

The Fortnightly Rant

One Too Many?

Eleven days ago, on Memorial Day, four Minneapolis police officers killed a man. One choked the life out of George Floyd by putting a knee on his neck. Two others helped by holding him down. The fourth stood watch.

One more black man killed by men in blue. It's not a new story. It's so familiar, in fact, that one could argue it wasn't even news.

On the other hand, during this hyper-quantified era in which refrigerators can remotely report to homeowners how many eggs they are holding at any given time, this would certainly seem to be a number of which someone ought to be keeping track.

As it happens, deep within its labyrinthine bowels, the DOJ contains a Bureau of Justice Statistics [BJS]. It maintains an Arrest-Related Deaths [ARD] program intended "to be a census of all deaths that occur during the process of arrest in the United States."

Early in 2015, BJS released a report assessing the ARD. Bottom line: it flunked, catching somewhere between 34 and 49 percent. What's more, that estimate was known to be optimistic, assuming as it did that "all unobserved law enforcement agencies had zero law enforcement homicides."

For nearly 20 years, the Human Rights Data Analysis Group [HRDAG] has been helping human rights projects around the world fight large-scale human rights abuses through the use of rigorous scientific and statistical analysis. HRDAG had the effrontery, a few years ago, to turn its very particular set of skills on the BJS report. The conclusion: it had been too generous.

"Americans are afraid of many

threats to their lives—serial killers, crazed gunmen, gang bangers, and above all terrorists—but these threats are surprisingly unlikely," HRDAG's Patrick Ball wrote in *Granta* on March 4, 2016.

"Approximately three-quarters of all homicide victims in America are killed by someone they know. And the real threat from strangers is quite different from what most fear: one-third of all Americans killed by strangers are killed by police."

Bad news for any American, worse news for African-American males. Last year a paper by the National Academy of Sciences concluded that black men are 2.5 times more likely that white men to be killed by the police.

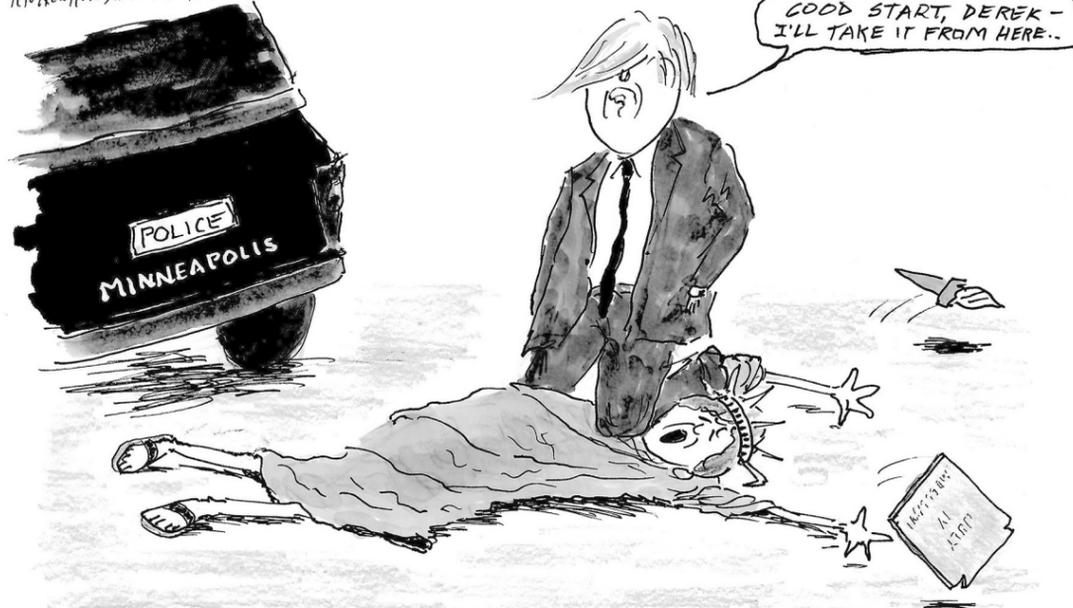
For the average reader of this newspaper, these numbers may be shocking. None of it, probably, would have been news, though, to anyone who was at East 38th and Chicago last week.

A couple of them recorded what they saw; they showed George Floyd's death to the rest of the world. Maybe, just maybe, that one death was one too many.

Protests began almost immediately. Minneapolis police responded by firing tear gas and rubber bullets. Far from deterring the protestors, the police response seems to have inspired others. By Thursday night, demonstrations were taking place across the country and around the world; in Minneapolis, they burned down the 3rd Precinct.

