

The Fortnightly Rant

The Ultimate "Florida Man"

In retrospect, it was inevitable: six weeks ago, Donald J. Trump—failed businessman, cancelled reality TV star, habitual sex offender, and President—grabbed a Sharpie with his little hand and scribbled his name on a Declaration of Domicile, finally making himself an official "Florida Man."

Thanks to a 1995 Sunshine Law making arrest records and mug shots unusually accessible, the state has long been the nation's premier source of bizarre and disturbing news stories. Recently, Florida men have been arrested for smuggling dinosaur bones from Mongolia, trying to get an alligator drunk, and using a Bible app to contact underage girls. What a bunch of pikers. Now they'll see some real competition.

We have heard it suggested that the domiciliary change was made to escape Geoffrey Berman, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York. SDNY, sometimes called the "Sovereign District of New York" for its uniquely low level of servility towards the U.S. Justice Department, is currently investigating at least four matters relating to Trump: What ever happened to his \$100 million inaugural committee slush fund? Did he break the law by paying hush money to porn stars? Did he dangle a pardon in front of his former lawyer, Michael Cohen? Did he lie about inflated insurance claims?

There is also Letitia James, the New York Attorney General, to consider. She's looking into the Trump Foundation's possible misuse of charitable assets, self-dealing, and campaign contribution violations. She's also investigating the Trump Organization's questionable assessments of its financial assets. Finally, there's the issue of possible tax avoidance, copiously documented

recently by the *New York Times*.

Then there's the curious case of Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance, who suddenly seems hell bent on getting his hands on years' worth of Trump's tax returns. That must seem particularly galling; Trump never had much trouble with Vance before. Ivanka and Donald Junior were facing charges of defrauding condo buyers in 2012, but the charges were dropped. Not long after, Trump's lawyer Marc Kasowitz arranged \$50,000 in contributions to Vance's re-election campaign.

If Trump thinks being a Florida resident will save him, he's in for a disappointment. A clause in the Constitution lays it out: "A Person charged in any State with Treason, Felony, or other Crime, who shall flee from Justice... shall... be delivered up, to be removed to the State having Jurisdiction of the Crime." Of course, Trump gets his legal advice from Rudy Giuliani, so...

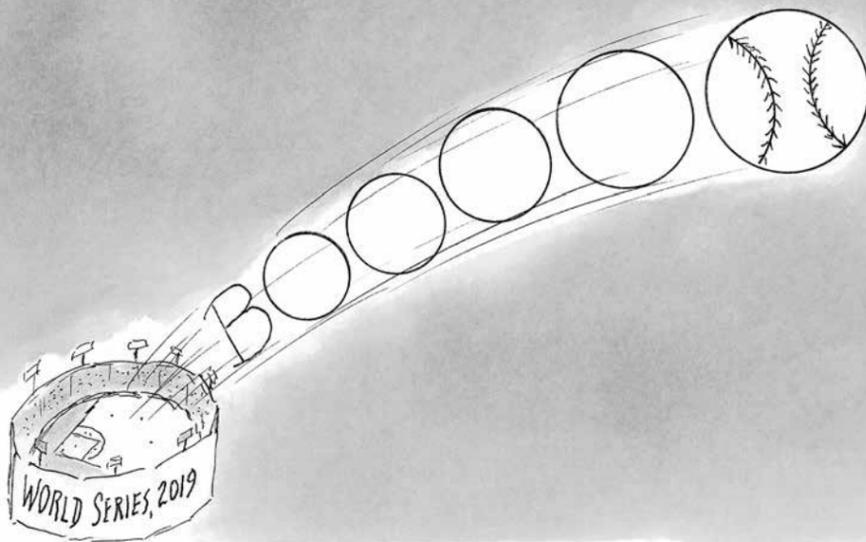
His best hope is probably divine intervention. That may be why he just hired "prosperity gospel" televangelist Paula White. Republican politicians may have shown extraordinary fealty to Trump, but not like her. "To say no to President Trump," she says, in a Youtube video, "would be saying no to God."

"We are in a spiritual war right now. Let every demonic network that has aligned itself against the purpose, against the calling of President Trump, let it be broken, let it be torn down in the name of Jesus."

"My thoughts are the thoughts of the King of Kings, the thoughts of the Lord of Lords. I'm downloading heaven."

If that seems extreme, she's just getting started. After letting out a scream to rival Howard Dean's, she speaks in tongues: "Mor dara baka saka kara baka saka kara."

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THE BOO HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD—TRUMP VISITS GAME 5

When Paul McCartney found himself in times of trouble, Mother Mary came to him, speaking words of wisdom. Donald Trump, on the other hand, goes to rallies, where he can posture and preen in front of his base, and listen to their cheers. Monday evening he was in Kentucky, where his campaign manager, Brad Parscale, rattled off a few encouraging statistics in a tweet. They added up, Parscale said, to "Big numbers to help @MattBevin win four more years as the governor of Kentucky!"

Trump told his supporters, "You're sending that big message to the rest of the country. It's so important... And if you lose, they are going to say Trump suffered the greatest defeat in the history of the world... You can't let that happen to me!"

Oops. Bevin—home-schooled, as we shall never tire of reminding the world, in tiny Shelburne, New Hampshire—lost by about 5,000 votes. Of course, for a Republican

on the losing end of an election, it's not over until you've whined for a recount and made unsubstantiated claims about voter fraud.

Even if Bevin managed to cheat his way back into office, that wouldn't help Trump any. The *Washington Post's* Robert Costa said Senate Republicans were "all paying close attention to the KY gubernatorial race. They are not just watching the returns, but President Trump's political capital as they make decisions about how to handle impeachment and their own future."

The news was no better for Trump in Virginia. Democrats already had the Governor's office. They just took the House and Senate. Adding insult to injury, Juli Briskman, fired from her job in 2017 after being photographed flipping the bird to Trump's motorcade, just got elected to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors. Her district includes the Trump National Golf Club.

Bring Out the Big Net

Freddie Champion, who created the Twitter account @_FloridaMan, stopped posting new items in March. He was having second thoughts about what the *Columbia Review of Journalism* has called, "document[ing] the travails of the drug-addicted, mentally ill, and homeless."

The Florida Man genre is restricted by nature to what comedians call "punching down"—laughing at the weak and vulnerable. Mocking the powerless isn't really very funny, though, which is why conservatives are lousy at stand-up.

Despite Champion's retirement, the Florida Man trope isn't going away—at least, not until we radically transform our dysfunctional health care system.

Men in white coats, though—and a woman in a burnt orange one—may finally be getting closer to one Florida Man in particular.

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Thank You For Your Utility

If veterans of the U.S. armed forces did not exist, politicians would have to invent them. Ex-service members—former members, in the case of Marines—perform several functions that are indispensable in the maintenance and control of our current form of government.

Most obviously, perhaps, the maintenance of a certain percentage of veterans within the community at large tends to sustain a sense of national pride. That pride could be put at risk if no one did anything other than work for a wage to stave off starvation or employ others in the hope of profiting from their labor.

Secondly, veterans and veterans-to-be, *i.e.*, active duty service members, provide a rich source of distraction. The value of distraction cannot be overstated; indeed, many of the important industrial sectors devoted to its creation rely on them

for raw material.

Veterans-to-be are obviously essential to the entertainment industry, since few things are so gripping as wondering whether a sympathetic character is about to meet a gruesome fate. There's lots of functionality left in actual veterans, too, though—and often for the same reason.

This distractional function is all the more important when one considers the inherent bleakness of many lives. Sixty percent of all wealth in America is acquired by inheritance. It's a figure that isn't often featured in corporate marketing campaigns; but, at a gut level, a lot of people know it. When a person's odds of improving his quality of life through drudgery are so low, distraction is a highly cost-effective method of pacification.

Finally, we come to the sunk cost

effect. Having already sacrificed X number of service members, how can we afford not to sacrifice more? If we were to stop sacrificing now, we would not only be rendering those sacrifices meaningless, we would be putting at risk that for which they were sacrificed.

Clearly veterans are a vital national resource. Fortunately, our political system has no trouble maintaining a healthy supply—or at least a numerically adequate supply. It creates new ones all the time, steadily replacing those lost to attrition. But at what cost?

Congress should pay a think tank to do a cost/benefit analysis. Let's determine at what point the cost of replacement rises above the cost of maintenance. Which is the more affordable course of action: to fully-fund veterans' health care—all sorts of it, including the treatment of

mental health and moral injury—or to continue our current policy of constantly having to prematurely replace the wastage from our inventory of veterans, due to wear from lack of care?

This Monday, Veterans Day, the 101st Anniversary of the War to End All Wars, we urge all readers to take time out from cheerleading our rather undefined armed interventions on, apparently, every continent but Antarctica, and say to a veteran, "Thank you for your utility."

