

The Fortnightly Rant

Taking a Somewhat Longer View...

This newspaper, already into its 33rd year the day the Constitution went into effect, has had an unparalleled opportunity to observe the rise and development, the triumphs and travails, of that unique experiment in self-governance: the allegedly United States of America.

No other story, during our apparently interminable existence, could hold a candle to it—and we know from candles. This being the end of a decade,* and that bold enterprise still being in operation—nominally, at least, if not in fact—it seems a reasonable time to assess its current condition. [Note to those reading aloud to others by the hearth: The following material is perfectly suitable for the young'uns, poor souls, who are fated to live in the future. It may not be appropriate for elderly listeners, comfortably clinging to fantasies about the past. —The Ed.]

It has been made fashionable over the centuries—largely by those who have profited by its design, and by those who know there's a ready market for reverential tomes on safe subjects—to hold the Constitution in nearly unquestioning reverence. Even those who wrote the document would find this peculiar.

They did not assume that their plan was perfect, or even particularly good. They knew how many compromises had been necessary to arrive at a consensus and accepted that the result was probably the best they could do with the time and materials on hand. They probably would have agreed with Immanuel Kant, a Prussian philosopher whose work was known to some of them, who put it this way: "Out of the crooked timber of humanity, no straight thing was ever made."

* By editorial fiat, pedantic quibbles based on the non-existence of a theoretical "Year Zero" will not be entertained here.

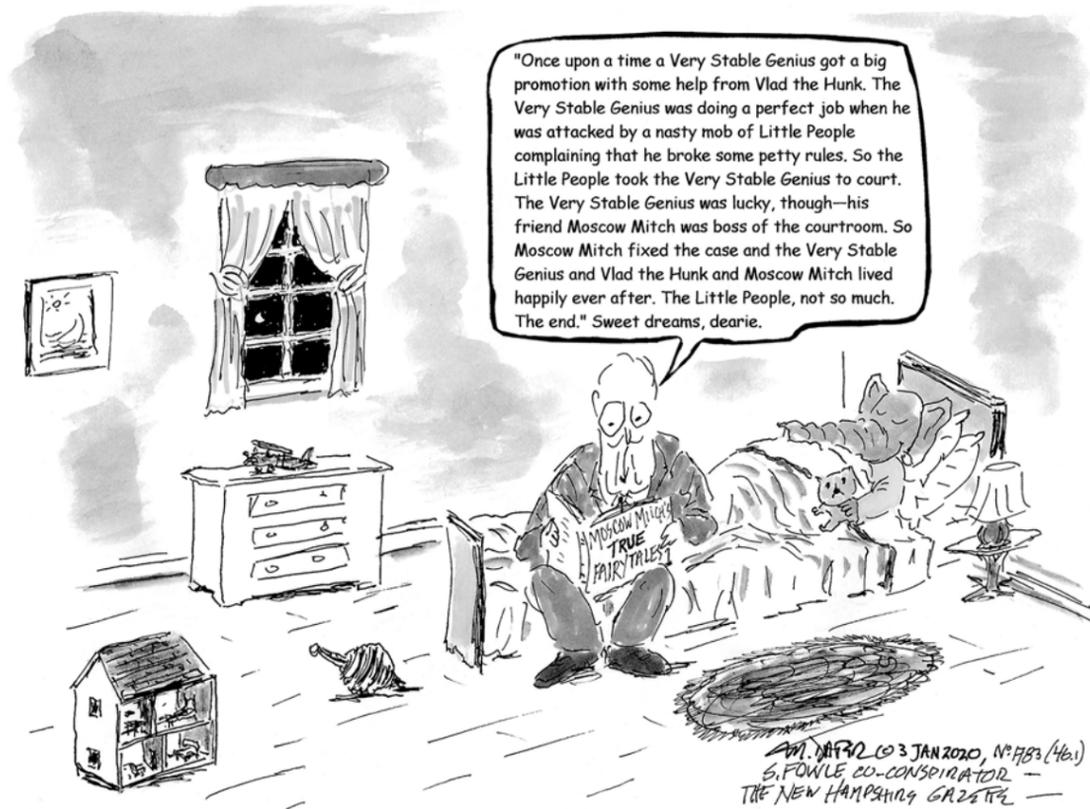
Two of those compromises seem particularly ill-advised, in light of current events.

The problem of electing presidents had the Constitutional Convention on track for the abyss because white Southerners were so outnumbered by Northern whites. The Electoral College cleverly counted enslaved blacks as three-fifths of a person—despite their inability to vote—giving Southerners a fighting chance to win elections. The Electoral College went on to give us Bush #43 and Trump the First. 'Nuff said.

The Senate was another brilliant bargain. With its smaller size and longer terms—not to mention the election of Senators by state legislators, rather than popular vote—it purported to balance cooler [read, more conservative] heads against the presumed rabble of the House. Now, even after the introduction of the popular vote with the 17th Amendment, we're still stuck with an institution which gives rural red states one Senator for every 1,600,000 people, while more urbanized blue states get one Senator for every 10,666,666 people.

Then there was the little problem of staffing all those positions they were busily creating. All the delegates, no matter from where, seemed to believe that bad men would inevitably find their way into public office; their unanimity on this point was presumably the result of direct knowledge. This fear of bad actors was the primary motive behind their creation of a system which divided governmental power. It held up reasonably well, before finally failing 40 years ago.

Much as the founders feared individuals, they feared what they called "faction" more. At a loss, though, for any effective means of preventing the rise of bad political parties—a



term they would have considered redundant—they washed their hands of the problem.

They had no bleeping idea.

Fast-forwarding past 230 years of blood, sweat, and tears, on December 21st President Donald J. Trump invited Eddie Gallagher to Mar-a-Lago to get into the Christmas Spirit.™

Every day must seem like Christmas to Gallagher. A few months ago the ex-Navy SEAL had been looking at a possible sentence of life behind bars for murdering a 14-year-old Iraqi. Off that hook thanks to an improbable confession from another SEAL who had immunity from prosecution, he ended up reduced in rank on a charge of posing for a picture with the corpse. Several men from his unit broke their usual code of silence to call Gallagher "toxic," a "psychopath," and "the worst of the worst," but he and the President constitute a mutual

admiration society.

Apparently at a loss for something to do on Boxing Day, Trump tweeted three complaints about Canadian broadcasters cutting his cameo appearance from the noted art film, *Home Alone 2: Lost in New York*. A report on this act of vandalism had been featured in Fox News' Christmas Day programming. That is most likely where Trump learned of it—it certainly wasn't from an intelligence briefing; he pays no attention to those. Media analysts believe that the Fox News staff stumbled across this breaking story during their routine monitoring of the website *Comicbook.com*—which, admittedly may be the most appropriate source for Presidential news these days.

Rudy Giuliani paid a perplexing visit to Mar-a-Lago on New Year's Eve. It goes without saying, a camera crew from Fox News was present. Asked if he would testify at the impeachment trial of his cli-

ent, the President's lawyer, scotch in hand, said yes. He even offered to do more, much more. "If you give me the case," he said, "I will prosecute it as a racketeering case." Questions have been raised about Giuliani's cognitive functions; some of them may now have been answered. On the other hand, perhaps he was just acting out Jimmy Breslin's description of him: "a small man in search of a balcony."

Speaking of vampires, why has Antonin Scalia been so quiet lately? After schmoozing with the Founding Fathers for the past several years, surely the Court's foremost proponent of originalism and textualism would be able to explain to us, the rabble, why it will be perfectly appropriate for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, the foreman of the jury, so to speak, to act in "total coordination" with the suspect during the President's upcoming impeachment trial.

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And So Begin the 2020s

In 1957, Nevil Shute published *On the Beach*, a post-apocalyptic novel set mostly in Australia which follows the doomed survivors of a nuclear war as radioactive fallout inexorably spreads. It doesn't end well.

Sixty-two years later, the world's nuclear arsenals remain in their silos. On January 1st, though, Australia's armed forces were off the coast, trying to bring succor to thousands of their countrymen who had fled to the beach to avoid catastrophic wildfires.

Deutsche Welle, the German state-owned public international broadcaster, reported, "Firefighter Samuel McPaul became the 12th confirmed fatality since the fires broke out weeks ago. His 12-ton fire truck was lifted into the air and spun around in a 'truly horrific' incident on Monday.

"It was a fire tornado or a col-

lapsed pyro convective column that had formed above the main fire front. That resulted in cyclonic winds that moved across the fire-ground,' according to a local fire official.

"Two other firefighters in the truck were seriously burned and are being treated in hospital.

"The 'freakish' weather incident resulted in the fire truck being lifted and dumped on its roof.

"Over 34,000 square kilometers (13,100 square miles) of land have been razed since the fires began in October and more than 1,000 homes have been destroyed."

To date, this fire season in southeastern Australia has taken just 15 lives, three since the above report was published—a remarkably low number, considering that the fires have covered an area the size of New

Hampshire and Vermont.