In the wee hours of Friday morning the President sent a tweet assuring the Minnesota governor that "the Military is with him all the way. Any difficulty and we will assume control but, when the looting starts, the shooting starts. Thank you!"

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TRUMP TAKES A KNEE FOR TYRANNY

After years of granting him impunity, Twitter finally cited the President for "glorifying violence." This mild chastisement seems to have bruised his ego beyond the miniscule limits of its tolerance. He vowed revenge through Federal regulation of the company he uses to keep the literate part of his base in a state of constant agitation.

Then the President's day got worse. At about 7:00 p.m., as hundreds of protestors chanted in the vicinity of the White House, a few hopped over a temporary barricade a few hundred feet to the east. "Rattled," according to the *New York Times*, citing "a person with firsthand knowledge" and a "second official familiar with the events," Trump and his family scuttled into an underground bunker surrounded by members of the Secret Service.

The following day, his bravado restored, the most protected man on Earth boasted, "nobody came close to breaching the fence. If they had, they would have been greeted with

the most vicious dogs, and most ominous weapons, I have ever seen."

Whatever remnants of the President's mind survived that trip to the bunker appear to have been lost over the ensuing weekend. Monday he called the nation's governors and berated them for their cowardice, then turned the call over to the Secretary of Defense. *Posse comitatus* be damned, Esper exhorted the governors to "dominate the battlespace."

From the Rose Garden, Trump then "delivered a speech," according to the *New York Times*, "calling himself 'an ally of all peaceful protesters,' [as] the sound of explosions and the yells of demonstrators could be heard [coming from Lafayette Square]. After receiving repeated warnings to disperse before the city's curfew, the crowd was tear-gassed."

Attorney General Barr claims to have ordered the clearance of Lafayette Square. Perhaps that's true; no one can lie with every word. It wouldn't be the first time, though, that he did Trump's bidding with-

out being asked. Where he got the authority to command the National Guard is anyone's guess.

Several parties were filming as Trump, Esper, and other members of this movable fiasco crossed the dominated battlespace to St. John's Episcopal Church. At least one camera captured a chaotic scene in which cops viciously beat an Australian television crew. Another—we're not sure whose, Leni Riefenstahl has been dead for years—captured the low-angle footage necessary for this fall's campaign ads; nary a black protestor in sight.

Once in front of the boarded-up church, the President, had nothing to say. Ivanka Trump reached into her \$1,500 purse and pulled out a Bible, which Trump held aloft; part of the time it was upside down. The White House compared the photo to Churchill's inspections of bomb-damaged London during the Blitz.

It looked more to us like 1922, when Mussolini marched on Rome.

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A Statement on George Floyd, from the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire

Like most of us, we at the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire are outraged because of the murder of George Floyd. We are outraged because of his murder and because of other recent displays of the type of injustices African Americans bear daily. We are outraged and we are made weary. Part of our outrage is as you might expect: We are the Black Heritage Trail and Black Lives do Matter. But our outrage is not only because our focus is the history of Black Americans.

"What we learn from this history in our state helps me articulate another aspect of our outrage. In this state, before it was a state, before there was a country for any state to exist in, there was an African man, Prince Jonhonneth, who volunteered to fight with other future Americans in the Revolutionary War. He fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill. He is not the only African who fought for

the idea and the ideals of our nation. For many Black Americans, the idea of America, all too often, is primarily aspirational. When we choose to be patriotic, an amazing choice, given most readings of history, we are making a conscious decision to believe in a hope, in a promise. It is to choose to walk forward in faith, oftentimes against common sense, propelled forward by the ideal of America, as yet unborn. Our outrage is a patriotic outrage. For us to sit back and accept this would be to betray the bravery and sacrifice of Mr. Jonhonneth and others.

"Whatever else we, as citizens, as supporters of the Trail, as human beings do, The Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire will continue to do the work of telling the stories of Africans in our state. We will continue to encourage conversations about these critical issues; we will support each other as we continue to move

forward in this work, and in all of our work, especially when that work aspires to strengthen community and provide support to the people who make community possible.

"Thank you for your support of the Trail. May you and your circle of intimates be blessed with health and peace."

Sincerely, Reverend Robert H. Thompson, President of the Board, Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire; <http://blackheritagetrailnh.org/>

Lynch Law Passage Blocked

Exactly six score years ago, journalist Ida B. Wells-Barnett, born into slavery, wrote of an "unwritten law" justifying what she called "our national crime": lynching.

For forty years she worked to make that crime impossible to ignore. When she died in 1931, there was still no Federal law against it. Nor is there today.