In other, totally unrelated news, Jeff Bezos, the world's richest man due to his ownership of the global retail giant Amazon, spent \$23 million in 2016 for a 27,000 square foot mansion in Washington, D.C., according to news reports, and has spent another \$12 million making the place habitable. It is reported to have 25 bathrooms.

"Amazon warehouse staff are peeing in bottles because bathrooms are hundreds of yards away," the British newspaper *The Sun* reported in April, 2018.

"One ex-worker said staffers fear they'll get into trouble for taking too long away from the job."

"In 2018, Amazon paid \$0 in U.S. federal income tax on more than \$11 billion in profits before taxes," CNBC reported last April. "It also received a \$129 million tax rebate from the federal government."

"Amazon's low tax bill mainly stemmed from the Republican tax cuts of 2017, carryforward losses from years when the company was not profitable, tax credits for massive investments in R&D and stock-based employee compensation."

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POTUS to Give Vets Opportunity to Boo
 “President Donald Trump will speak at the opening ceremony of the New York City Veterans Day Parade next week as he returns to a city he no longer calls home, organizers and the White House announced Wednesday.” — *ABC News*

Largest Slave Rebellion Re-Enacted

Something extraordinary is going on right now. Here's the story, straight from *slave-revolt.com*:

“On November 8-9, 2019, hundreds of re-enactors will retrace the path of the largest rebellion of enslaved people in U.S. history....

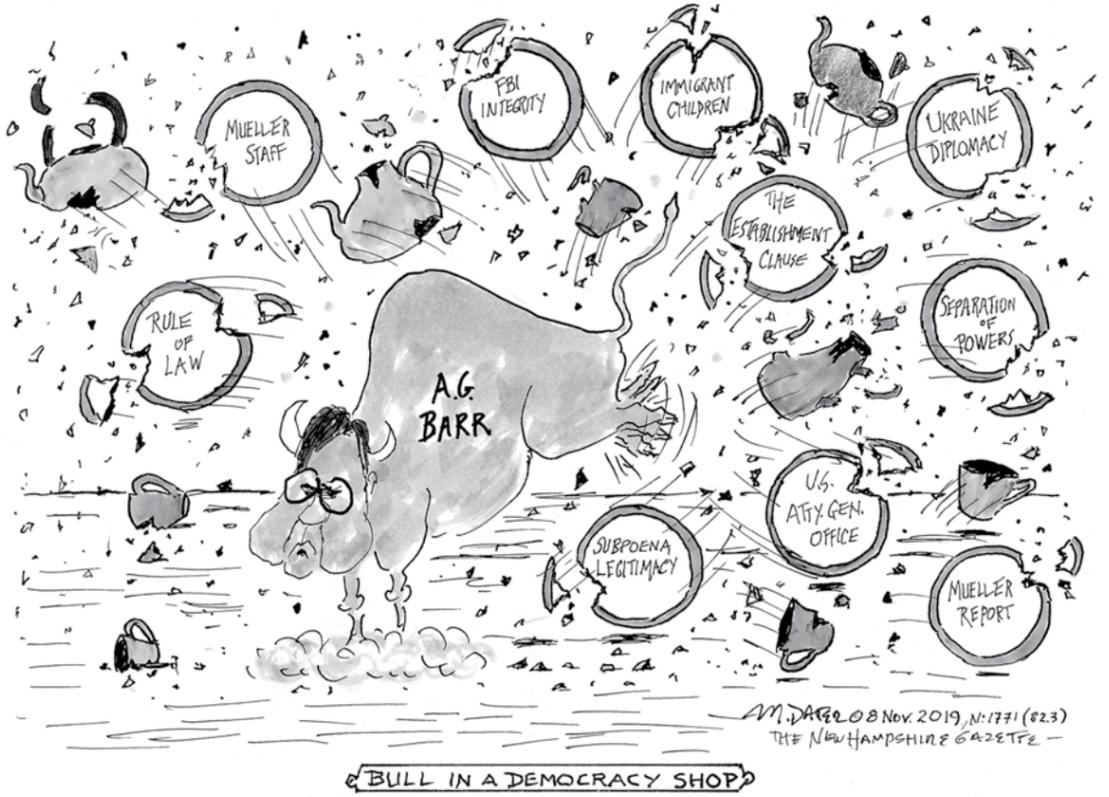
“Slave Rebellion Reenactment is a community-engaged artist performance and film production that, on November 8-9, 2019, will reimagine the German Coast Uprising of 1811, which took place in the river parishes just outside of New Orleans. Envisioned and organized by artist Dread Scott and documented by filmmaker John Akomfrah, Slave Rebellion Reenactment (SRR) will animate a suppressed history of people with an audacious plan to organize and seize Orleans Terri-

tory, to fight not just for their own emancipation, but to end slavery. It is a project about freedom.

“The artwork will involve hundreds of reenactors in period specific clothing marching for two days covering 26 miles. The reenactment, the culmination of a period of organizing and preparation, will take place upriver from New Orleans in the locations where the 1811 revolt occurred—the exurban communities and industry that have replaced the sugar plantations will be its backdrop. The reenactment will be an impressive and startling sight—hundreds of Black re-enactors, many on horses, flags flying, in 19th-century French colonial garments, singing in Creole and English to African drumming.

“A key element of slave revolts was...organizing...by small groups of trusted individuals, clandestinely plotting with others in small cells. Mirroring this structure, SRR will initiate several recruitment and organizing meetings of multiple small groupings of people.... The self-organization of the slave rebel reenactors is an essential part of the artwork.

“There was limited fighting during the 1811 rebellion, so, in



Once again the weather forecast for Thursday, October 31st was dire and scary; once again the spirits prevailed and held off the rain: the 25th Annual Portsmouth Halloween Parade was frightfully successful. Our Wandering Photographer spotted a couple of familiar ghouls in the crowd.

contrast to many war reenactments, much of SRR will be a procession, with only occasional skirmishes. The procession will be jarringly out of place as they advance past neighborhoods, strip malls, and oil refineries. This historic anomaly will form a cognitive dissonance for viewers, opening space for people to rethink long held assumptions.”

This event will be live-tweeted at <https://twitter.com/SlaveRebellion>.

The Return of Senator Voldemort

At 12:34 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30th, Victoria McGrane, a reporter for the *Boston Globe*, tweeted about a remark just made by Elizabeth Warren at a UNH town hall: “while it may be ‘very controversial’ in some places in NH like maybe the governor’s mansion, I believe in the right of every American citizen to vote, including college students.”

The N.H. Young Republicans immediately took umbrage, tweeting fifteen minutes later, “There’s no such thing as a governor’s mansion in New Hampshire...”

McGrane, apparently chastened, posted her full story for the *Globe* at 6:17 p.m. It quoted Warren as follows: “I want to say something that I know is very controversial in some places in New Hampshire, like in the Governor’s office—I believe in the right of every American citizen to vote, including college students.” [Emphasis added.]

For the record, New Hampshire does have a Governor’s Mansion. We cite the New Hampshire State Police: “Troop D is tasked with providing 24-hour patrol coverage to 25 towns and two cities located within Merrimack County... The State Capital is located within the area... include the State House, Governor’s Mansion...”

Hmm....Why are our Young Republicans in such a state of denial about the existence of the Governor Mansion, aka Bridges House, that they would take the trouble to mislead the media about it?

Maybe *Wikipedia* will give us a clue: Henry Styles Bridges, a Republican, “was one of the poorest

men ever elected governor and still of modest means when elected to the Senate, yet his widow Doloris told then Vice President Lyndon Johnson that her husband had left her ‘a million dollars in cash.’ Bridges willed his East Concord home to the State to serve as a residence for New Hampshire’s governors. The New Hampshire Governor’s Mansion is known as ‘Bridges House.’”

Being short on space, we’ll only briefly note that the *Union Leader* published, in 2001, an extraordinary series of articles by then-Editor Joe McQuaid which made a strong case that Bridges killed a woman named Della Call in a hit-and-run accident, ten days after his election to the Senate.

The Transit of Mercury

The Award-Winning Local Daily ran an item November 1st, alerting its readers to the fact that the New Hampshire Astronomical Society would be holding one of its popular public viewing events in Market Square on Monday, November 11th.

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 — Joe Keefe

The planet Mercury will be passing across the face of the Sun, and anyone who's passing by will be able to safely view the transit through a specially-equipped telescope.

Unfortunately, the AWLD did not specify the time of the event. We visited *nbastro.com* and learned that the transit will take place between 7:35 a.m. and 1:04 p.m. Don't miss this rare opportunity—you won't get another chance for 98 years.

An Infrastructure Question

In an October 22nd news release, the National Transportation Safety Board reported that "load and capacity calculation errors made by FIGG Bridge Engineers, Inc., are the probable cause of the fatal, March 15, 2018, Florida International University pedestrian bridge collapse in Miami." A contributing factor, according to the NTSB, was "an inadequate peer review," by engineering firm Louis Berger, which

"failed to detect FIGG's calculation errors in its design of the main span truss member..."