Humans have been lucky so far. University of Sydney ecologists told NewsCorp Australia that nearly half a billion animals have died in the fires.

Greg Mullins, a former fire and rescue commissioner in New South Wales, wrote in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, "If anyone tells you, 'This is part of a normal cycle' or 'We've had fires like this before,' smile politely and walk away, because they don't know what they're talking about."

We are not yet half way into Australia's bush fire season.

The ongoing catastrophe inspired James Plested to write a piece titled, "How The Rich Plan To Rule A Burning Planet," which was published online by *Red Flag*, "Australia's leading socialist publication." In a 3,400 word essay published De-

ember 10th, Plested asks the question, are our leaders really as dumb as they act? He doesn't think so.

Do our rulers—the political leaders and corporate elites who, behind the facade of democracy, make all the important decisions about what happens in our society—understand the danger we face? On the surface they appear unconcerned. In September, after millions of school students participated in the global climate strike and Greta Thunberg gave her "How dare you!" speech at the United Nations, Prime Minister Scott Morrison responded by cautioning "against raising the anxieties of children." And when, in November, hundreds of homes were destroyed and four people killed by bushfires in New South Wales and Queensland, he told the ABC there was "no evidence in it and that 'we're doing our bit' to

tackle climate change.

Is Morrison stupid? Somewhere along the line it appears his words have become unmoored from reality, and are now simply free-floating signifiers, spinning out of control in a void of unreason. As the empirical evidence of the devastation being caused by climate change in Australia and around the world mounts, so too does the gulf between this reality and the rhetoric of conservative coal-fondlers like Morrison grow into a seemingly unbridgeable chasm.

Author Plested argues that leaders like Morrison are not so much stupid as they are deranged—deranged enough to believe they can escape the apocalypse.

Morrison is smart enough to see that

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any genuine effort to tackle the climate crisis would involve a challenge to the system of free market capitalism that he has made his life's mission to serve. And he has chosen to defend the system. Morrison and others among the global political and business elite have made a choice to build a future in which capitalism survives, even if it brings destruction on an unimaginable scale. . . .

This raises the question, is Plested the one who's deranged, to think that Morrison is that bonkers? Maybe not—he's got evidence.

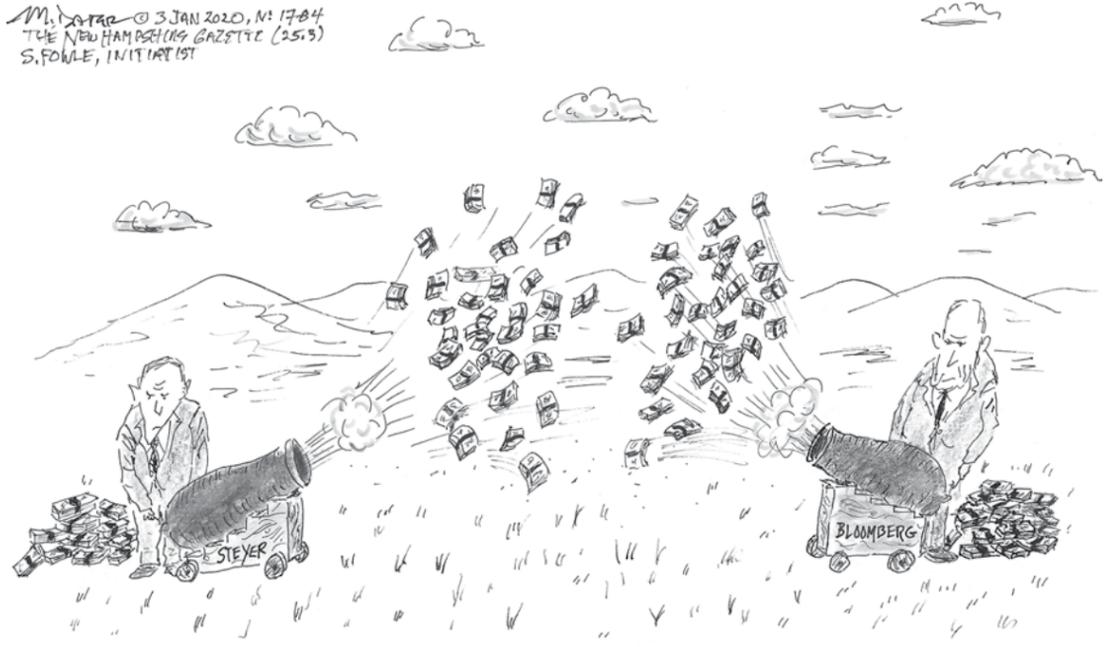
The most forward thinking of the super-rich are aware that we're heading toward a future of ecological and social break-down. And they're keen to keep ahead of the curve by investing today in the things they'll need to survive. Writing in the Guardian in 2018, media theorist and futurist Douglas Rushkoff related his experience of being paid half his annual salary to speak at "a super-deluxe private resort. . . on the subject of the future of technology." He was expecting a room full of investment bankers. When he arrived, however, he was introduced to "five super-wealthy guys . . . from the upper echelon of the hedge fund world." Rushkoff wrote:

"After a bit of small talk, I realized they had no interest in the information I had prepared about the future of technology. They had come with questions of their own. . . Which region will be less affected by the coming climate crisis: New Zealand or Alaska? . . . Finally, the CEO of a brokerage house explained that he had nearly completed building his own underground bunker system and asked: 'How do I maintain authority over my security force after the Event?'"

"The Event. That was their euphemism for the environmental collapse, social unrest, nuclear explosion, unstoppable virus, or Mr Robot hack that takes everything down. . . They knew armed guards would be required to protect their compounds from the angry mobs. But how would they pay the guards once money was worthless? What would stop the guards from choosing their own leader? The billionaires considered using special combination locks on the food supply that only they knew. Or making guards wear disciplinary collars of some kind in return for survival."

There's a reason these conversations go on only behind closed doors. If your plan is to allow the world to spiral towards mass death and destruction while you retreat to a bunker in the

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south island of New Zealand or some other isolated area to live out your days in comfort, protected by armed guards whose loyalty you maintain by threat of death, you're unlikely to win much in the way of public support. Better to keep the militarised bunker thing on the low-down and keep people thinking that "we're all in this together" and if we just install solar panels, recycle more, ride to work and so on we'll somehow turn it all around and march arm in arm towards a happy and sustainable future.

The rich don't have to depend only on themselves. Their most powerful, and well-armed, protector is the capitalist state, which they can rely on to advance their interests even when those may conflict with the imperative to preserve some semblance of civilisation. This is where people like Morrison come in. They're the ones who have been delegated the task, as Karl Marx put it in the Communist Manifesto, of "managing the common affairs of the whole bourgeoisie." In the context of climate change, this means taking the steps necessary to ensure the continued ability of the capitalist class to profit even if the world may be unravelling into ecological breakdown and social chaos.

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What Can Be Done?

Even by our standards, that's a pretty grim way of kicking off a new decade. Fortunately, there are people willing to grapple with the political problems behind the climate crisis.

The Labor Network for Sustainability—the organized voice within the labor movement for policies that are ecologically sustainable while also advancing the movement for good jobs and a just transition for workers and communities hurt by the effects of climate change and by the transition to renewable energy—has posted a paper titled, "Globalization, Neoliberalism and Climate Change: Toward a New Regulatory Regime," which addresses the root causes of our global dilemma. We tried to catch the core points in these excerpts.

For thirty years, global and national economies have been guided by policies of neoliberal deregulation, often known as the "Washington Consen-

sus." Neoliberalism has been disastrous for workers in most countries, pitting workers against each other in a race to the bottom and making it all but impossible to protect working class interests. There is now a growing consensus that the Washington Consensus has been a failure.

There is also a growing global recognition that we are in the midst of an unprecedented climate crisis. Ready or not, that crisis is affecting every nation, every locality, and every worker. Its effects are already serious, and unless decisive global action is taken to counter it, they will soon be catastrophic. Neoliberal deregulation, by dismantling the means for public steering of society to meet social needs, has also made it nearly impossible to correct global climate crisis.

These twin realizations, the failure of neoliberalism and the climate crisis, will define the struggle for the interests of poor and working people for the next century. At the same time, the necessity to counter climate change may provide an opportunity to address the broader problems of neoliberal deregulation.

This article argues that it is only by rolling back neoliberalism that we can protect the rights of workers globally



The Portsmouth Memorial Park is in minimalist mode. With bare trees flanking bare flagpoles, the observer's imagination is left free to fill in the blanks: the black flag of anarchy, the skull and bones, the hammer & . . .

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and solve the crisis of climate change.

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The 1930s and 1940s were marked by a great expansion of labor protections and labor organization in countries with very different economic systems. The neoliberal era saw the dismantling of such labor protections and a full-scale attack on the rights and power of organized labor. In the United States, less than eight percent of workers in the private sector are now represented by unions and workers right to join unions is systematically denied.