Yesterday George Floyd was memorialized. Also yesterday, an anti-lynching bill was blocked in the U.S. Senate. Rand Paul [R-Ky.] insisted that his motives were pure and that he abhors racism. He objected, he said, because the bill defines lynching too broadly and thereby runs the risk of creating, not preventing, injustice.

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Celebrate D-Day by Being a Jerk

According to the most fatuous news release we've seen in years, "ReopenNH is calling on all Granite Staters to Storm the Beaches this weekend to peacefully liberate New Hampshire from the arbitrary and unlawful edicts of Gov. Chris Sununu and his team of bureaucrats. ReopenNH's peaceful rally will take place at [Never mind.] on Saturday, June 6, from noon to 4 p.m."

From whence, one would hope, caring family members would lead

participants away for a quiet talk.

"We're asking Granite Staters to help us celebrate D-Day and the freedoms that our ancestors were willing to fight and die for, which many have taken for granted," said Andrew J. Manuse, chairman of *ReopenNH*, displaying an awe-inspiring ability to interpret history in the dumbest way imaginable.

"Our forefathers were willing to storm the beaches of Normandy under enemy fire to liberate our mother countries overseas and prevent the spread of tyranny to our land. Let us not lose the spirit that made America the envy of the world."

No, let us lose our damn minds, instead—Woops! Too late!

"We must have the same passion for protecting the rights of individuals, businesses, religious organi-

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zations, and nonprofit groups and not let government or unruly mobs trample our liberty," Manuse added. "Remember, our Constitution was written to protect the rights of minorities, so even if it seems like Granite Staters are facing an insurmountable force, we should rest assured that the Rule of Law and God Almighty are on our side."

We wish misfortune on no one, but if Zeus—were ever to make himself manifest, tomorrow... [bites tongue.]

It Was All Going to Be So Splendid... EVERETT, Wash., Sept. 4, 2018—

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has granted Boeing's [NYSE: BA] KC-46 tanker program a Supplemental Type Certificate (STC), verifying that its refueling and mission avionics systems meet FAA requirements. The milestone marks completion of KC-46 FAA certification.

To receive its STC, Boeing's team completed a series of lab, ground and flight tests, which commenced in 2015. As part of the required flight testing, the team validated the KC-46's boom and drogue aerial refueling systems met FAA certification criteria. [Em-

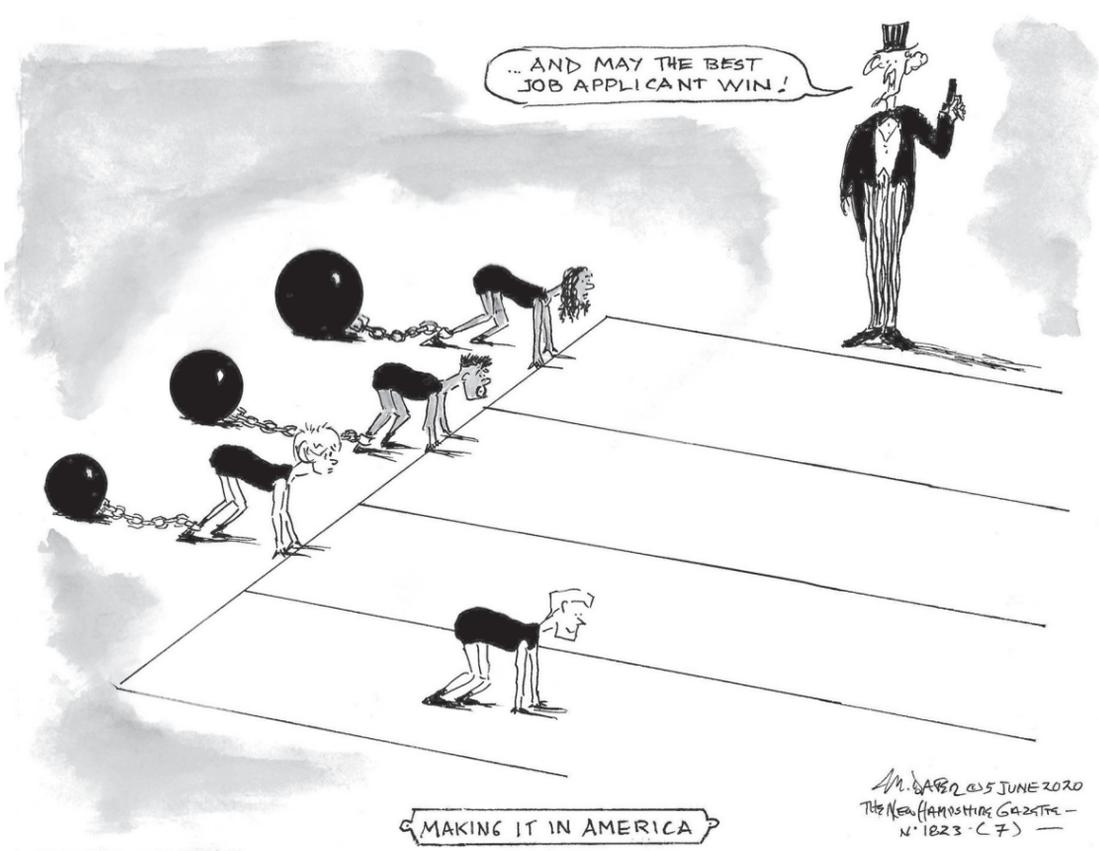
phasis added.] Our Boeing/Air Force test team did an outstanding job successfully leading us through all the requirements, and we appreciate the FAA's collaboration as well," said Mike Gibbons, Boeing KC-46A tanker vice president and program manager. **"This milestone is important in that it is one of the last major hurdles in advance of first delivery to the U.S. Air Force....** [Em-