The new Sarah Mildred Long Bridge between Kittery and Portsmouth was a joint venture between two specialty bridge design firms, Hardesty & Hanover, and FIGG.

Presumably the Maine Department of Transportation conducted an adequate peer review of the new bridge during construction. Somehow, though, a problem developed: wavy lift ropes. Replacing them will cost, at a minimum, \$250,000. As far as we know, responsibility for that problem, and thus who will pay, has yet to be determined.

City Honors Veterans with Bridge Re-Dedication & Annual Goodwin Park Program

This Veterans Day, Monday, November 11th, the City of Portsmouth will honor its veterans with two ceremonies.

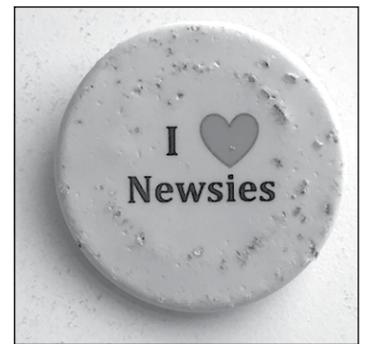


Saturday, October 26th was a treat, in more ways than one. The weather was fall-delectible—bright, sunny, and mild—splendid, but nothing we haven't seen before at this time of year. But a real, live, wooden, hammers-and-keys piano, being played in the Square, and with such heart and grace? Yeah, that was different. "I just started this project of traveling and playing around the country, back in June, coming off a tour with another band," said St. Jimmy-Joe, former adjunct professor. After playing a lot of corporate parties, he says, he "got tired of doing all that. I like the freedom and I get to relate to real people and not be stuck in a corner somewhere." We guessed, wrongly, that he was from New Orleans—nope, Long Island. "That's my favorite style of piano," he said, though. "Yeah, I love James Booker, Professor Longhair, Dr. John, all that stuff." So did his audience.

The first, at 10:00 a.m. is the re-dedication of the Woodbury Avenue bridge over the Rte. 1 Bypass as the George R. Laderbush Memorial Bridge. Born in Greenland, then a Portsmouth resident, George Robert Laderbush, Torpedoman's Mate, 2nd Class (USN) was lost with 69 other members of the crew aboard the *U.S.S. Flier* (SS-250) which sank on August 12, 1944, after striking a Japanese mine. The bridge was originally dedicated to him when it was built in 1949, and the original bronze plaque, now refurbished, will be unveiled at the event. Mayor Jack Blalock will read a Proclamation of the re-dedication of the bridge, recognizing the supreme sacrifice of Torpedoman Laderbush, his crewmates, and all of the sailors who have called Portsmouth their homeport. The *U.S.S. Flier* was one of 52 United States Navy submarines lost in the Pacific Theater during World War II, and George Robert Laderbush was one of a total of 374 of-

ficers and 3,131 crew lost on those submarines. Following the ceremony, the Woodbury Avenue bridge will reopen to traffic. The completion of the bridge marks the conclusion of the project by E. D. Swett, Inc. to replace all of the bridges in the Route 1 By-Pass Bridge Project, also including bridges on Maplewood Avenue, Albacore Park, Stark Street, Islington Street, and Middle Road. At 11:00 a.m., officials including Mayor Blalock will reconvene at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Goodwin Park to conduct the annual Veterans Day Commemoration, organized by the Central Veterans Council. The keynote speaker for the program will be Captain Daniel Ertlich, commander of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. The Portsmouth High School Clipper Band will play taps and the national anthem, and the Seacoast Marine Detachment will fire a volley "at the eleventh hour on the 11th day of the 11th month

to honor our veterans." Department of Informal Communications About a week ago we were touched to find, tenuously affixed to our battered red distribution box in Market Square, the similarly-battered little pin seen below:



We left it in place, risking its loss to express our pride. On Wednesday, though, we discovered that it had fallen to the pavement. It's now carefully preserved in the archives. We send out our most sincere thanks to...someone.

Murph's Fortnightly Quote
"Half the harm that is done in this world is due to people who want to feel important."
 —T.S. Eliot (1888-1965)
 from "The Cocktail Party" (1949)

"The more I see of man, the more I like dogs."
 —Baroness Germaine Necker de Staël, (1766-1817), French philosopher and author
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"The trigger for white rage, inevitably, is black advancement."
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Trump: A Profile in Courage.

To the Editor:

What it is that we are now witnessing is an attempted coup by an unelected bureaucracy with the aim of removing a duly elected President who stands in the way of this shadow government that promotes perpetual war and a status quo that is threatened by Donald Trump.

This deep state, self-serving, bureaucracy of the State Department, the Security apparatus, and the military, in league with the liberal media, is a threat to the entire system of American government.

And although he may at times stumble, stutter, and reverse himself, he and his supporters are the last lines of defense against the overthrow of America's Constitutional government.

We stand on the brink of a dictatorship. Right now Trump is the only hope we have of avoiding this calamity.

Yes, folks, it is that serious. Let's hope Trump does not lose his nerve as he walks the gauntlet between the Democratic party and the Never Trumpers in the Republican party.

John Dente
Wilmington, Del.

John:

That's one way of looking at the situation. We do not find it persuasive. To accept this vision would imply that Republicans have embraced postmodernism. Who would have suspected that Mitch McConnell has read Derrida and Foucault, and follows the principle that there is no such thing as objective reality?

Impeaching a President is impeaching a President—it is not overturning an election.

The Editor

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Trump's Whining TV Ad

Dear Editor:

I saw Trump's TV ad—can't call it a campaign ad, though his voice-over "approves of this ad." He wants his followers to see the impeachment proceedings as "Democrats wanting to undo the last election." Well, no. That's not it. The Constitution gives our elected Congress the duty of oversight of the presidency. This one we have now, elected with or without (?) for-

eign interference, is a shambles. The President can't talk. He can't clearly remember what he's said one minute to the next. He thinks Colorado is next to Mexico. (His grandkids should give him a puzzle map-of-the-United-States for Christmas this year). He doesn't know if he communicated with Ukraine's President via "perfect" phone call or "perfect" letter. In either case, he committed an impeachable offense. He throws away/fires his appointees who try to keep the mess he makes as little mess as possible. He thinks that when he sends our troops to protect the Syrian oil lands, it is now our oil and he'll decide "what to do with it later." It's not about the past election. It's about the present/recent law-breaking of an ignorant, rules-flouting President.

When Trump coaxes his followers to see the Democrats as having evil motivation, I think of a wildly out-of-her-mind wife in divorce proceedings, poisoning her children (since she has them under her influence) against the father, telling all sorts of lies about him. Children believe the mother-figure, alas. Alas for the Trump followers who think he's doing something about a metaphorical swamp, when good government of the people, by the people, for the people is an Eden to be cherished.

Lynn Rudmin Chong
Sanbornton, N.H.

Lynn:

The only thing more enraging than the Republican habit of insinuating preposterous concepts into our national discourse through the perverse use of language, is the inexplicable trait among Democrats of letting them do so without so much as an attempt at contradiction.

If by Eden you mean that place from which we have been driven for our sins, we can only say, "Amen."

The Editor

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Hurling Facts at a Campaign of Deception

Dear Sir:

There has a great deal of misinformation spread by Republicans regarding the ongoing impeachment inquiry currently under way in Congress. The goal of this campaign of misinforma-



tion is to create confusion, and is an attempt to discredit the entire process. Unfortunately, many people do not understand how the current inquiry is being done, and why it is being conducted in such a manner. A few facts might help reduce that confusion.

First of all, the Constitution grants the House the exclusive power of impeachment. This impeachment inquiry is being conducted by three House Committees; Judiciary, Oversight and Intelligence. The Committees are taking depositions from witnesses and questioning them regarding the Ukraine matter. Both Democrats and Republicans are participants in these sessions. There are 45 Republican members of Congress participating, along with members of their staff and legal council. During these depositions, Democrats and Republicans each alternate one-hour periods to ask questions of the witness, until all their questions have been asked. Republicans have the same exact information as Democrats, nothing is being kept secret from Republicans.

Republicans are complaining that this process is being done in secret, behind closed doors, and does not provide "due process" to Mr. Trump. There are many reasons why these depositions are being conducted in executive session.

First of all, this is an impeachment inquiry/investigation, not hearings. This is the same process established by Republicans during previous investigations, such as the Benghazi investigation, where meetings conducted by Republican Rep. Gowdy, were held behind closed doors.

Second, the information being presented by witnesses may involve classified or sensitive national security materiel.