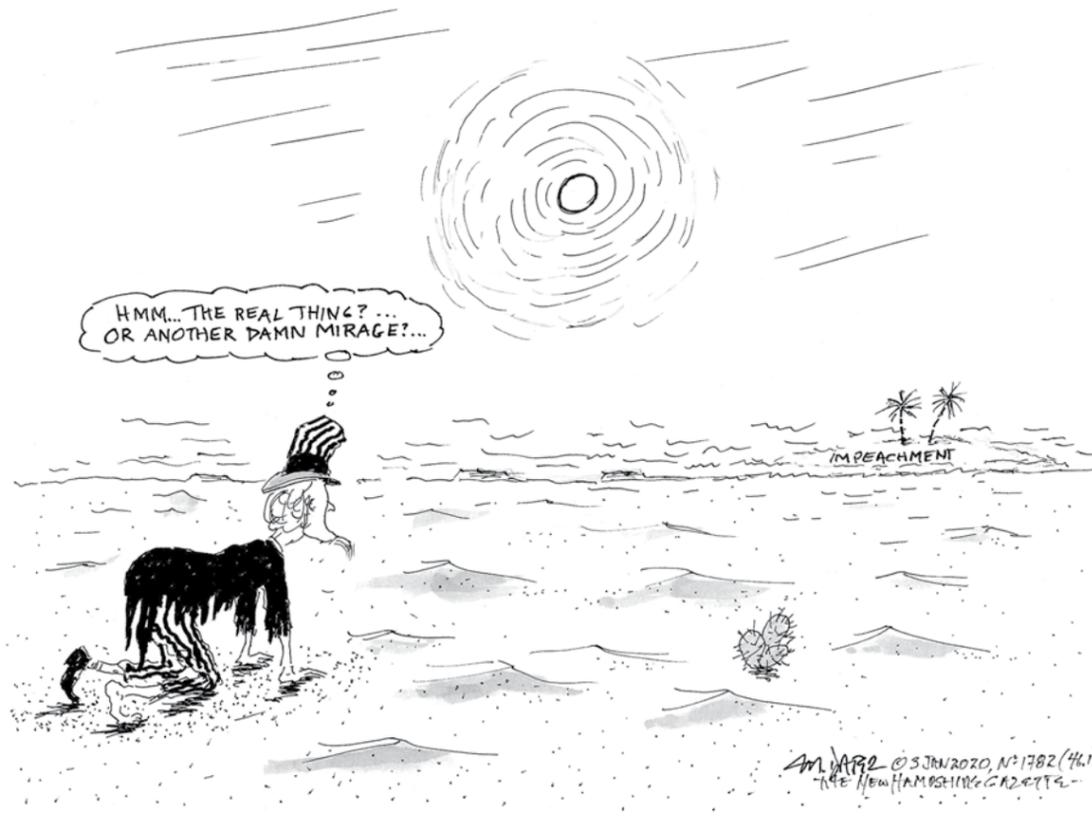
The 1960s saw a rapidly expanding awareness of threats to the natural environment, the emergence of the modern environmental movement, and the development of governmental policies for environmental protection. With the rise of neoliberalism, these became defined as impediments to economic growth and competitive disadvantages for the countries and other jurisdictions that adopted them. This approach has led not only to escalating emission of greenhouse gasses but to a national and global failure to regulate them—manifested at the Copenhagen climate conference—even though the failure to do so threatens the well-being and even the survival of people and nations worldwide.

The long-term result of neoliber-

al deregulation has been a “race to the bottom” in which workforces, regions, and nations compete to provide the cheapest labor, least environmental and social protection, and largest subsidies to globally mobile capital. That has led to growing inequality within and between countries. These results are economically, socially, and environmentally unsustainable for any nation and for the world as a whole.

These long-term trends have, not surprisingly, culminated in global crisis. On the one hand, neoliberal deregulation has put the world into the deepest economic crisis since the Great Depression, with little indication that anything more than further crisis lies ahead. On the other hand, neoliberal deregulation has brought on an unprecedented global environmental crisis whose magnitude is so great that it dwarfs the problems that the human species has ever had to deal with previously.

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The International Trade Union Confederation, which represents 175 million workers in 155 countries, has noted “the dangerous and irreversible consequences of climate change.” It points out that “The effects on the economy—including on employment—will be catastrophic if ambitious and



The Times building, modest yet stately, was damaged by fire in the spring of 2017. It stood exposed for about a year before the city shamed the owner into protecting it from the weather. That protection is now nearly gone.

effective measures are not taken to reduce GHG [greenhouse gas] emissions.

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A series of conferences by world leaders, from the 2009 London conference for “Stability, Growth, and Jobs” to the 2010 Copenhagen conference on climate protection, have tried to address the global economic and climate crises through neoliberal market-based approaches. They have failed miserably. Each country has pursued the competitive advantage of national elites and privileged economic interests while abandoning the planet and its people to their fate.

A solution to these crises requires that the world abandon neoliberalism and adopt a new strategy that puts the world’s human resources to work meeting the world’s desperate need for economic transformation that radically reduces carbon and other greenhouse gas emissions. Such a new regulatory regime has often been referred to as a “Global Green New Deal.”

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By working together around the world to form a consensus among

working people on their common interests, the international labor movement is in a unique position to develop an alternative to neoliberal deregulation. By making use of the power they wield in all the world’s countries, workers and their organizations can pressure their national governments to begin pursuing a new strategy that represents both the interests of their own people and of the earth and its people worldwide.

It’s a tall order. What alternative do we have, though, but to try? The full article is available at www.labor4sustainability.org/post/974/.

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Presidential Candidate Arrested

A candidate in the 2020 First in the Nation™ Presidential Primary Election® was arrested on Monday, according to independent reporter Nick Martin.

“White nationalist Augustus Sol Invictus, a lawyer who has described himself at different times as an emperor, a prophet, and a god, was arrested Monday in Florida on suspicion of kidnapping, domestic violence and weapons violations.”

After such an unseemly arrest, most candidates would quit. Not Invictus. He ran in Florida’s Libertarian Party primary for a Senate seat in 2016, after the AP published a story about an adventure of his back in 2013.

Invictus walked from Florida to the Mojave Desert and fasted for a week. He then gave thanks for his safe return to Florida by sacrificing a goat and drinking its blood. Despite this rather exotic resumé item, Invictus still got 26 percent of the votes. Libertarianism—it’s a hell of a political philosophy.

Martin—who will be starting up an online platform [*informant.news*] for his “original reporting and timely briefings on hate and extremism in America” on January 6th—says Invictus’ platform “states, for example, that only white males should be allowed to vote and own property. It also proposes creating a ‘newly established territory’ for ‘all living descendants of [U.S.] slavery’ The territory would no longer be part of the United States.”

Murph’s Fortnightly Quote

“the executioner’s face is always well hidden”

— Bob Dylan (1941-)
from “A Hard Rain’s A-Gonna Fall”

“My God, what have we done?”

— Journal entry of Capt. Robert Lewis, recalling, watching from his cockpit, the explosion of the first nuclear weapon ever used in warfare.

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In order to raise funds to help initiate this monitoring, and to convince the Legislature that they need to support this effort, a fundraising event is being held. The event will be on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at Flatbread Pizza, 138 Congress Street in Portsmouth. The event runs from 5:00 p.m. to closing. Come and enjoy some great pizza, and Flatbread will donate a portion of the proceeds to the Citizens Initiative to help protect our community.

This is a great way to have a wonderful night out, share some good will and support a very important cause. To learn more about the Citizens Initiative go to www.C-10.org. We look forward to seeing you on January 7th at Flatbread Pizza.

Rich DiPentima
Portsmouth, N.H.

Rich:
Thank you for bringing this to the attention of our readers. See you there!

The Editor

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A Pie in the Face

To the Editor:

"Meet me in the Middle" sings Katy Perry, a lyric apparently resonating with Democratic Presidential hopeful Joe Biden. An avowed centrist, Joe tells us he's ready to do "bipartisan," even amid the paralyzing bipolar disorder currently plaguing Washington. Unfortunately, his centrist strategy isn't new. Recall Barack Obama's 2008 olive branch that was met with pie in the face.

In fact, "centrism" is neoliberal politics done Bill Clinton's way, Dame Hillary's way, and a younger Joe Biden's way. History tells us it promises sweeping reform and then hands the details over to K-Street lobbyists and corporate attorneys to codify—all

under the watchful eye of Wall Street and multinational corporations. However well intended, the big dogs always win.

Compromise is nice, but its value has limits. Look at it this way, when you repair a broken window, you don't form a committee and argue over how to glue the pieces back together. You sweep them up, thank them for their service, and install a new pane of glass.