phasis added.] Six aircraft have supported various segments of STC and MTC testing. Overall they have completed 3,500 flight hours and offloaded more than three million pounds of fuel during refueling flights with F-16, F/A-18, AV-8B, C-17, A-10, KC-10, KC-135 and KC-46 aircraft.

... Boeing is currently on contract for the first 34 of an expected 179 tankers for the U.S. Air Force.

— The Boeing Company

Now nothing stands in the way of the KC-46 entering service. This is a rather remarkable achievement for a program that only began in 2011 and which even late last year was struggling to resolve problems with parts of its refueling system. The Air Force is now scheduled to receive its first production tanker this month with the remaining 17 aircraft required under the original



Congress and Fleet streets, at 1:15 p.m. on Monday, May 25th. Every Memorial Day for a century and a half, a parade has passed through this intersection. Not this accursed year, though.

contract to be delivered no later than April 2019.

— Dan Gouré, Real Clear Defense, September 12, 2018; "The KC-46 Is on the Cusp of Transforming U.S. Air Mobility"

The head of U.S. Transportation Command has warned that delays to the new KC-46 Pegasus tanker could require the military to rethink its plans for aerial refueling.

Gen. Stephen Lyons, speaking to the Atlantic Council last month, said issues with developing and fielding the KC-46 could further complicate refueling efforts if the Air Force sticks to its plan to retire legacy tankers, according to Defense News.

Officials had already planned on retiring some older KC-135 and KC-10 tankers as they field the new tanker. But leaders have also made it clear the KC-46 will not see action in combat until problems with the boom camera are resolved.

The boom issue is one of several that have plagued the new Boeing-built

plane, which has been fielded to some active-component units and one Guard wing, the 157th Air Refueling Wing in New Hampshire. The 157th received its first two KC-46 tankers in August and is slated to receive additional planes this year.

— National Guard Association of the U.S., February 4, 2020

The U.S. military's top transportation commander is urging the Air Force to keep more of its legacy air-refuelers in service until more of the Boeing-built KC-46 Pegasus aircraft are delivered and operational.

Speaking at a congressional hearing last week, Gen. Stephen Lyons, the head of U.S. Transportation Command, said the service should rethink its plan to retire 13 KC-135s and 10 KC-10s during fiscal 2021, warning that failure to do so would create a capacity bathtub with significant impacts to Combatant Command daily competition and wartime missions.

... The KC-46, the newest tanker in the fleet, has been plagued with issues

since delivery began in 2018, including problems with the remote vision system for the refueling boom. **Officials believe a fix for the remote vision system will be ready in the coming weeks.** [Emphasis added.]

Air Force leaders proposed cuts to the legacy fleet in order to fund other projects. But Lyons argued that keeping the 23 tankers in service would only cost about \$110 million, according to Breaking Defense.

The Air Guard has 17 air refueling wings, most of them fly the aging KC-135. One, New Hampshire's 157th Air Refueling Wing, flies the new KC-46.

— National Guard Association of the U.S., March 3, 2020

Why The Air Force's Latest Flight Plan For Its KC-46 Tankers Looks Likely To Finally Deliver Success

It is now nearly 20 years since the U.S. Air Force decided it needed to replace its aging fleet of aerial refueling tankers, and settled on a modified version of the Boeing 767 jetliner as the logical solution. At the time, most of the

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— Joe Keefe

tankers in the fleet were already over 35 years old.