Third, with previous presidential impeachments, investigations leading up to formal House impeachment hearings, were conducted by a Special

Prosecutor/Counsel. With regard to the current impeachment inquiry, no Special Counsel was appointed to investigate the Ukraine matter. If there were, they would have conducted their investigation exactly like the House is conducting its investigation.

Fourth, during investigations, the accused does not have the right to call witnesses, interrogate witnesses or participate in any way, as in a grand jury investigation.

Fifth, Attorney General Barr refused to investigate this matter after he received criminal inquiries from the CIA and Director of Nation Intelligence, after they determined that the whistle blower's complaint regarding the Ukraine matter was both credible and urgent.

Lastly, the depositions taken during this process will be made public, with any classified/sensitive matter redacted.

Once the impeachment inquiry is completed, the findings will result in the Committees' requesting that the House open full impeachment hearings. The full House will then vote to open such hearings. If passed, these hearings will be open and public, and conducted exactly like the Nixon and Clinton impeachment hearings. Most, if not all of the witnesses who testified before the inquiry committees, will testify and answer questions from both Republicans and Democrats, and their appropriate counsels. Based on these hearings, articles of impeachment may be voted on by the Judiciary Committee, and sent to the full House to vote on, and if passed, sent to the Senate for a trial. During the Senate trial, Mr. Trump would be able to call witnesses, cross examine witnesses, and provided the due process established in the Constitution.

When you do not have the facts

on your side, your only recourse is to attack the process, confuse the public and deflect your actions onto others.

Rich DiPentima
Portsmouth, N.H.

Rich:

This is a fine, concise summary of facts which utterly refute the barrage of garbage arguments this so-called Administration is throwing at the wall. If only Republican leaders, or Trump's base, gave a flying bleep about facts.

The Party of Lincoln sold its soul during the 1968 Presidential campaign. Nixon and his band of cronies did everything in their power to grab power, up to and including putting the kibosh on the Paris peace talks. Granted, only a relative handful of scoundrels were involved at the time, but they were at the core. The rot spread: Reagan, Iran/Contra, Newt Gingrich, Roger Stone, the 2000 election, &c., &c., ad nauseam. Actual facts became increasingly irrelevant throughout the course of this regression.

Sadly, the Democratic Party decided, after McGovern got his butt handed to him, that the only way to compete was by raising huge sums of money from wealthy donors—whom they dared not offend by advocating too enthusiastically in favor of ordinary working people. By failing to boldly address their needs, they made it easy for the Republicans to cynically poach on their turf with pie-in-the-sky economics, aka "trickle-down."

Looking back it's amazing how long they got away with that gag. Then again, with only the corporate media to worry about...they had nothing to worry about.

God only knows where we'd be today if Bernie Sanders had not run for President in 2016. He single-handedly forced the Democrats to get real. It's now possible to state what should be obvious: those of us who have not falled victim to Trumpian brain-rot need to wrest power from this

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The Editor

Another Dispatch From Planet Ewing

To the Editor:
The man-made climate change question is a David vs. Goliath struggle.

The Goliath side (climate alarmists) is driven by politicians spending billions of dollars taken from taxpayers under threat of fines or imprisonment. Politicians distribute that money to people (e.g., activists, "scientists", and businesses) who help support and justify the politicians' demands for trillions more in taxes that politicians can distribute to friends and supporters (e.g., the \$500 million Obama/taxpayer bailout of Solyndra investors.)

The David side (skeptics) has a few tens of million dollars voluntarily donated by people knowledgeable enough to doubt climate alarmism; we've seen the many previous, non-occurring, predictions of imminent climate catastrophe. The David side cares more about helping people today rather than wasting trillions of dollars on the speculation that it will make a small difference in 80 years.

The Goliath side is very powerful; it has lots of money to distribute to people who help them. If you are a young scholar, scientist, college, university, or special interest group looking for grades, jobs, or government funding, you know you must support climate alarmism.

The Goliath side rewards its lead supporters. They gather, mostly at taxpayer expense and reportedly in up to 1,000 private jets, to enjoy fancy hotels, sumptuous meals, sightseeing, and telling each other how virtuous they are for telling the rest of us that

we must be colder in winter, hotter in summer, and pay more for energy.

The media loves the Goliath side not just because they also are mostly leftists, but because alarmism increases media incomes; threats of disaster drives people to the media.

The Goliath side claims that people generate too much CO2 and that the only acceptable way to save mankind is to surrender another \$1 trillion annually from American taxpayers for politicians to distribute to their friends and supporters.

But, the climate alarmists' models even failed to predict recent history. Considering their track record, the David side believes that no sensible person would just believe more climate alarmism.

The Goliath side doesn't even act like they believe their own claims. If they believed, they would reduce their personal CO2 footprints, and they would hold online conferences, e.g., via Skype or Zoom, to avoid creating all that horrible CO2. They wouldn't falsely declare climate change is "settled science," they would share data, debate, and work to convince people. And, they would pursue and support any solutions that help even if the solutions didn't make Americans surrender more of our liberties and money to politicians.

Don Ewing
Meredith, N.H.

Don:

You take our breath away. Before we address your latest hallucinations, though, a brief note to seismologists: please pay particular attention to Munich; the long-lost grave of William of Occam is probably rocking, rolling, and rumbling.

Now, Don, back to you. Congratulations. This is the boldest, most ambitious fantasy we've seen elaborated in some time.

You're telling us that the petroleum industry, and all the ancillary industries such as the automobile industry, our transportation network, the military-industrial complex, the banks that service them, the politicians that take bribes political campaign donations from them, and the various and ubiquitous advertising rackets that support them all—the combined financial and political power they represent—they're David?

Meanwhile, the relative handful of climate scientists and protestors who are trying to—paraphrasing Mario Savio, years ago in a slightly different context—put their bodies upon the gears and upon the wheels, upon the levers, upon all the apparatus, and try to make it stop—they're Goliath?

Have you ever considered donating your brain to science? Please do.

The Editor

Democrats Tilt at Windmills

To the Editor:

Democrats tilt so far left nowadays they joust at windmill giants while "Rome" burns under 23 trillion dollars of progressive debt they promise to exponentially increase in exchange for votes. It is no wonder they want to take our guns away from us. I'm sure China and Russia would like to see that happen as well.

Michael W. Jarvis
Salt Lake City, Utah

Michael:

Long time no cryptic, counter-factual non-sequitor. Welcome back.

The Editor

A Gift of Treason

Dear Editor,

Trump's withholding of military assistance to Ukraine until they manufacture false investigations against his political opponents is illegal, unconstitutional, and weakened Ukraine's resistance to invading Russian forces. But, his impulsive withdrawal of our troops from Kurdish Syria is a far

worse calamity.

The Traitor-in-Chief has now given a big chunk of the Middle East to Russia, for no good reason. Our warriors were rushed out as if defeated in battle. Russian soldiers now stroll inside our military bases. Our stalwart allies against ISIS abandoned, Kurds now face "ethnic cleansing." Our solemn commitments betrayed, our reputation has been desecrated, permanently. Russia now controls Kurdish oil fields.

Days later, Putin visited his new best friend in...not Turkey...not Syria...but...Saudi Arabia! He told MBS that Russia is replacing U.S.A. Soon, Putin may control the world's oil supply.

Trump's gift to Putin is treason, pure and putrid.

Bruce Joffe
Piedmont, Calif.

Bruce:

Remember when President Obama was a disgrace because he wore a tan suit? Imagine the lynch mob if he'd done this.

The Editor

History and Stuff

To the Editor:

I must respectfully disagree with William Marvel when he says that life in the Americas was better in 1492 than it has been at any time since. This will make some people angry, but I think life in North America is better now than it was then.

Consider: Living standards are a zillion times higher. The inhabitants of North America are no longer engaged in frequent and ferocious wars with one another. Some Native American tribes practiced slavery. Mary Jemison said that the Iroquois were executing people for witchcraft at the rate of one per year. On balance, I think things are nicer now.

On another matter, kudos to the Gazette for telling readers about the IDF's massacre of Palestinians at Khan Yunis in 1956. This episode still isn't as well known as it should be (Israeli forces perpetrated four separate massacres in the 1956 war). I would like to mention though, that the assassins of Lord Moyne were honored

with more than a postage stamp. Their bodies were flown to Israel for a heroes' burial.

Aaron Carine
Dover, N.H.

Aaron:

What could be more subjective than trying to assess the quality of life in different eras? It would be pointless to even begin without first considering the values of the person making the judgment.

That said, we can see Mr. Marvel's point. Before 1492, there were no leaf blowers. There were no vans providing carpet-cleaning services, with a side order of monotonous mechanical whine. The Robinson helicopter had not been invented, and no McMansions had been built. Philip Anschutz had not yet come up with the idea of forcing Regal Cinemas audiences to sit through half an hour of jarring advertisements before the feature presentation began. We could go on.