Biden's centrism merely ensures more wins for Wall Street and more pie in the face from Moscow Mitch and his carnival-barking cohorts in the Senate. He may be a sympathetic figure and a nice guy, but Joe Biden is not our best choice for President. But don't take my word for it, ask Anita Hill.

Rick Littlefield
Barrington, N.H.

Rick:
As you no doubt know, since we received this Biden has expressed his willingness to consider a Republican as a running mate.

The Editor

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Bernie's Agenda Will Clobber Trump

To the Editor:

Soon-to-be-impeached President Trump, along with his Congressional Republican and Right Wing Media accomplices, would have you believe the current Democratic-led House's sole focus has been to impeach the President; but, that is simply not true. While it is true that Democratic House members have been busy honoring their oath to support and defend the Constitution of the U.S. from an unlawful President, the current House has passed 275 pieces of legislature, many along bipartisan lines, all created to make American lives better. However, unfortunately, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, one of Trump's staunchest apologists, refuses to even read the bills let alone put them up for a Senate vote.

Besides, not a single piece of said legislature fits into the spirit of the Republican agenda, which is designed to benefit only themselves and their obscenely wealthy campaign contributors. I recently heard Senator Bernie Sanders in an interview de-



scribe the Republican agenda as to: "Take healthcare away from 32 million Americans; give huge tax cuts to billionaires and large, profitable corporations; slash Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security; and to allow the planet to be destroyed."

Bernie's agenda will establish Medicare for All so that America can join the rest of the advanced world in enabling all Americans to see a doctor when they're sick or hurt regardless of their economic status. Bernie and his Progressive Democratic-led Congress will call for billionaires and corporations to start paying their fair share of taxes to rebuild our nation's crumbling infrastructure while creating tens of millions of middle class jobs. Under a Sanders Presidency, Social Security will be expanded and Medicare and Medicaid will no longer be required as explained above. As for fighting Global Climate Change, the existential threat of our time, the Sanders Administration will implement a Green New Deal for America to play a leading role in the fight.

Americans are increasingly seeing Bernie, because of his unapologetic Progressive agenda and for his honesty, as our best bet to resoundingly defeat Trump and the Republicans while also delivering the transformative change America so desperately needs.

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, N.H.

Wayne:
Should Bernie get the nomination—as we hope he will—it will be at once amusing and excruciating to see the corporate media scurry for ways to go on ignoring him and his supporters.

The Editor

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No Bottom to the Republican Barrel

To the Editor:

The stream of Republican legislators spouting the party line during the House impeachment debate demonstrated Trump's command over his

party. His dominance has persisted even as he has engaged in an endless torrent of lies since his inauguration (more than 15,000 according to the *Washington Post*), inept policy decisions and attacks on Constitutional safeguards. Why does this control endure?

The almost seamless support of Republican legislators is understandable if deplorable. For some, tax and regulation cuts, appointment of conservative judges, and attacks on the social safety net are sufficient reason to tolerate an otherwise corrupt, demeaning and inept president. Others fear that an authoritarian and vindictive Trump will lash out at any perceived lack of loyalty. Given Trump's support among the Republican base, legislators fear that any criticism will result in their loss of support at the polls. For these Republicans, loss of power is more to be feared than honor and defense of the Constitution.

Trump's support from the Republican base is enduring. Their fanatical allegiance is the emotional attachment of a tribe rather than the rational analysis of self-interest more characteristic of a political party. Thoughtless support among the Trump base is facilitated by the use of demagogic conspiracy theories such as the concept of the "deep state." The theory was used by political scientists in the 90's to analyze the influence of unelected cadres on Turkish and Egyptian politics. It was falsely applied to government agencies in the U.S. by Alex Jones of *Infowars*. He claims that Trump is opposed by a vast deep state comprised of government bureaucrats who conspire to remove him from office. Jones is a crackpot conspiracy theorist who claimed that 9/11 was perpetrated by the U.S. government and that the Sandy Hook massacre did not occur.

Despite his dubious reputation, his claim of a deep state conspiracy in the U.S. gained traction when it was promoted by Trump and his partisans. It has since gained wide credence among Republicans. A recent poll has shown that 70 percent of Republicans believe in the deep state and think that it is trying to overthrow Trump. The idea has been widely exploited by Republican proxies to discredit critics, most recently to demean State Department and White House officials regarding their testimony concerning Trump's attempt to extort the Ukrainian president.

An even more disturbing conspiracy theory that has taken hold of some of the Republican base is QAnon. This crackpot theory emerged from the fever swamps of the internet first via *Achan* and now from the even more outlandish *8chan*. Q is supposedly a high official in the intelligence services and his posts purportedly reveal deep government secrets. One of Q's outlandish "revelations" is that high ranking Democrats and government officials are engaged in an international child sex trafficking ring. Another is that Obama, Hillary Clinton and George Soros plan to initiate a coup to topple Trump who was elected to end the Democratic cabal. According to Q, Trump will lead the U.S. military who will take over the country, arresting the members of the cabal and ushering in a new, revolutionary world.

Any rational person would find Q's blathering ridiculous yet many Republicans give credence to his bizarre disclosures. Qpatches have been seen among participants at Trump rallies. Sean Hannity has promulgated QAnon material on his Twitter feed. The Russian sponsored TV network RT has aired a segment on "QAnon Rev-

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elations.” A Republican candidate for the House has used Q posts as part of her campaign material and a “Women for Trump” video contained Q symbols.

The cynical use of baseless conspiracy theories by Trump and his supporters is troubling and dangerous. When critics are routinely tarred as part of the “deep state” or some other conspiracy, fact-based discussion of criticism becomes impossible. Valid critiques are filtered through fictitious screens that demean critics as enemies. When all critics are identified as enemies, critical analysis of the facts and reasoned discourse disappears to be replaced by thoughtless personal recriminations. Rational policy-making, necessary for the effective solution of complex problems cannot be sustained. The use of false conspiracy theories by Trump and his sycophants to explain all criticism is pure demagoguery and makes a mockery of democratic process. They promote the hatred that characterizes the social divide between left and right in politics. It is past time for politicians and voters to end the charade.

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

Robert:

A lot of highly-paid chin-strokers like to talk about the invaluable “marketplace of ideas.” At this point that’s nothing but nostalgia porn. With a death grip on certain levers of power, Republicans have abandoned any thought of having better ideas. It’s all about the Benjamins, and the exertion of raw power.

The Editor

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Direct Action Through Local Lawmaking
To the Editor:

Clean water, air, and soil are essential for all living things; those that are sentient and those that are not. The

major causes of environmental pollution are the combustion of fossil fuels, agricultural waste from fertilizers and pesticides, and nuclear emissions from uranium mining and storage of waste ([quora.com/What-causes-environmental-pollution](https://www.quora.com/What-causes-environmental-pollution)). We have paid a high and potentially irreversible price for all of our industrial progress. The price has been realized at the cost of our health and the increasing rate of extinction of many animals, flora, and fauna.

When it comes to water, energy, food, and waste—all major components of our everyday lives—we find ourselves denied access to any real local decision-making authority over protecting human health and safety or that of the natural environments in our communities. Sure, the state and federal government create regulations around industrial activities, but what can we do when the state and federal government get it wrong?

I’ve been following the stories about PFAS contamination from the Coakley Landfill, St. Gobain, and the application of human waste (sludge) on commercial farmland. It is incredibly alarming that these industrial activities are all legally allowable and have caused so much harm with the direct approval and legal support from the state and the federal government.

There are times when **no** allowable amounts of a contaminate are acceptable because they cause such serious and irreversible harm to people and natural environments. PFAS are “forever chemicals” that take more years to leave our bodies and the environment than we are likely to live out on this Earth. We know these chemicals cause cancers and yet their use is made legal by the government that is supposed to protect its citizens from such commercial and industrial harms.

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munities that are taking direct action, through local lawmaking, to enumerate their right to protect the health and safety of all residents and ecosystems from industrial harms and governmental interference with Rights-Based Ordinances (RBOs). These local laws legalize rights to clean air, water, and soil along with recognizing our right to make local governing decisions that raise local levels of protection within our communities above standards determined at the state and federal levels of government. Learn more at nbcommunityrights.org or contact the N.H. Community Rights Network at info@nbcommunityrights.org.

Michelle Sanborn
(she, her, hers)
NHCRN President
Alexandria, N.H.

Michelle:

Let us suppose for a moment that a certain community is blessed with an abundance of a certain perishable commodity—history.

Now, let us suppose that a private owner of a unique historic property chooses to, let’s say, commit demolition by neglect, in order to get a higher return on his investment. How would that be any different from drilling a well in a local aquifer and draining it?

Community rights have been used effectively to protect natural resources. Could they be used to protect historical resources?

Asking for a friend.

The Editor

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The View from Germany

To the Editor:

As an American living in Europe I am often asked by many people how it was possible that a person such as Trump could become U.S. president. Many of my foreign friends know the States quite well having both worked and lived there, and have always appreciated the help, kindness

and friendliness provided to them by decent Americans. They just cannot grasp how a person who lies constantly, betrays and slanders everyone who is not of his opinion, and who shows complete disrespect to most countries and to the feelings and concerns of European nations that have been allies of the U.S. for decades, could ever be elected in such a God-loving nation.

