the truth to sink in, to kind of catapult the propaganda," mansplains G.W.[MD] Bush.</p> <p>2000—Linda Tripp beats wiretap charges. Ignorance of the law apparently excuses Right Wingers.</p> <p>1989—Stephen McCoy, being killed by Texas state employees, has a violent reaction to the drugs. His thrashing cause a male witness to faint and fall over, knocking over another witness.</p> <p>1978—To spring skyjacker Garrett B. Trapnell, pistol-packing Barbara Ann Oswald orders pilot Allen Barklage to land his charter helicopter in the yard of the federal pen at Marion, Ill. Barklage nixes the plot by grabbing Oswald's gun and shooting her dead.</p> <p>1971—After a ski pole punctures his heart in a fall from a ski lift, actor Clint Walker is declared dead. A dissenting M.D. postpones his death to 2018.</p> <p>1964—Barry Goldwater says let's use nukes in South Vietnam.</p> <p>1961—Freedom Riders, though violating no laws, are arrested on arrival in Jackson, Miss. It's part of a secret deal between racist Sen. James Eastland and A.G. Bobby Kennedy.</p> <p>1959—The first home bomb shelter is shown in Pleasant Hills, Pa.</p> <p>1861—Shot while removing a Rebel flag from a hotel roof in Alexandria, Va., Col. Elmer Ellsworth, friend of Abe Lincoln, becomes the first Union officer to die in the Civil War.</p>	<p>2009—A Robinson R44 helicopter accidentally lands in Lake Winnepesaukee. Miraculously, all aboard survive.</p> <p>1986—"Hands Across America" ends hunger and homelessness.</p> <p>1981—Kennebunkport native Dan Goodwin scales the Sears Tower dressed as Spiderman.</p> <p>1979—"Capital punishment," says John Spenkelink, sitting in "Old Sparky," "them without the capital get the punishment."</p> <p>1953—At the Nevada Test Site, the U.S. fires a 15-kt nuclear warhead from a cannon called "Atomic Annie," previously seen at Ike's Inaugural Parade.</p> <p>1950—A speeding Green Hornet streetcar in Chicago collides with a gasoline truck, killing 34.</p> <p>1940—In Atlanta, Ga., the Crypt of Civilization, a 2,000 cubic foot hermetically-sealed room with a seven-foot thick stone roof, filled with literature, recordings, and miscellaneous doodads, is welded shut. It will be opened in 8113 A.D. Sure it will.</p> <p>1928—After circling the North Pole, Umberto Nobile's airship <i>Italia</i> crashes northeast of Spitsbergen. Eight crew members survive on the ice; six vanish as the balloon drifts away.</p> <p>1920—Robert T. Hogan is arrested for teaching German at a parochial school in Nebraska.</p> <p>1826—Hooligans in Chepachet, R.I. test Hachaliah Bailey's claim that his elephant, "Old Betty," has bullet-proof hide. She does not.</p>
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