We have reconciled ourselves to these many annoyances by reminding ourselves of the benefits of refrigeration, antibiotics—while they still work—and the mighty offset web press.

The Editor

Bernie Will Crush Trump

To the Editor:

Although I'm certain that the House will impeach President Trump over his egregious abuses of power, I have very little faith that the Senate Republicans will remove Trump from office despite the preponderance of evidence and their responsibility to do so. Therefore, we need a Democratic nominee who will soundly beat Trump at the ballot box in 2020.

While it is imperative that we defeat Trump to stop the destruction of democracy, it is not unreasonable to also want our nominee to push for a Progressive platform to improve the lives of the working class, poor and middle class of America as opposed to just returning us to the status quo which gave us Trump in the first place.

The great news is that we have the person who can achieve both goals with the vast majority of national

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Wars of the First Amendment

by William Marvel

A visitor to the peaceful village of Hiram, Maine, might well wonder why a Spanish American War monument overlooks the principal intersection. Only a handful of local residents served in any military capacity during that conflict, while 110 men and boys went from Hiram to fight in the Union army between 1861 and 1865, and 42 of them never returned. Another 27 served during World War I, from that town of something over 1000 citizens. Yet Hiram has no specific monument to veterans of the Civil War, which is our most memorialized war, or to those of the First World War.

The generation that donned uniforms in 1898 had grown up in the shadow of the Union veterans, who were regarded with an admiration approaching awe during the late 19th century. Through the Grand Army of the Republic, the veterans relentlessly propagated the example of their own selfless and heroic service to their country, and young men inevitably envied the reverence those old soldiers attracted. Not since

1861 had the United States faced a crisis that demanded an effusive patriotic response, and as the century came to a close the population seemed primed for an opportunity to show that the national spirit still flourished.

As in the 2003 invasion of Iraq, the policy decisions that led to the Spanish American War were guided by the political ambitions of expansionist factions within the U.S. government. The popular reaction, meanwhile, was manipulated by exaggerated or perfectly false stories circulated in the American press. In 2003 it was rumored weapons of mass destruction; in 1898 there was the bogus claim that Spanish agents had sunk the *U.S.S. Maine* in Havana harbor. In both cases, that combination led to an unnecessary war that brought disastrous consequences. We can't yet say which of them produced the worse results.

Because of the attenuated condition of the Spanish empire, it was a quick war. Land and naval actions in Cuba and Puerto Rico gave us complete control of those islands within a few weeks. After a short sea battle

at Manila, American forces seized the Philippines, and an expedition to Guam took that island without a fight. That led almost immediately to the annexation of Hawaii, because Pearl Harbor suddenly became an important coaling station for U.S. ships on their way to those new possessions in the far Pacific.

This was all very satisfactory to the expansionists, including Teddy Roosevelt, who had been so "bully" on thrashing those belligerent Spaniards. As Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Roosevelt ought to have known about the notorious design flaw in battleships like the *Maine*, in which coal bunkers prone to fire lay tight against the powder magazines. He did not mention that defect as a potential explanation for the explosion in Havana.

What we gained from the war with Spain were the islands that made us a threat to the rising power



in Asia. On December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was the target of the Japanese attack that crippled our Pacific fleet and finally drew us into World War II. Guam fell four days later. The last American troops in the Phil-

ippines surrendered five months later.

The attack on Pearl Harbor alone killed more Americans than died from all causes during the Spanish American War, most of whom fell victim to disease. Maine and New Hampshire each raised one volunteer infantry regiment in May of 1898, and both of them idled the summer away in camp on the Chickamauga battlefield, in Georgia. A few dozen in each regiment died there, mainly from poor sanitation, and the rest came home in September, bored stiff.

The most notable casualty among the soldiers from Oxford County was Second Lieutenant Lucian Sta-

cy, from Porter, who had graduated from West Point in 1896. He went to Cuba with the 20th U.S. Infantry, taking part in the campaign for Santiago, but he came down with malaria after the fighting ended. He had just arrived at home on convalescent furlough when he died on September 4, the day before his 29th birthday. His parents buried him in Kezar Falls.

A second crop of recruits went off to suppress the Philippine "insurrection," after the natives of those islands objected to the Americans simply imposing another imperial regime in place of the Spanish. Alvin Lord, a teenager from Cornish and a former employee of North Conway's Kearsarge House, enlisted for that service on January 29, 1899. The following August he died at his post, defending his country's spanking-new territory against its defiant denizens from a fortified island in Manila Bay called Corregidor. A generation later, thousands of other Americans would find that bastion rather worthless—and more difficult to defend against a better-armed enemy.

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polls showing that Senator Bernie Sanders is the strongest Democratic candidate to beat Trump in the 2020 general election. Additionally, the same polls show Bernie whipping Trump in all the crucial states that had voted for President Obama twice but moved to Trump in 2016.

Bernie has several other advantages going for him as the nominee against Trump. He has an army of over one million campaign volunteers, has received more individual donations than all the other Democratic candidates and is the only Democrat to have more individual donations than Trump. Bernie is indisputably the most preferred



candidate of the Millennials, who attend Bernie's campaign rallies in droves where Bernie engages them on the issues and inspires them to get involved in the democratic process. His popularity is not limited to Millennials as he surely has the most diverse base of all the Democratic candidates. Bernie's campaign events are packed with Americans of all ages, genders, races, ethnicities, faiths, sexual preferences and economic statuses who admire and support Bernie's deep-rooted conviction for the working person and consistency on the issues throughout

his decades of public service.

Bernie has the ability to unite the Progressive Independents with the Democrats at the voting booths and will crush Trump and the Republicans while delivering the transformative change that America sorely needs.

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, N.H.

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Want to Help Stop Big Oil's Thievery?

by Jim Hightower

The one thing you never want to hear your dentist say is: "Oops!" It's also alarming to hear that from a former-U.S. Senator, 25 years after he'd passed a temporary oil subsidy for Big Oil. With world petroleum prices low at the time, Sen. J. Bennett Johnston pushed through a special break in 1995, temporarily exempting the giants from paying federal royalty fees for the public-

ly-owned crude they take from the Gulf of Mexico. The idea was to give a brief reprieve on royalties to encourage oil corporations to drill here. But—Oops!—our lawmakers made a costly slip up: They forgot to specify in the law that the exemption was temporary—once market prices recovered, the corporations were to resume payments to us taxpayers. "It was never the intent that everybody would get a free ride forever," says one official.

Sure enough, market prices recovered by 2006, yet, the oil barons simply thumbed their nose at the public saying, "Tough luck, suckers!" Since there's no limit written in the law, they've just kept sucking up all the public oil they can without paying a dime in royalties. This is no petty thievery. Chevron, Shell, Exxon, BP, and even China's state-run oil corporation are among the giants that have taken at least \$18 billion from our nation's trea-

sury so far—and their haul increases every day that they're allowed to pump up profits through this unintended loophole. The only thing bigger than Big Oil's avarice is its arrogance. The industry recently warned Congress not to even try plugging the loophole, claiming such an attempt would be "engaging in a dangerous game of bait and switch." But—hello Big Oil—one force bigger than you is an infuriated public.

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and survived so many suicide bomb attacks, this and other reasons have prompted me to reach out to you for help. I honestly want this matter to be resolved immediately, please contact me as soon as possible on my e-mail address.

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SGM John Dailey
Afghanistan

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The Editor

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The Widening Gap Between the Super-Rich and Other Americans

Despite the upbeat words from America's billionaire president about the "economic miracle" he has produced, economic inequality in the United States is on the rise.

In August 2019, the Economic Policy Institute reported that, in 2018, the average pay of CEOs at America's 350 top firms hit \$17.2 million—an increase, when adjusted for inflation, of 1,007.5 percent since 1978. By contrast, the typical worker's wage, adjusted for inflation, grew by only 11.9 percent over this 40-year period. In 1965, the ratio of CEO-to-worker's pay stood at 20-to-1; by 2018 (when CEOs received another hefty pay raise and workers received a 0.2 percent pay cut), it had reached 278-to-1.

An AFL-CIO study, released in June 2019, had similar findings. Examining compensation at Standard & Poors 500 companies, the labor federation reported that average



CEO pay in 2018 had increased by \$5.2 million over the preceding 10 years. This resulted in an average CEO-to-worker pay ratio of 287-to-1.

These figures, of course, are only averages, and at numerous major corporations, the economic gap between boss and worker is much greater. According to the AFL-CIO, the CEO-to-worker pay ratio at Walmart (America's largest private employer) is 1,076 to 1, at Walt Disney Company 1,424-to-1, at McDonald's 2,124-to-1, and at Gap 3,566-to-1. At 49 S&P 500 firms, noted an Institute for Policy Studies report, half the work force—that is, 3.7 million employees—received wages below the official U.S. poverty line for a family of four.