What followed was one of the most Byzantine, convoluted stories in the history of military acquisition. First the Air Force tried to lease 100 of the planes from Boeing. Then it was forced by Congress to conduct a competition which derailed and had to be rerun. Then it encountered major delays in fielding the plane it selected.

The good news is that in the end, it got what looks to be the most capable and efficient aerial refueler ever built. It began accepting that plane, the KC-46 Pegasus, at air bases in Kansas, Oklahoma and New Hampshire last year. As originally planned, Pegasus is based on the 767 airframe built by Boeing (a contributor to my think tank). [Emphasis added.]

— Loren Thompson, Senior Contributor, Aerospace & Defense, *Forbes.com*, April 9, 2020

WASHINGTON — New Hampshire's U.S. senators are among three

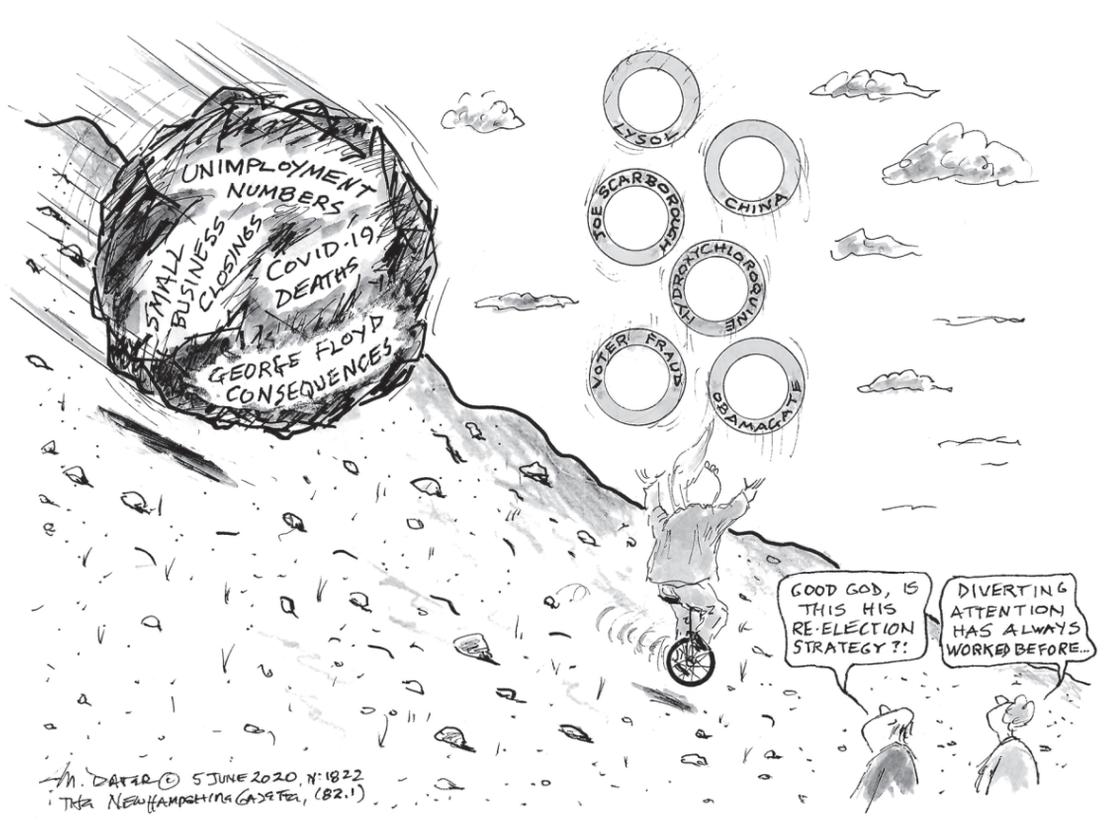
calling for the Government Accountability Office to investigate ongoing delays keeping the new KC-46 refueling tankers from being used in operational missions. ...

In the letter, the Senators wrote, 'The KC-46 aerial refueling tanker modernization program, currently assessed at a cost of about \$43 billion, is one of the Air Force's highest acquisition priorities... The Air Force started accepting aircraft in January 2019 with these critical deficiencies. While the Air Force has already accepted over 30 aircraft, U.S. Transportation Command has decided not to use the aircraft in operations until the critical deficiencies are fixed, which is not expected to occur until 2023.' [Emphasis added.]