A simple example of the endless number of hypocrisies of his administration is illustrated in the pathetic slogan “America first,” often used by Trump and his radical right-wing Republicans cronies. Blaming China for everything that went or goes wrong in the U.S.A. is another constantly reiterated statement. But as usual, saying and doing are two very different pair of shoes. For instance, the fact is that Trump and his party are paying Chinese workshops millions of dollars to produce nearly all of the souvenirs, flags, posters, T-shirts, caps and other paraphernalia that his supporters can buy at any of his big rallies.

Why isn’t that money being spent at home helping to employ Americans? The answer is quite simple; money, specifically their money. As long as others have to pay the bill these political rascals will shout and scream and demand that this is unacceptable. However, when it comes to their own wallets “China first” is just fine.

I must admit that I am often embarrassed and ashamed that such a narcissistic and ignorant character has made it all the way to the top and represents my country. But I am equally ashamed that the original Republican party appears to have been hijacked by a group of cowards and opportunist with no courage or backbone to stand up to all of the stupidities and illegal actions of this administration and to do what is right for the nation.

Dr. Imre Somssich
Cologne, Germany
Imre:

We’re as distressed as you are. Our distress is somewhat mitigated, though, by our pleasure in printing an overseas subscriber’s address in our paper.

The Editor

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To Senator Graham

To Senator Lindsey Graham:

Musing a bit on your interview with your pals at Fox News today, December 17, 2019...

Your words: “I want to end it. I have nothing but disdain for this”—regarding the process of the impeachment of the President.

What do you disdain most, Senator? The facts that clearly impugn the legality of the President’s actions? The fact that your party elected a man who even before going on trial has left in his wake verily a dozen Presidential employees as convicted felons in his service, a man whose discourse and personal behavior resemble those of a grifter, one who strikes half of this nation’s populace as an insolent political hack who is farther from a statesman than any President in at least a century? Yet you refuse even to discuss this president’s conduct or that of his right hand man and shadow Rudy Giuliani, despite many queries made to you on these topics. You are not ignorant of their actions, so I must surmise that you remain silent out of fear or cowardice. Or perhaps you have lost all sense of right and wrong? Please help me understand if there is a different motivation for your silence, if any.

In your interview with your friends at Fox, you go on to say “I want it over.” You refer to the Senate trial of Mr. Trump, I presume. That you would deny access to witnesses for both sides leads this and millions of citizens to believe that you would prefer the thirty minute sit-com of a trial to a full hearing of all the facts and witnesses. How two thousand teens Republican! About as fair and dutiful to the people of our country as your boss McConnell was in abrogating the Constitutional duty to grant Merrick Garland a Senate hearing in 2016 for the Supreme Court. Here’s what millions of Americans see in you: deficiency of respect for facts and statesmanship; surplus of forced ignorance and bombast. Do you really think that accusations of Trump’s crimes and misdemeanors

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Land of Lincoln

by William Marvel

A van fitted out for camping allows me to pursue research trips without prohibitive expense. Motels would eat up my entire income, but with a sleeping bag and a box of homemade grub I can compete with academic historians who enjoy grant-subsidized sabbaticals. Most truck stops offer showers, with coffee and hot water for oatmeal, all for the price of a restaurant breakfast. With such amenities I spent 27 days doing research since October 31st for less than \$38 a day.

That includes fuel, but not repairs. My 2002 Dodge Caravan never failed me in 145,000 miles, but I gave it to my wife last year when her car died. Because it was so dependable, I bought a low-mileage 2014 Caravan from a local dealer, but that was a mistake. The ice-cold air conditioning started leaking heavily on the first trip, at the end of summer, and a free refill fended me off until the warranty expired. Only after driving 5,500 miles to Alabama and Michigan did I discover that the spare tire for this “certified” used vehicle was missing from its hiding place under the console, and I had to buy one. They’re expensive.

Then, just as I crossed the Mississippi River into Illinois on the night of November 30th, the alternator

died after only 67,000 miles. By the time I could leave the interstate, the original battery was cooked, too, and AAA came to the rescue for the second time since I’ve owned this more dubious Dodge. It was 80 miles to my next research stop—the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, in Springfield—but the driver transported me to a repair shop less than three miles from my destination. Thanks to a good pair of hiking boots and a coat that was resistant to drizzle, I spent Sunday prowling the city.

You might call Springfield “the city that Lincoln built.” You also might call it “the city where Chicago legislators dominate the people of rural Illinois”—and Prairie State folk don’t like it any better than New Hampshire Yankees like being dictated to by flathead transplants in Concord—but Lincoln is the more obvious connection.

The best historic site is the National Park Service’s restored 1860 neighborhood around Lincoln’s home. Most downtown street corners have interpretive markers, depicting people or buildings prominent in Lincoln’s lifetime. Those were all quite interesting, but as in any tourist town (including ours) the principal theme is beaten to death. Everything in downtown Springfield is Lincoln—this or Lin-

coln—that. The city library is the Lincoln Library, a few blocks from the Lincoln Presidential Library. The Lincoln Land Community College sits nearby. The biggest hotel is the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield. There is the Lincoln Magnet School, and an antique store called Abe’s Old Hat. The Long Nine Junction, a restaurant, alludes to Lincoln and eight other 1830s legislators from Sangamon County who were all over six feet tall. Cast-iron stanchions that I took for bike racks were cut in Lincoln’s silhouette.

Fourteen years ago I lampooned Springfield’s Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum for its Disneyland atmosphere. Lincoln and his associates were inaccurately portrayed in cheap wax figures, and the museum seemed designed for children, with haunted-house sound effects and sloppy, politically correct interpretation. Now there is a 20-foot painted statue on the street corner just outside the front door, depicting Lincoln singing Christmas carols with some sap in a Santa hat and a cable-knit sweater. I didn’t go in this time, expecting that by now I might find the urinals cast in Lincoln’s image, with the mouth open.

I did spend Monday and Tuesday in the Presidential library, across the



It’s not that we doubted him; we’ve known the author too long for that. We just had to see a 20-foot tall statue of Abraham Lincoln singing Christmas carols. That’s too far afield to send our Wandering Photographer, so we used The Google. We were not disappointed. Note the size of the man in the lower right quarter, above the black arrow.

street. A decade ago, after a disruptive move, an old card catalogue was the only real research tool in that repository. Today, finding aids and document inventories allow much more efficient browsing through the trove of manuscripts, while the staff consists of Lincoln-era specialists who are immensely helpful. I found it sufficiently engrossing that I forget about my dead alternator—until I fetched my van and paid the bill.

A 9.5-percent state tax on goods and services brought the tax alone to \$61.15. “The Chicago Teachers’ Union thanks you,” smirked one Illinois native, when I complained

about it. Crooked politicians and astounding taxes may be why people from Illinois are called “suckers.”

Leaving Springfield Tuesday evening, I had almost reached the Indiana border when a big fireball streaked across the sky ahead of me, turning bright red before it burned out. A red light on my instrument panel had marked my entry into Lincoln’s home state, and a red light in the sky heralded my exit. Those events seemed ominous, as though offering a collective warning not to come back. I should think the taxes would have been deterrent enough.

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are a hoax? Are you willing to stake your reputation on that assertion? I will stake mine on the assertion that this is the most corrupt, unqualified President who has haunted the White House. My voice is not for sale. Yours?

I wonder if you have ever considered how history will judge you and other Republicans who prior to Trump used to be rational, moderate conservatives, in the best traditions



of Eisenhower and Pete McCloskey and Governor Walter Peterson and Senator Warren Rudman in my state. You would do your office much more credit by emulating those *statesmen* than the current occupant of the White House, your support for whom marks you as a mere political operative and sycophant with no more respect for the

truth than Trump expresses, in the final analysis.

I wonder what you want your legacy to your countrymen to be. Your actions make me proud to say that I am not of the South Carolina electorate that put you in office, sir. I wish you and your conscience well. Future South Carolina citi-

zens will have a lot to think about in their high school and college history courses, if competently taught, when they encounter their erstwhile solon in the scholarly readings. They will have the opportunity to weigh your veracity versus that of Alexander Vindman, Fiona Hill, and ambassadors Marie Yovanovitch and Gordon Sondland. Despite

your hometown advantage, the smart money in South Carolina in a quarter century (and perhaps many fewer years) won’t be on you, Senator. Why? Intelligent citizens learn from history and the effects of political Kool-Aid wear off.

You will have much to reflect on when this very unfortunate period of American history, with which you have much to do, is mercifully concluded. Private contrition will likely supplant public sanctimony.

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by Jim Hightower

Ho-Ho-Ho, wait till you hear about the gifts I gave to some of America's power elites for Christmas.