Thus, despite the soaring incomes of top corporate executives and other wealthy Americans, the median household income in the United States grew by only 0.2 percent during 2018—a decline from the three previous years. Commenting on U.S. wage stagnation, Sam Pizigati, co-editor of inequality.org, observed that "average Americans have spent this entire century on a treadmill getting nowhere fast. The nation's median—most typical—households pocketed 2.3 percent fewer real dollars in 2018 than they earned in 2000."

Although President Donald Trump has claimed that "inequality is down," federal data released this year show that, in 2018, the nation's income inequality reached the high-

est level since the U.S. Census Bureau began measuring it five decades before.

U.S. economic inequality is even greater in terms of wealth. During the Democratic presidential debate in late June 2019, Senator Bernie Sanders reminded Americans that just three U.S. billionaires (Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates, and Warren Buffett) possessed as much wealth as half the people in the United States combined. And the three richest U.S. families—the Waltons (owners of Walmart), the Mars candy family, and the Koch family (owners of a vast fossil fuel conglomerate)—possessed a combined fortune (\$348.7 billion), which is 4 million times the wealth of the median U.S. family.

Although the median net worth of U.S. households has declined (after adjusting for inflation) since the late 1990s, the fortunes of the wealthy have skyrocketed. The American billionaires sharing their ostensible wisdom at the World Economic Forum in Davos at the beginning of 2019 made enormous gains in wealth over the previous decade. They included Jamie Dimon (275 percent), Rupert Murdoch (472 percent), Stephen Schwarzman (486 percent), Marc Benioff (823 percent), and Mark Zuckerberg (1,853 percent).

According to computations made by Forbes in October 2019, the ten wealthiest Americans (with riches ranging from \$53 billion to \$107.5 billion each) had combined wealth

of \$697 billion—or an average of \$69.7 billion each. Assuming that, henceforth, they had no further income and had limitless longevity, they could each spend a million dollars a day for approximately 191 years.

Most other Americans possess far fewer economic resources. In 2018, 38.1 million Americans lived below the U.S. government's official poverty threshold, including many people working at multiple jobs. Furthermore, another 93.6 million Americans lived close to poverty, bringing the total of impoverished and near-impoverished people to nearly 42 percent of the U.S. population.

Naturally, economic deprivation has serious consequences. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14.3 million households in America have difficulty providing enough food for their families. Low income families are also plagued by inadequate education, alcohol and substance abuse, and poor housing, health, and life expectancy. The U.S. Government Accountability Office reported in September 2019 that poor Americans die at an earlier age than rich ones. Indeed, in 2019, for the first time in a century, life expectancy in the United States declined for three consecutive years. Suicide rates, which closely correlate with poverty, increased by 33 percent since 1999. Even what is left of the dwindling middle class faces the crippling costs of health care, college education, and debt payments.

This situation bears no resemblance to that of America's ultra-wealthy, who, in addition to pouring money into the campaign coffers of politicians that safeguard and expand their fortunes, continue purchases like one multi-billionaire's acquisition of a \$238 million Manhattan penthouse—a supplement to his two floors at the Waldorf Astoria hotel in Chicago (\$30 million), Miami Beach penthouse (\$60 million), Chicago penthouse (\$59 million), and additional apartment in Manhattan (\$40 million). Other recent purchases by the ultra-rich include a \$100 million, 305-foot "super-yacht" (complete with helipad and IMAX theater), private jet planes (\$65 million), and (of course) gold toilet paper.

The latest attraction for America's ultra-affluent is Manhattan's 131-floor Central Park Tower building which, when completed, will become the tallest, most expensive residential dwelling in the United States. It will feature 179 luxury condos ranging in price from \$6.9 million to \$95 million and a seven-story Nordstrom flagship store with six restaurants, plus three floors of "amenity space" (dubbed the Central Park Club) spanning 50,000 square feet, with an outdoor terrace, pools, a wellness center, and a massive ballroom. The immense height of the structure will underscore the vast power of the super-rich, as well as enable them to avoid noticing the many "losers" left behind on the teeming streets below.

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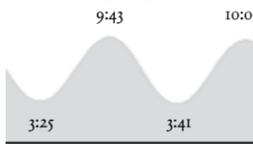
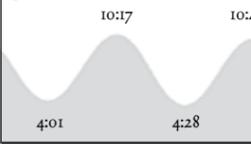
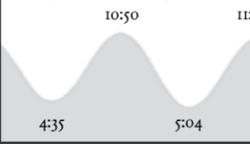
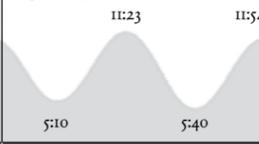
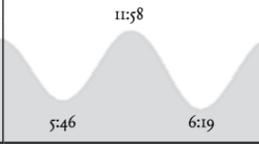
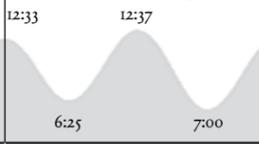
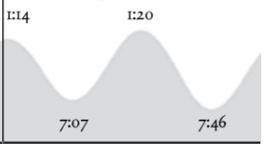
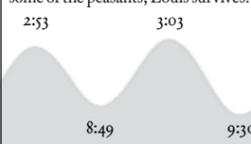
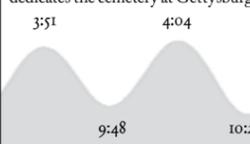
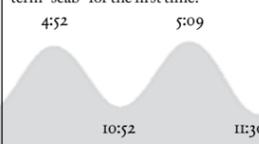
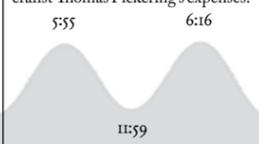
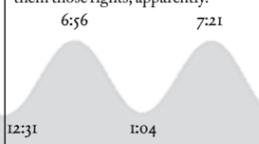
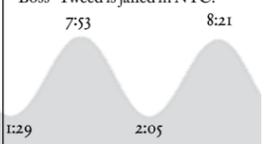
drags about seventeen billion gallons of seawater — enough to fill 2,125,000 tanker trucks — up the river and into Great Bay. This creates a roving hydraulic conflict, as incoming sea and the outgoing river collide. The skirmish line