— Portsmouth Herald, Friday, May 22, 2020

RIP, Irene Triplett

Sadly, we report the death of Irene Triplett, of Wilkesboro, N.C. Ninety years old, she was the last-known surviving child of a veteran



Ossifer Krupke, in full riot gear including a 9 mm Sig Sauer self-firing pistola acquired as surplus from the Policia Nacional de Colombia [returned as defective, actually, but let's not split hairs] and a few jelly donuts squished between his body armor and his Under Armor,® was on patrol Tuesday, May 26th when he encountered the above-depicted flag displayed vertically with the union on the right instead of the left. Eternal vigilance being the price of upholding the fetishization of material objects which symbolize the values of a purported republic in the absence of any perceptible functionality. Since property is the only thing left protected by the Constitution, Krupke had no choice but to bust this parcel of real estate.

of the Civil War.

In a war that famously saw brother fighting brother, Irene's father took things a step farther. Moses Triplett fought on both sides. Originally a private in the Confederate Army, he deserted as his unit was on the march, about a week before the Battle of Gettysburg. It was the smart move: less than ten percent of his outfit survived. Swapping the gray for the blue, he spent the last year of the war with the 3rd North Carolina Mounted Infantry.

Moses married his second wife in 1924, when he was 78. His wife Elida Hall was just 27. Irene came along in 1930. Her life story could have been written by William Faulkner or Erskine Caldwell.

"I didn't care for neither one [of my parents], to tell you the truth about it," she said, in a *Washington Post* article published Thursday. "I wanted to get away from both of them. I wanted to get me a house and crawl in it all by myself."

She dropped out of sixth grade; the other children called her father

"the traitor." Cognitively-impaired, according to the *Post*, Irene and her mother lived for many years in a rat-infested county poorhouse. At least her last years were spent in a private nursing home, which seems to have been an improvement; its director told the *Post*, "I never saw her angry. Everything was funny."

There's one other bright spot in this rather depressing story: with Irene's demise, a burden has been lifted from the taxpayer; a line item removed from the budget of the Department of Veterans Affairs. As the helpless adult child of a veteran, she had been receiving a pension of \$73.13 a month; 155 years after Appomattox, the Civil War is paid for.

Pining for the Newsprint

This makes our sixth consecutive issue published solely in this nebulous and intangible space since March 13th—the last time we sullied fresh newsprint. Like many others fortunate enough not to work in a meat-packing plant or, god help us, an infectious disease ward, we've

been spending most of our time rattling around the office.

That's quite a change from the old routine. Over the decades we've grown quite fond of frequent, brief, impromptu sidewalk conferences with readers, advertisers, and miscellaneous ne'er-do-wells. There's no telling to what extent these random interactions have helped to shape the paper. The volunteer distribution system which has served us so well these many years evolved from one such meeting outside Portsmouth Health Food. Thanks, Deb—we have not forgotten. As for the urban grazing, well... In this town? [Sighs.] *C'est la vie...* at least the pants fit better now.

Lord knows we can't complain about any lack of stimulation. It's always been a challenge trying to keep up with events, but these goings-on? This is... just literally insane.

On the upside, it gives us something to think about other than how many papers we haven't been able to put on the street. [At this point, 30,000.]

Murph's Fortnightly Quote
 "Our nation's summers of riots are caused by our nation's winters of delay."
 — Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., July 28, 1966

"The storm of frenzy and faction must inevitably dash itself in vain against the unshaken rock of the Constitution."
 — Franklin Pierce (1804 – 1869) American general, lawyer, and politician, 14th President of the United States
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 — James Baldwin
 — Not-So-Random Thoughts from an Oregon Subscriber

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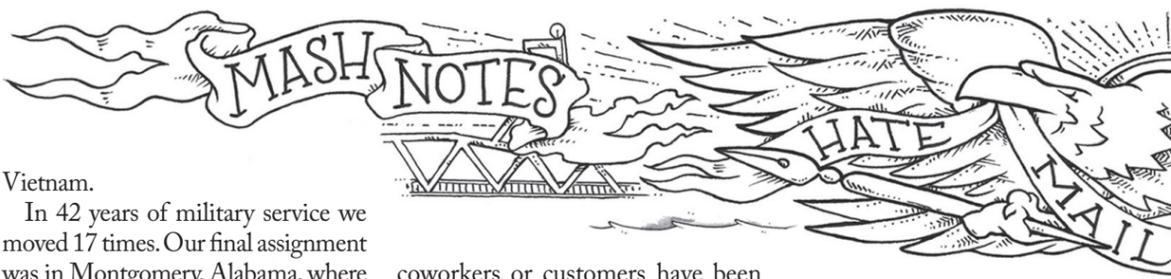
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When Trump May Need the U.S.P.S.