To each of our Congress critters, I sent my fondest wish that from now on they receive the exact same income, health care, and pensions that we average citizens get. If they receive only the American average, it might make them a bit more hum-

ble—and less cavalier about ignoring the needs of regular folks.

To the stockings of GOP leaders who've so eagerly debased themselves to serve the madness of Donald Trump, I added individual spritzer bottles of fragrances like "Essence of Integrity" and "Eau de Self-respect" to help cover up their stench. And in the stockings of Democratic Congressional leaders, I put "Spice of Viagra" and "Bouquet du Grassroots" to stiffen their

spines and remind them of who they represent.

For America's CEO's, my gift is a beautifully boxed, brand new set of corporate ethics. It's called the golden rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Going to pollute someone's neighborhood? Then you have to live there, too. Going to slash wages and benefits? Then slash yours as well. Going to move your manufacturing to sweatshops in China? Then put your

office right inside the worst sweatshop. Executive life won't be as luxurious, but CEO's would glow with a new purity of spirit.

To the Wall Street hedge-fund hucksters who've conglomerated, plundered, and degraded hundreds of America's newspapers, I've sent copies of *Journalism for Dummies* and offered jobs for each of them in their stripped-down, Dickensian newsrooms. Good luck.

And what better gift to the

Trump family—Donald, Ivanka and Jared, Eric, Donnie Jr., and the whole nest of them — than to wish that they live with each other constantly and permanently. No, really, each of you deserve it.

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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Mark Trafton
Exeter, N.H.

These Republicans Don't Speak for Me

Dear Editor:
Whew—just saw my neighbor to talk to a bit, as she passed, on her way home from work, my dogs and me on our road. She, too, is distressed by the Republicans' twisting of facts, hoping to stay in Trump's good graces. (Could be the only good thing about Donald John Trump is that he pays attention to flattery and sucking up.) What can be done? This low time must be endured. I am so proud of the Democrats who are sticking by their Constitutional mandate to hold this President's feet to the fire, because he must not be allowed to see himself as above the law and act on that. Period.

One more thing—these Republicans that invoke acting for me, speaking for me, they must cut it out. They should describe themselves as speaking for Trump's base. Period. They are not speaking "for the American people."

Lynn Rudmin Chong
Sanbornton, N.H.

"Through laziness and cowardice a large part of mankind, even after nature has freed them from... [another's] guidance, gladly remain immature. It is because of laziness and cowardice that it is so easy for others to usurp the role of guardians. It is so comfortable to be a minor!"

—Immanuel Kant

Against a Rigged Trial

Dear Sir:

If Donald Trump is impeached by the House of Representatives and the articles of impeachment are sent to the Senate for a trial, each Senator must take the following oath: "I solemnly swear (or affirm) that in all things appertaining to the trial of the impeachment of President Donald Trump, now pending, I will do impartial justice according to the Constitution and laws: So help me God."

As so eloquently explained by Mr. Mastro in his recent letter to the *Portsmouth Herald*, Senators Mitch McConnell and Lindsey Graham have violated this oath even before raising their right hand. How can McConnell and Graham take a solemn oath swearing to be impartial in the trial of Donald Trump's impeachment when they have made public comments that defy any semblance of impartiality? Obviously taking this oath is totally meaningless and a lie.

What is clear is that Mitch McConnell has no intention of conducting anything resembling a fair trial where all the evidence is presented, fact witnesses are questioned under oath, and the Senators, acting as the jurors, receive all the necessary evidence on which to make an impartial verdict. McConnell's goal is to have a complete sham of a "trial" where Republicans can quickly vote to acquit Mr. Trump, giving him his phony exoneration to carry forward during the upcoming campaign.



and yet I have no enemies—except, indeed, all the Whigs, all the Tories, and all the Christians."

— David Hume

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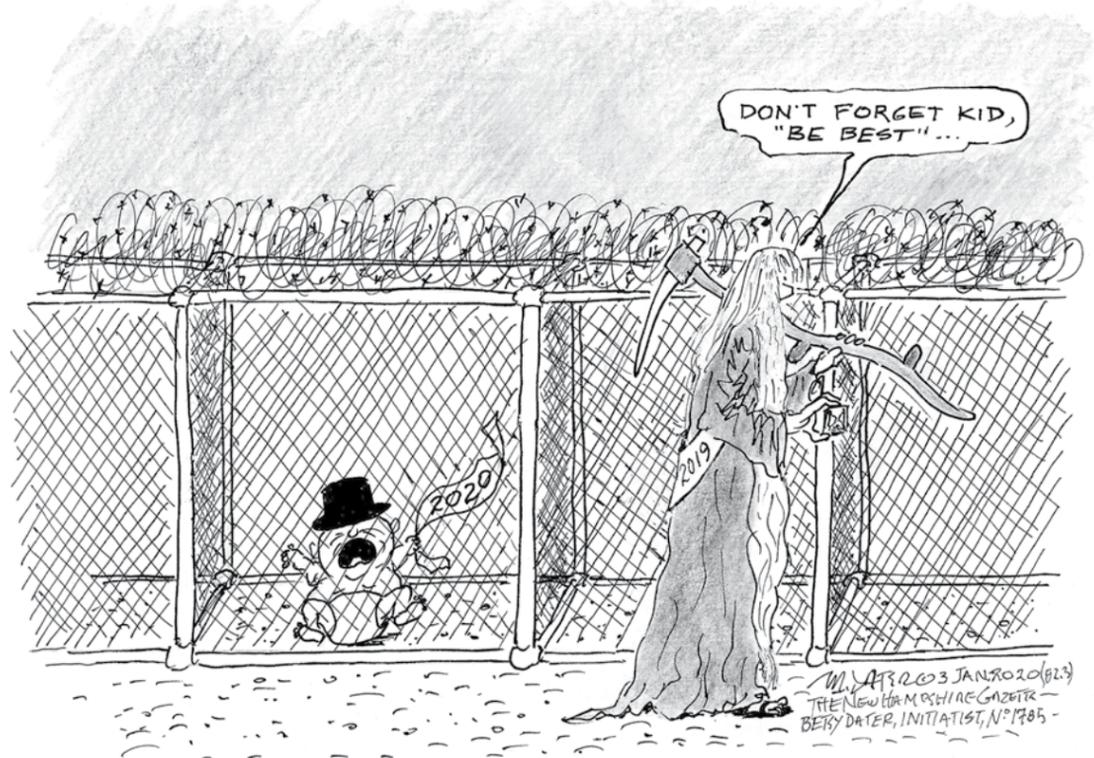
—W.T., Auburn, N.H.

uments are released and all the evidence for and against Mr. Trump is presented. In this way, Mr. Trump would have been impeached, without gaining the fake exoneration he so craves without all the facts being presented to the Senate and the American people.

Rich DiPentima, LTC, USAF Ret.

Portsmouth, N.H.

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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.