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, NOVEMBER 10	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16
<p>2004—George W.[MD] Bush nominates as his new Attorney General, Alberto Gonzales—who goes on to make his predecessor, John Ashcroft, look good.</p> <p>1982—The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, a gift to the nation from those it had shunned, opens in Washington, D.C.</p> <p>1975—The ore carrier <i>Edmund Fitzgerald</i> sinks on Lake Superior, taking with her a crew of 29.</p> <p>1973—In Drake, N.D. the school board fires a teacher and burns the book he assigned, <i>Slaughterhouse Five</i>.</p> <p>1972—Anti-police brutality activist Louis Moore, threatened with bogus charges by Detroit police, tries a radical remedy: skyjacking a DC-9 out of Birmingham, Ala. A two-day, nine-stop odyssey ends in a Cuban prison and leads to airport searches.</p> <p>1964—Australia re-introduces the draft to protect the Empire from Ho.</p> <p>1950—Flying over Canada, a U.S. Air Force crew in a B-50 experiences engine trouble. They chuck the bomb (minus its plutonium core) which then explodes in Riviere du Loup, Quebec.</p> <p>1898—In Wilmington, N.C., 400 Democratic activists murder 40 to 100 blacks, depose the mayor, and establish a new government by force. Newspaperman, future Sec. of the Navy and Amb. to Mexico, is a ringleader.</p> <p>1518—Sir Marmaduke Constable, survivor of the battles of Bosworth Field and Flodden, dies after accidentally swallowing a frog.</p>	<p>2000—Republicans go to court to stop manual recounts in Florida.</p> <p>1956—The last pockets of resistance are suppressed in Hungary.</p> <p>1940—The Royal Navy destroys half the Italian Navy, at anchor in Taranto, with Fairey Swordfish biplanes.</p> <p>1933—“The Great Black Blizzard,” the first of the great dust storms, hits the Great Plains.</p> <p>1919—In Centralia, Wash., a mob of American Legionnaires attacking an I.W.W. union hall discover the Wobblies are armed. After four Legionnaires die, the survivors kidnap, torture, and kill Wobbler and fellow WWI vet Wesley Everest.</p> <p>1918—The War to End Wars ends, too late for 2,738 who die this day.</p> <p>1887—Albert Parsons, George Engel, Adolph Fischer, and August Spies, none of them accused of the act itself, are hanged in Chicago for the Haymarket bombing.</p> <p>1861—Confederate Gen. & ex-Bishop Leonidas Polk is wounded and denuded when “Lady Polk,” a cannon named after his wife, explodes.</p> <p>1778—Brits and Iroquois massacre dozens of American settlers and soldiers at Cherry Valley, N.Y.</p> <p>1769—Thirteen days after the death of her first husband, Frances Atkinson marries her first cousin John Wentworth, Governor of New Hampshire.</p> <p>1620—Influential Pilgrims draft the Mayflower Compact to assure adequate control over unruly colonists.</p>	<p>2001—Flight 587 falls apart and crashes off Queens, N.Y., killing 261.</p> <p>1970—A half ton of dynamite set off by Oregon highway workers sends parts of an eight-ton sperm whale 100 feet in the air. The tail crushes Walter Umanhofer's new Olds, which he'd bought while the dealer had been advertising “a whale of a deal.”</p> <p>1941—Abe “Kid Twist” Reles earns the posthumous sobriquet “the canary who sang but couldn't fly” when he autodefensetrates (or is defenestrated) from the sixth floor of a Coney Island hotel while under the protection of six New York City cops.</p> <p>1933—The first alleged photograph of the Loch Ness Monster is taken.</p> <p>1927—Stalin expels Trotsky from the Communist Party.</p> <p>1926—The first documented aerial bombing conducted in the U.S. leaves Shady Rest, bootlegger Charlie Birger's Benton, Ill. roadhouse, undamaged. The dynamite the Shelton Gang drops from a Curtiss “Jenny” kills only Birger's bulldog and pet bird.</p> <p>1865—Former Senator Preston King (R-N.Y.), Collector of Customs at the Port of New York, despondent over his inability to purge that office of corruption, takes a fatal leap from a ferryboat with a bag of bullets around his neck.</p> <p>1779—Twenty enslaved New Hampshire petition the legislature for the abolition of slavery; Primus X, Daniel Fowle's enslaved pressman, is not among them. They are ignored.</p>	<p>2003—Because he would not remove his Ten Commandments monument from the courthouse, Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore is himself removed.</p> <p>1982—The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C. Richard Nixon, Henry Kissinger, and Robert McNamara are no-shows.</p> <p>1974—Karen Silkwood, a disgruntled Kerr-McGee worker, conveniently turns up dead.</p> <p>1970—Up to half a million die as a cyclone hits Bangladesh.</p> <p>1965—The dysfunctional tinderbox <i>Yarmouth Castle</i> burns en route to Nassau; 90 passengers burn or drown, deserted by captain and crew.</p> <p>1942—The torpedoed cruiser <i>U.S.S. Juneau</i> sinks in 20 minutes, 100 of 673 surviving the explosion. Two other cruisers depart, assuming no survivors. Eight days later, ten are rescued. Among the dead are the five Sullivan brothers, of Waterloo, Iowa.</p> <p>1933—Hormel workers in Austin, Minn. invent the sit-down strike.</p> <p>1909—In a Cherry, Ill. coal mine, lit by torch due to an electrical outage, a cartload of hay for mules catches fire. The resultant inferno kills 259 miners.</p> <p>1887—On the original Bloody Sunday, British cops, soldiers, and cavalry charge the unemployed in Trafalgar Square, killing 3 and arresting 300.</p> <p>1877—A locomotive and three freight cars plunge from an open drawbridge into the Piscataqua, just missing three ships; no injuries.</p>	<p>2002—D. Rumsfeld predicts the Iraq War will last “five days or five weeks or five months, ... [no] longer ...”</p> <p>1968—In Quang Tri, Marine PFC Frank Baldino, 19, is killed by a tiger.</p> <p>1965—The First Cav, choppering into the Ia Drang Valley, is surprised to discover six battalions of NVA.</p> <p>1957—In Apalachin, N.Y., an important meeting of entrepreneurial businessmen is interrupted by cops.</p> <p>1942—Seaman Calvin L. Graham is wounded by shrapnel during the Battle of Guadalcanal. He is 12.</p> <p>1927—Workmen in Pittsburgh, using an open flame blowlamp to fix a leak in the world's largest gasometer, ignite 5 million cubic feet of natural gas, clearing one square mile and killing 28.</p> <p>1925—D.C. Stephenson, ex-Grand Dragon of the Indiana KKK, is convicted of rape, torture, and murder.</p> <p>1917—Thirty-three members of the Womens Rights Party, illegally arrested for protesting in front of the White House, are beaten by 44 clock-wielding guards before being locked into “punishment cells.”</p> <p>1909—Birth of Joseph R. McCarthy, “a great American [whose] stature will grow with the passage of time,” according to a memorial tribute from N.H. Sen. Styles Bridges.</p> <p>1908—A heart attack fells the Chief of the Imperial Military Cabinet, Dietrich Graf von Hülsen-Haeseler, at 56 while he dances before Kaiser Wilhelm II in a ballerina's tutu.</p>	<p>2010—Ex-cop James B. Fowler pleads guilty to the 1965 murder of civil rights activist Jimmie Lee Jackson in Ala. He gets six months.</p> <p>1996—British officials return the Stone of Scone to the Scots from whom they stole it 700 years earlier.</p> <p>1995—Pres. William J. Clinton begins behaving improperly with White House intern Monica Lewinsky.</p> <p>1969—Two million in the U.S. protest the war, 250,000 in Washington, D.C. Nixon vows to ignore them all.</p> <p>1967—An NVA mortar round detonates 1,100 tons of ordinance at the Dak To ammo dump—the largest explosion of the war. “I have never been more encouraged,” says General Westmoreland, 77 days before Tet.</p> <p>1967—The CIA hands LBJ the first of four reports on its illegal surveillance of anti-war activists. Because it refutes his belief in foreign influence, he rejects it and demands another.</p> <p>1904—Al Swearengen, ex-Deadwood, S.D. whoremaster, is found on a Denver street with his head bashed in.</p> <p>1887—F(ranklin) P(ierce) Adams, namesake of N.H.'s only president (so far) and the godfather of the newspaper column, is born in Chicago.</p> <p>1864—General William Tecumseh Sherman burns Atlanta, Georgia, thereby inspiring a popular movie.</p> <p>1558—In celebration of Queen Elizabeth's coronation, a wickerwork effigy of the Pope is burned, with live cats inside to simulate shrieking devils.</p>	<p>2000—Bill Clinton goes to Vietnam — finally, when it's safe, as President.</p> <p>1989—U.S.-backed pro-government forces in El Salvador murder six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper, and the housekeeper's daughter.</p> <p>1969—President Nixon's Communications Director Herb Klein says he opposes government intervention in the news but the networks are asking for it if they don't regulate themselves.</p> <p>1966—Strasbourg students blow the student government's annual budget to publish a pamphlet, “On the Poverty of Student Life.” Hilarity ensues, including the Situationist Movement.</p> <p>1965—Mission accomplished with 79 KIA & 121 WIA, U.S. units in Ia Drang propose withdrawal. Gen. Wm. Westmoreland says “stay.”</p> <p>1890—George Seldes, journalist and media critic, is born. He'll live to be 105, working all the way.</p> <p>1856—Siding with Britain and its opium smugglers, the <i>U.S.S. Portsmouth</i> bombards a Chinese fort on the Pearl River in Canton, China.</p> <p>1849—Fyodor Dostoevsky is sentenced to death for spreading “impudent words.”</p> <p>1776—The American brig-of-war <i>Andrew Doria</i> receives the nation's first salute from a foreign power at Fort Oranje, St. Eustatius.</p> <p>1688—Boston hangs Ann Glover, old, Irish, and Catholic, as a witch.</p> <p>1384—Jadwiga, a ten year-old girl, is crowned King of Poland.</p>