To the Editor:

The Post Office represents the hope for the future of a functional republic. It has endured thousands of cuts from so-called "conservatives" in Congress who seek to break the postal union and impose pension requirements that no for-profit business not awash in billions could survive. Withal, the U.S.P.S. continues to link all in our country with excellent service and the best package shipping rates for working schmucks like you and me who don't have the bucks or volume to wangle sweetheart deals with UPS or FedEx, who are licking their chops at the prospect of devouring the spoils of a broken-up U.S. Postal Service at the hands of "conservatives" who are really lying plutocrats and their flunkies in the GOP. And its union takes care of the health, safety and earning power of its members, unlike the non-union, anti-union private carriers.

No wonder the brooding, addled, orange-tinted, ethically bankrupt business failure in the White House would endeavor to bleed the Postal Service to death and break its union. It's simply too functional and essential for a President who is neither.

My call: The people of this nation step back, come to their senses, and decide that the old slogan, "Mail moves the country, and zip code (and by extension the U.S. Postal Service) moves the mail." The U.S. Postal Service, will survive—if barely—even Trump and the plutocrats whose bidding he does, and be standing intact and doing its job for us all, long after the electorate has sent Trump packing out of the White House—and likely into the custody of Attorneys General of several states, and maybe even U.S. Marshals.

Who knows? If he gets his just deserts, he may depend on the U.S. Postal Service for sycophant mail while doing time at whatever country club prison or house arrest the law banishes him to. Who says there can't be a little poetry in justice in this prosaically ugly quadrennium?

Mark Trafton
Exeter, N.H.

Mark:

We're sure you're familiar with Proverbs 29:18, which, in the King James Version, reads as follows: "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." Trump, narcissist that he is, sees only his own face—which he somehow finds attractive. Your vision of his future is exquisite.

The Editor

Put Joe Behind the Wheel

To the Editor:

Living under the Trump Administration feels like being a passenger in a speeding car with a texting driver. And it gets worse. The President's frequent threats to suppress vote-by-mail ballots are the equivalent of engaging the child door locks, trying to trap us in his reckless journey. He's putting lives at risk because of his feckless leadership in a crisis.

The President's allies might suggest that Joe Biden is just an old man, driving below the speed limit. Given a choice, I'd rather be in Biden's car. He would be more aware of what is going on around his vehicle. Unlike the President he would not put his passengers' lives needlessly at risk. Unlike the President, he would be open to input from his passengers on the best and safest route to the destination they have chosen.

I think I'll hitch a ride with Joe Biden in November!

Andrew Weir
San Antonio, Texas

Andrew:

We're with you—despite being somewhat disgruntled at having to settle for a geriatric driver.

The Editor

Using Religion for Politics

To the Editor:

I grew up in the church. We lived two doors away, and my dad was a deacon. Sunday mornings, I sat between my parents in the pews. I sang in the choir and attended Scouting at the church. Among my keepsakes are pins denoting eight years of perfect attendance at Sunday School. I was President of the Youth Fellowship before I signed up for the Air Force, during

Vietnam.

In 42 years of military service we moved 17 times. Our final assignment was in Montgomery, Alabama, where we attended several churches—white, black, Jewish—and participated in the civic group One Montgomery, whose members were very active in churches. I honor the teachings of Jesus, particularly the Golden Rule, and know that we have a duty to our fellow man. But we know God is everywhere, and we are staying home.

President Trump has, in the past several days, embarked on an effort to order re-opening of churches. He does this not because he is religious, or concerned about constitutional rights, but to divert attention from his mishandling of the pandemic response, to cleanse his hands of the blood of those whose lives his irresponsibility has cost.

Trump knows, or at least anyone qualified to be President ought to know, that if people gather in pews too soon, many will die, particularly the elders. In urging people to congregate while the contagion rages, Trump shows that he does not care about people, he cares only about his reelection.

Don Nolte
Exeter N.H.

Don:

We'll note for the record that we received this letter before Trump tear-gassed a path to a church to demagogue with a Bible in his little hand.

The Editor

Our Coward-in-Chief

To the Editor:

President Trump is so afraid of the Covid virus that everyone in the White House has to be tested every day. If anyone close to him or the Vice President tests positive Trump starts popping the pills he claimed were going to be the great cure. Given that, why would anyone think it is safe to go back to work when neither you, your

coworkers or customers have been tested at all, let alone daily. Why would you trust the word of our Presidential Coward-in-Chief?