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<p>2011—Shortly after he's sworn in, Rep. Frank Guinta [R-N.H.] assures David Koch that he'll attend a party being held for new employees Republican Congressmen.</p> <p>1970—With no word from them since Xmas, Kenneth Yablonski goes to Clarksville, Pa. and finds his dad, UMW presidential challenger Joseph "Jock" Yablonski, his mom, and his sister, murdered in their sleep five days earlier on orders of incumbent UMW president "Tough Tony" Boyle.</p> <p>1968—Feds indict Dr. Spock for expressing concern about the health of his ex-patients now in uniform.</p> <p>1968—The CIA sends the third of four reports on illegal surveillance of U.S. students to LBJ, who rejects them all on grounds that they found no foreign influence.</p> <p>1964—The FBI starts bugging MLK.</p> <p>1942—Mutual Broadcasting's John B. Hughes begins an anti-Japanese-American radio campaign that results in the establishment of U.S. concentration camps.</p> <p>1937—The Abraham Lincoln Brigade is formed to fight fascism—"prematurely," some say.</p> <p>1914—Henry Ford establishes the 8 hour day and \$5/day pay.</p> <p>1781—Former American General Benedict Arnold assists the British in the burning and plundering of Richmond, Virginia.</p> <p>1776—New Hampshire ratifies the nation's first state constitution.</p>	<p>2006—George W.[MD] Bush OKs \$20 million for a celebration of "success" in Iraq and Afghanistan.</p> <p>2005—A switching error causes a 2:40 a.m. train wreck in Graniteville, S.C.; 60 tons of chlorine gas escape, killing nine immediately and one months later.</p> <p>1986—One person dies and 100 are injured in an accident at Kerr-McGee's nuclear fuel plant in Oklahoma.</p> <p>1970—The Supreme Court OKs suppression of a GI paper at Fort Bragg.</p> <p>1951—U.S.-backed South Korean security forces torture and massacre between 212 and 1,300 unarmed suspected communists in Ganghwa.</p> <p>1947—Children arriving at the one-room schoolhouse in Callahan, Calif. find a lynched black man hanging from a nearby phone pole.</p> <p>1946—Thousands of GIs storm HQ in the Philippines, protesting slow re-deployment back to the U.S.</p> <p>1944—RIP Ida Tarbell, pioneering muckraker, in Bridgeport, Conn.</p> <p>1927—Freelance executioner Robert Greene Elliot electrocutes three convicts in Charlestown, Mass., then three more in Sing Sing, N.Y.</p> <p>1920—Rev. Sun Myung Moon is born.</p> <p>1895—Ex-Queen Liliuokalani is arrested in Hawaii after a failed coup against Sanford Dole.</p> <p>1853—President-elect Franklin Pierce and his wife Jane survive an Andover, Mass. train derailment, but, with two sons dead already, see their third son dead, nearly decapitated.</p>	<p>2015—Two brothers, Wahhabi extremists, kill 12 and wound 11 at <i>Charlie Hebdo's</i> offices in Paris.</p> <p>1999—The U.S. Senate puts President Bill Clinton on trial for lying about his canoodling with a young intern. Chief prosecutor: Rep. (and adulterer) Henry Hyde [R-III].</p> <p>1998—<i>The Washington Post</i> reports that George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush's repeated denials notwithstanding, the Veep was in fact present at meetings about arms sales to Iran.</p> <p>1980—San Francisco honors the 100th anniversary of the death of Emperor Norton I with a party.</p> <p>1969—<i>Look</i> magazine calls Jimi Hendrix a "menace to public health."</p> <p>1945—U.S.S. <i>Hovey</i>, named for Portsmouth-born Ensign Charles Emerson Hovey, is sunk by kamikazi and torpedo attack off Luzon.</p> <p>1943—Nicola Tesla, electrical genius, dies in obscurity in New York City.</p> <p>1920—Five socialists are expelled from the New York Assembly.</p> <p>1861—Mayor Fernando Wood, a Democrat, proposes that New York City secede from the Union.</p> <p>1851—"That a war of extermination will continue to be waged ... until the Indian race becomes extinct," Gov. Peter H. Burnett informs the California legislature, "must be expected."</p> <p>1806—Cherokees in Tennessee and Alabama cede 7,000 square miles of land to whites, in return for which gesture they are not killed.</p>	<p>2008—Hillary Clinton narrowly wins the New Hampshire primary.</p> <p>2007—The <i>U.S.S. Newport News</i>, submerged, collides with a Japanese oil tanker near the straits of Hormuz.</p> <p>2005—The <i>U.S.S. San Francisco</i>, submerged, collides at flank [top] speed with an undersea mountain near Guam. One sailor dies, 98 are injured.</p> <p>2003—"The war on terror involves Saddam Hussein," explains George W.[MD] Bush, "because of the nature of Saddam Hussein, the history of Saddam Hussein, and his willingness to terrorize himself."</p> <p>1992—At a formal dinner in Japan, Pres. George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush turns his head to P.M. K. Miyazawa and vomits in his lap.</p> <p>1982—The Reagan White House announces a new policy: granting tax-exempt status to racially-segregated colleges. (It lasts 4 days.)</p> <p>1973—Five employees of President Nixon plead guilty to burglary.</p> <p>1958—An accident at the Chelyabinsk plutonium plant in the U.S.S.R. kills hundreds.</p> <p>1956—Indigenous Hoaroanis in Ecuador register their annoyance with missionaries by spearing five to death.</p> <p>1946—Over 10,000 GIs in Saipan, Guam, and France protest slow re-deployment back to the U.S.</p> <p>1811—A small group of enslaved black men attack a plantation owner, take up arms, and march for New Orleans; their numbers grow as they go.</p>	<p>2002—Future A.G. Al Gonzales writes that parts of the Geneva Conventions are "obsolete" and "quaint."</p> <p>1980—Sixty-three participants in the 1979 seizure of the Grand Mosque at Mecca are beheaded with swords in the public squares of eight Saudi cities.</p> <p>1967—Calculations show ARVN desertions at 5.7x the rate of the NVA.</p> <p>1964—Panama suspends relations with the U.S. after U.S. troops kill 21 anti-American protesters.</p> <p>1952—In Phenix City, Ala., anti-vice crusader Hugh Bently's house is destroyed by a bomb.</p> <p>1939—In Missouri's "Bootheel," 1,700 homeless sharecroppers, black and white, stage a sit-down strike in the middle of Highways 60 and 61.</p> <p>1918—The 10th Cavalry and Yaqui Indians conduct the last battle of the Indian Wars at Bear Valley, Ariz.</p> <p>1913—Richard Milhous Nixon is born in Yorba Linda, Calif.</p> <p>1861—Mississippi declares it's seceding because "none but the black race can bear exposure to the tropical sun... [and] a blow to slavery is a blow at commerce and civilization."</p> <p>1811—The number of enslaved but armed black men marching on New Orleans rises into the hundreds.</p> <p>1805—Ohio passes "Black laws"—no blacks may testify in court.</p> <p>1766—A "grand mob" in Portsmouth relieves stamp master George Meserve of his commission and raises the colonies' first "No Stamp" flag.</p>	<p>2017—CNN reports on the Steele dossier; <i>Buzzfeed</i> publishes it.</p> <p>2002—George W.[MD] Bush denies ever meeting Enron CEO Ken Lay, his largest campaign donor.</p> <p>1992—A busted shipping container releases 28,000 floating toy animals in the mid-Pacific, which are then tracked by oceanographers; the gripping tale is told in <i>Moby Duck</i>.</p> <p>1984—Responders to a false alarm about an accidental missile launch at Warren AFB, Wyo., park an armored car atop the silo as a precaution.</p> <p>1967—Lester Maddox, a school dropout who gave ax handles to his restaurant customers to ward off integration, becomes Governor of Georgia.</p> <p>1957—Four black churches and homes of two black leaders in Birmingham, Ala. are bombed.</p> <p>1946—"I hate war as only a soldier who has lived it can, only as one who has seen its brutality, its stupidity," says Ike in Ottawa, Canada.</p> <p>1880—Emperor Norton's funeral draws 20,000 in San Francisco.</p> <p>1860—The Pemberton Mill in Lawrence, Mass., overloaded with machinery to boost profits, collapses killing 145 and injuring 166: the worst industrial disaster in state history.</p> <p>1855—The last 88 Clackamas Indians sign away the best timberland in Oregon for \$500 and some food.</p> <p>1776—In Philadelphia, <i>Common Sense</i> is published, by Thomas Paine, who eschews all royalties.</p>	<p>2018—Trump's flunkies say they'll deny Medicaid to the unemployed.</p> <p>2008—"There will be a signed peace treaty [between Israel and the Palestinians] by the time I leave office," says George W.[MD] Bush.</p> <p>2003—"You can count on this," Donald Rumsfeld tells Saudi Prince Bandar, showing plans for the Iraq War. "This is going to happen."</p> <p>2002—Joe Foss, 86, ex-Governor of South Dakota, is detained at a Phoenix airport; security personnel mistake his Medal of Honor for a weapon.</p> <p>2000—"Rarely is the question asked," says George W.[MD] Bush, "is our children learning?"</p> <p>1974—Joint Chiefs Chair Admiral Moorer is reported to have spied on the executive branch to get secret info on U.S. diplomatic initiatives.</p> <p>1964—Twenty-three years after journalist George Seldes first warned that smoking is hazardous to health, the U.S. Surgeon General does, too.</p> <p>1943—Anarchist newspaperman Carlo Tresca is gunned down in New York City, probably by Carmine Galante on orders from Generoso Pope, Sr. as a favor for Mussolini.</p> <p>1917—Fire consumes 39 buildings comprising a munitions plant in Lyndhurst, N.J. Switchboard operator Tessie McNamara's warnings help 1,400 workers escape.</p> <p>1912—In Lawrence, Mass., 32,000 women and children strike for bread — and for roses, too.</p>