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<p>2008—Citigroup announces it will sack 52,000 workers.</p> <p>2006—“We'll succeed [in Iraq] unless we quit,” says George W.[MD] Bush.</p> <p>2003—An Austrian musician becomes Governor of California.</p> <p>1995—Multitasking President Clinton speaks on the phone with a Congressman while violating his marriage vows with an intern.</p> <p>1995—The Commander of the Pacific Fleet calls the rape of an Okinawan girl “stupid.” The culprit should have hired a prostitute instead, he says.</p> <p>1992—<i>Dateline</i> broadcasts a rigged video of a GM truck exploding.</p> <p>1973—Speaking to newspaper editors at Disney World, Richard M. Nixon says, “I am not a crook.”</p> <p>1965—First Cav survivors of the Ia Drang are marched into an ambush; 155 are KIA, and 126 WIA. It's the deadliest day of the war for the U.S.</p> <p>1953—An Air Force C-119 “Flying Boxcar” kills nine Fort Bragg paratroopers in mid-air; six more die when the C-119 subsequently crashes.</p> <p>1943—Soviet tank driver/mechanic Mariya Vasilyevna Oktyabrskaya is promoted to Sergeant for performing repairs under withering Nazi fire.</p> <p>1917—The destroyers <i>Fanning</i> and <i>Nicholson</i> sink the U-58 off Ireland, the first sub sunk by the U.S. Navy.</p> <p>1747—Rioting sailors, laborers, and free blacks fed up with naval press gangs take British officers hostage and shut down the city of Boston.</p>	<p>2005—Rep. Jean Schmidt (R-Ohio) apologizes to Nam combat vet Rep. Jack Murtha (D-Pa.) on the House floor for implying he's a coward.</p> <p>1997—Operation Northwoods is exposed: the 1962 plan would have murdered U.S. citizens on the street to build support for an invasion of Cuba.</p> <p>1988—Congress jacks up penalties for smoking crack. Lighter penalties for powder cocaine are unchanged.</p> <p>1978—Jim Jones and 913 followers drink cyanide-laced Flavor-Aid in Jonestown, Guyana.</p> <p>1977—“Dynamite Bob” Chambliss gets life for the 1963 Birmingham Church Bombing.</p> <p>1964—Snubbing Richard Nixon, J. Edgar “Mary” Hoover calls Martin Luther King Jr. “the most notorious liar in the country.”</p> <p>1929—Marshall Ratliff, sentenced to the chair for robbing a bank in a Santa Claus suit, kills a man in a failed breakout from the Cisco, Texas jail.</p> <p>1916—The Battle of the Somme peters out. The Allies have gained 2.5 square yards each for 1,250,000 British, French, and German casualties. Germans later re-take most of it.</p> <p>1755—The strongest earthquake in New England history [Richter 6.2] occurs off Cape Ann, Mass.</p> <p>1686—Pioneering surgeon Charles Francois Felix operates on King Louis XIV's anal fistula, having practiced on peasants to hone his skills. Unlike some of the peasants, Louis survives.</p>	<p>1874—Tammany Hall's “Boss” Tweed is convicted on 204 counts of fraud.</p> <p>2005—Marines in Haditha murder 24 unarmed Iraqi men, women, and children. One man is tried and convicted of dereliction of duty.</p> <p>1969—Congress cleverly undermines the opposition to the Vietnam War by introducing a draft lottery.</p> <p>1967—A 500 lb. bomb from a U.S.M.C. F4 Phantom kills 45 paratroopers of the 173d Airborne Brigade and wounds 45 more during the Battle of Dak To.</p> <p>1962—Dick “Dick” Cheney racks up his first drunk driving conviction in Cheyenne, Wyo.</p> <p>1961—Michael Rockefeller disappears in Papua, New Guinea, and is probably eaten by cannibals.</p> <p>1960—At a party in New York, Norman Mailer stabs his second wife, Adele Morales.</p> <p>1929—A Cisco, Texas mob busts Marshall Ratliff out of jail and lynches him behind a theater at which the play “The Noose” is running. The first rope breaks, the second doesn't.</p> <p>1924—Pioneering Hollywood producer Thomas Ince dies at 42, officially from a heart attack, but more likely from a [William Randolph] Hearst attack—a bullet to the head.</p> <p>1915—A firing squad executes IWW organizer Joe Hill; his last words: “Don't mourn, organize.”</p> <p>1863—President Abraham Lincoln dedicates the cemetery at Gettysburg.</p>	<p>2008—Sarah Palin is interviewed on TV while, in the background, turkeys are being slaughtered.</p> <p>1980—In Louisiana, an oil rig drilling in the wrong spot hits a salt mine under Lake Peigneur. The rig, 11 barges, and a tugboat disappear.</p> <p>1979—Five hundred radical Muslims seize the Grand Mosque in Mecca, taking thousands hostage. It's the beginning of a 14-day siege. The CIA blames Iran, which is blameless.</p> <p>1975—Spanish dictator Francisco Franco dies. Reportedly he's still dead.</p> <p>1969—Eighty-nine American Indians attempt to occupy Alcatraz; 14 evade a Coast Guard blockade and achieve their objective.</p> <p>1962—The Cuban Missile Crisis blows over, rather than up. With Armageddon postponed, President Kennedy orders an end to discrimination in federally-funded housing.</p> <p>1945—The Nuremberg trials begin.</p> <p>1943—Marines land at Tarawa; the death toll is higher by hundreds because planners miscalculated the tides.</p> <p>1903—Tom Horn, hired killer, is hanged for a murder he probably didn't commit. The water-powered, automatic, victim-actuated gallows takes 17 minutes to strangle him.</p> <p>1820—A whale attacks the Nantucket whaling ship <i>Essex</i>, inspiring the greatest fish story ever told.</p> <p>1816—Striking members of the Albany Typographical Union use the term “scab” for the first time.</p>	<p>2016—The <i>Guardian</i> reports that D. Trump's grandfather was refused re-entry to Germany in 1905 because he had dodged military service.</p> <p>2004—Donald Trump's casinos in Atlantic City file for bankruptcy.</p> <p>1986—Ollie North and Fawn Hall start shredding evidence of criminal arms-for-hostages deals.</p> <p>1974—Somehow, George W.[MD] Bush is honorably discharged, instead of court martialled for being AWOL.</p> <p>1974—The Freedom of Information Act passes over Gerry Ford's veto.</p> <p>1973—Chief of Staff Al Haig ascribes an 18½ minute gap on an audio tape to “sinister forces.”</p> <p>1970—Fifty-six Green Berets raid the Son Tay POW camp 23 miles west of Hanoi, which had been evacuated three weeks earlier.</p> <p>1967—Commiss in the ‘Nam are “unable to mount a major offensive,” says Westy, 71 days before Tet, “the end begins to come into view.”</p> <p>1964—The FBI sends a blackmail letter to Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., urging him to commit suicide.</p> <p>1927—The first Columbine Massacre: state cops in civvies machine-gun striking coal miners; six die.</p> <p>1817—The U.S. Army begins thirty years of war by attacking Seminoles in Georgia at Fowtown.</p> <p>1801—The 2nd suspicious fire in 13 days destroys Treasury records after a Republican demand of proof of Federalist Thomas Pickering's expenses.</p>	<p>2000—Two dozen well-dressed hooligans, many on the GOP's payroll, intimidate Miami election officials into shutting down a Presidential recount.</p> <p>1975—U.S.S. <i>John F. Kennedy</i> and U.S.S. <i>Belknap</i> collide in the night near Sicily. A two-hour fire aboard the <i>Belknap</i> stops 30 feet short of the nuclear weapons magazine.</p> <p>1963—In Dallas, Texas, President John F. Kennedy is assassinated; at whose bidding is a matter of dispute.</p> <p>1963—In Paris, a CIA man hands a lethal pen to a Cuban for use on Fidel Castro, at the behest of Bobby Kennedy.</p> <p>1963—Don B. Reynolds' testimony to a secret Senate committee, that LBJ took bribes, is halted by assassination.</p> <p>1941—Germany's top fighter pilot, Werner Mölders, dies as a passenger in a plane crash on his way to the funeral of the Luftwaffe's Generaloberst Ernst Udet, a suicide.</p> <p>1930—Prophet Elijah Mohammed founds the Nation of Islam.</p> <p>1909—A New York judge tells arrested ILGWU members, “You are on strike against God.” Paying him no mind, 20,000 women go on to win shorter hours, higher pay, and better working conditions.</p> <p>1887—White militiamen put down a sugar cane strike by killing 35 to 300 black workers in Thibodaux, La.</p> <p>1865—Mississippi adopts the nation's first “Black Codes,” to “confer Civil Rights on Freedmen”—by denying them those rights, apparently.</p>	<p>1986—Two men escape from a maximum-security prison in Rome in a hijacked helicopter.</p> <p>1981—Ronald Reagan signs a secret directive creating the Contras.</p> <p>1976—Jerry Lee Lewis is arrested outside Graceland for waving a pistol and demanding to see Elvis.</p> <p>1970—A Lithuanian radio operator jumps from a Russian trawler onto the deck of the Coast Guard cutter <i>Vigilant</i>. Commander Ralph Eustis allows Soviet sailors to board the cutter and seize the radioman.</p> <p>1958—On TV: Ron & Nancy Reagan in “A Turkey for the President.”</p> <p>1946—To teach “a severe lesson”—namely, that Vietnam is ruled by the French—the cruiser <i>Suffren</i> shells the hell out of Haiphong, killing 6,000. So began the First Indochina War.</p> <p>1936—In San Antonio, bluesman Robert Johnson begins a legendary three-day recording session.</p> <p>1918—In Scapa Flow, the German submarine <i>U-18</i> is sunk by the fishing trawler <i>Dorothy Gray</i>.</p> <p>1903—Colo. Gov. James Peabody sends militia to Cripple Creek, and suspends <i>habeas corpus</i>, freedom of the press, and freedom of assembly, all to crush the Western Federation of Miners. He ends up inspiring the IWW.</p> <p>1899—The first jukebox plays in a San Francisco saloon.</p> <p>1876—After a year on the lam in Cuba and Spain, Tammany Hall's “Boss” Tweed is jailed in NYC.</p>
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