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<p>1991—Congress authorizes the first Bush vs. Hussein War.</p> <p>1984—Reagan Deputy Secretary of Defense W. Paul Thayer resigns after being charged with insider trading. He ends up in the can.</p> <p>1971—Rev. Philip Berrigan is indicted for conspiring to kidnap Henry Kissinger and bomb federal buildings.</p> <p>1968—Lima Site 85, a tiny USAF navigational facility on a remote mountaintop in Laos, is rocketed, bombed, and strafed by two NVA-piloted, Soviet-built Antonov biplanes. One, damaged by groundfire, crashes. A flight mechanic in a CIA Huey shoots down the other with an AK-47.</p> <p>1962—U.S. helicopters fly their first combat mission in South Vietnam.</p> <p>1951—For bombing an airliner, Albert Guay goes to the gallows in Canada, saying, "At least I die famous."</p> <p>1943—Federal bureaucrats announce that hot dogs will henceforth contain less meat and more soybeans, and be called "victory sausages."</p> <p>1932—Ms. Hattie Wyatt Caraway (D-Ark.) becomes the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate.</p> <p>1931—Raymond Gunn, 27, accused of killing Maryville, Mo. school-teacher Velma Colter, is burned alive by a lynch mob on the roof of her schoolhouse.</p> <p>1928—Tom Howard of the <i>New York Daily News</i> takes an unauthorized photo of Ruth Snyder as the State of New York kills her in an electric chair.</p>	<p>2018—Hawaiian authorities issue an alert: "BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT INBOUND ... SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER. THIS IS NOT A DRILL." A retraction comes 38 minutes later.</p> <p>2017—N.H. State Rep. Carolyn Halstead [R-Milford] drops a loaded handgun on the floor during a packed public hearing at the State House.</p> <p>2002—George W.[MD] Bush passes out and hits the floor of the White House. He blames a pretzel, but an ex-British Foreign Secretary later says that lab techs found alcohol in a sample of Bush's blood.</p> <p>1987—Lee Atwater admits the Reagan anti-drug campaign was "the epitome of the fad issue, a classic really. It came and went in three weeks, max."</p> <p>1964—The tail falls off a B-52, which crashes in Barton, Md. with two nukes aboard. Four crewmen bail out alive, but two of them die of exposure, one just 800 yards from a streetlight.</p> <p>1957—Frisbees go on sale.</p> <p>1946—In Paris, 500 GIs adopt an Enlisted Man's <i>Magna Carta</i>. It's for radical reform of the master-slave relationship between officers and enlisted.</p> <p>1874—NYC Police Commissioner Abram Duryée says 1,600 cops beating unemployed demonstrators was "the most glorious sight I have ever seen."</p> <p>1842—Riding into Jalalabad alone is William Brydon, sole survivor of the 4,500 British soldiers who began a retreat from Kabul one week earlier.</p>	<p>2000—"This is still a dangerous world ... of madmen and uncertainty and potential mental losses," warns George W.[MD] Bush.</p> <p>1969—After warnings from enlisted men aboard the nuke-powered <i>U.S.S. Enterprise</i> go unheeded, the exhaust of a flight deck tractor cooks off a Zuni rocket. It hits an F-4's fuel tank, causing a fire which detonates 4.5 tons of bombs. The whole farrago kills 27, injures 85, and nearly sinks the ship.</p> <p>1967—The First Human Be-In is held—in San Francisco, of course.</p> <p>1963—Standing on a gold star marking the spot where Jefferson Davis was sworn in as president of the Confederacy, George Wallace, being sworn in as Governor of Alabama, vows, "segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever."</p> <p>1957—"I never should have switched from Scotch to Martinis," says former Portsmouth Naval Prison guard Humphrey Bogart, dying at 57.</p> <p>1942—A B-18 crashes on Mt. Water-nomec, two die. Future Gov. Sherman Adams helps rescue five survivors.</p> <p>1878—The U.S. Supreme Court says railroads may provide unequal levels of service on the basis of race.</p> <p>1850—Anarchist Mikhail Bakunin is sentenced to death at 35. That sentence suspended, he spends years in a dungeon, contracts scurvy, is sent to Siberia, escapes, travels the world making trouble for authorities, and eventually dies in Switzerland at 62.</p>	<p>1992—George H.[H.]W. Bush, in N.H. for votes, says "[W]e are blessed. So don't feel sorry for ... don't cry for me, Argentina."</p> <p>1989—On "Larry King Live," guest Donald Trump asks his host, "Do you mind if I sit back a little bit? Because your breath is very bad."</p> <p>1989—On Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, President Reagan says some civil rights leaders are "doing very well ... keeping alive the feeling that they're victims of prejudice."</p> <p>1970—Americans learn from the <i>Washington Monthly</i> that the U.S. Army has had 1,000 investigators spying on U.S. citizens since 1965.</p> <p>1968—Near Dak To, SP/5 Dwight H. Johnson engages so fiercely in a firefight that he is later awarded the Medal of Honor. In 1971 he's shot to death in a suicidal robbery.</p> <p>1968—Ex-Rep Jeanette Rankin [R-Mont.], 87, who voted against WW I and WW II, leads a march against the Vietnam War.</p> <p>1965—Cuba deports Alan Ginsberg for calling Che Guevara "cute."</p> <p>1943—Future Senator Strom Thurmond [R-S.C.] has backseat sex with murderer Sue Logue as she's being driven to the electric chair.</p> <p>1919—In Boston, a badly-built tank collapses, releasing a flood of molasses—a raw material for war munitions; 21 die, 150 are injured.</p> <p>1915—Ralph Chaplin completes his Wobbly anthem, "Solidarity Forever."</p>	<p>2018—White House physician Dr. Ronny Jackson claims Donald Trump a) passed a cognitive test, and b) might live to be 200 if he had a healthier diet.</p> <p>2014—Unable to acquire their usual poison, Ohio tries a new drug combo. A witness called watching Dennis McGuire gasp and snort for 15 minutes "ghastly."</p> <p>1986—The Department of Energy announces a seven-year search for a nuclear waste dump site. One potential site: Hillsborough, N.H.</p> <p>1981—Jeanne Kirkpatrick is made Ambassador to the UN. Within days she complains that her office, limo, staff, and security are "inadequate."</p> <p>1980—Anti-drug pencils are recalled in New York: "Too Cool to Do Drugs" becomes, on sharpening, "Cool to Do Drugs," then "Do Drugs."</p> <p>1972—Vesna Vulović falls 33,000 feet from a bombed DC-9, lands on a snow-covered slope, and lives.</p> <p>1936—Serial killer and cannibal Albert Fish is executed at Sing Sing.</p> <p>1920—Prohibition takes effect: 13 years to the next legal drink.</p> <p>1917—German Foreign Secretary A. Zimmermann telegraphs his ambassador in Mexico, proposing a German/Mexican alliance and offering the return of Texas, Ariz., and N.M.</p> <p>1865—Gen. Wm. Tecumseh Sherman issues Special Field Order No. 15, granting ex-slaves 40 acres and a mule. President Andrew Johnson later reverses the order.</p>	<p>2014—NRA Board Member Ted Nugent, on TV, calls President Obama a "mongrel," and says liberals should be prosecuted for treason.</p> <p>2003—George W.[MD] Bush tells wounded troops at Walter Reed we "must provide the best care" for veterans the same day the VA cuts off health care for 164,000 veterans.</p> <p>2003—Gertrude Janeway, the last known widow of a Union Civil War veteran, dies at 93. When they married, he was 81 and she was 18.</p> <p>1991—Gulf (& Exxon) War I begins with air attacks on Iraq.</p> <p>1986—Ronald Reagan, 74, has polyps removed and authorizes the secret (and illegal) sale of weapons to Iran.</p> <p>1968—George W.[MD] Bush scores just 25 percent on Texas' Air National Guard's pilot aptitude test, but passes.</p> <p>1966—An Air Force tanker and a B-52 collide over Spain, dropping H-bombs & scattering radiation.</p> <p>1962—An executive order gives federal workers the right to strike and plutocrats a reason to want JFK dead.</p> <p>1961—Ike warns against the "acquisition of unwarranted influence" by the "Military-Industrial Complex."</p> <p>1961—Katangan rebels murder deposed Congolese Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba for the CIA.</p> <p>1893—Newspaper publisher Lorin A. Thurston begins a coup d'état against the Kingdom of Hawaii.</p> <p>1834—Alabama makes it illegal for free blacks to reside in the state.</p>	<p>2018—Alleged President Donnie Trump tells the Pentagon he wants a parade just like Emmanuel Macron's.</p> <p>1990—Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry is busted in a drug sting.</p> <p>1983—Taking time out from dissing gays in the <i>Dartmouth Review</i>, Laura Ingraham pleads nolo to shoplifting.</p> <p>1969—Peace talks begin in Paris between U.S. and Vietnam.</p> <p>1968—At the White House, Eartha Kitt has the gall to speak her mind about the Vietnam War. Her career begins to recover a decade later.</p> <p>1943—The Red Army breaks the 890-day Nazi siege of Leningrad.</p> <p>1911—In San Francisco Bay, Eugene B. Ely becomes the first man to land a plane on a ship.</p> <p>1909—The National Guard can suspend <i>habeas corpus</i>, says the high court.</p> <p>1884—Five die and many are injured when a steam boiler explodes at the Wallace Brothers Shoe factory in Rochester, N.H. Its safety valve had been weighted down with bricks.</p> <p>1863—Apache chief Mangas Colorado, having entered Fort McLane, N.M. under a flag of truce, is manacled, tortured, then shot. His skull is sent to a phrenologist.</p> <p>1676—Rhode Islander Joshua Tefft, the Algonquin-speaking widower of a Wampanoag woman, accused of high treason during the Great Swamp Fight, becomes the only Englishman ever drawn and quartered in North America.</p>

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