Senator Susan Collins and her party believe they can force the 36 million who lost their jobs to risk their and their family's lives by stopping the unemployment checks in July. They do not care about workers' lives. They are expendable. Companies are not. They want to prevent companies from being sued if you or a customer get sick or die because they put money over people.

If Donald Trump and his party cared anything about the health of you and your family there would not be 97,000 dead and counting. They certainly would not be treating your life as less important than company profits or their own reelection.

Walter Hamilton
Portsmouth N.H.

Walter:

More frightening than this pandemic is the knowledge that so many Americans look at the same man you describe and see, not a craven coward, but a hero.

The Editor

A Thin-Skinned Would-Be Tyrant

To the Editor:

Naturally, Democrats want to defeat the President Trump in the next election. Trump takes that personally and melts down. When then-Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, speaking for Republicans, said, "The single most important thing we want to achieve is for President Obama to be a one-term President," Obama didn't whine about how badly he was treated, or insult McConnell with nasty names on Twitter, or blame the media. He got busy.

With the help of Joe Biden and Congress he rescued the country from the Great Recession with the \$787 bil-

lion America Recovery and Reinvestment Act, spurring economic growth, turning around the U.S. auto industry and cutting the unemployment rate from 10 percent to 4.7 percent.

He signed the Affordable Care Act providing health insurance to over 20 million uninsured Americans, put Medicare on sounder financial footing, dropped the veteran homeless rate by 50 percent, and increased Department of Veteran Affairs funding.

He ended the war in Iraq, eliminated Osama Bin Laden, and improved America's image abroad.

President Obama also won a second term and became the first President since Dwight Eisenhower to serve two terms with no serious personal or political scandal. The comparison is painful for Trump. No wonder he is on the attack with made up charges—it makes him feel better and distracts from his handling of the pandemic.

Cynthia Muse
Rye, N.H.

Cynthia:

We wonder if he even cares enough to envy Obama's popularity. We suspect his recent remarks about domination get closer to his true feelings.

The Editor

Sadists and Masochists

To the Editor:

I got a good laugh today. A guy told me "The far right Republicans are evil and the lefty Democrats stink; we need politicians that are in between."

Well I see the Republicans as a form of sadists and yes, that makes the Democrats masochists. This might seem a strange view at first but don't the Democrats lose so often and so painfully that by now its obvious they secretly want it. Before every kick in the teeth they get down on all fours

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visit a relative.

Is there any viable solution to this long-standing dilemma? Yes, I think Israel's government and its military must be held accountable for their illegal and immoral actions. First, cut off all military assistance until Israel abides by international law, especially the Fourth Geneva Conventions. Israel must end its brutal military occupation as this is the source of much of the conflict. It must stop its dehumanization of the Palestinian people just as America must stop doing the same to Black and Brown people in this country and overseas.

Will Thomas
Auburn, N.H.

Will:

When our dominant political party [see above letter from Tom Laparriere] is doing everything in its considerable power to keep us on the ropes as it loots the country and prepares to further entrench itself, it takes a cool head to remember issues like this.

Overcome right wing intransigence—in the U.S. and in Israel—and it could be solved. If it were, many other problems would become less intractable.

The Editor

Ugly Patterns and Unseemly Practices

To the Editor:

Under federal law, the U.S. Department of Justice is charged with conducting a "pattern-or-practice investigation" when there is evidence of persistent biased or improper policing, with excessive use of force or other unconstitutional practices by law enforcement. A federal pattern-or-practice investigation is conducted in addition to any criminal charges or other action taken by state and local authorities.

The recent killing of an unarmed, handcuffed black man by a white

Minneapolis police officer who knelt on the man's neck for eight minutes while the man said he couldn't breathe and three white officers looked on, is apparently just the latest in a series of improper actions by that police department. Not only had the officer himself been disciplined in the past, there is evidence that the department had embraced a biased "warrior" ethos.

The problem in our country today is that the Justice Department itself, and the White House, are led by individuals who have expressed biased views. The President has not only encouraged and threatened use of force, and commented that white supremacists were "very good people," he has suggested that African-American members of Congress (U.S. citizens) "go back to the countries they came from."

With such persons in charge, it is unlikely that the Federal government will step in to correct biased or improper practices. It is our duty as voters to remove such officials from their positions of responsibility—if indeed we are allowed to vote this November.

Don Nolte

Exeter N.H.

Don:

For forty years, America could look to John Mitchell as the worst Attorney General imaginable. Now, Trump and Barr have even robbed us of that.

The Editor

No More Room on the Vietnam Memorial? Add a New Wall!

To the Editor:

How would you feel if your son, brother or father had been deployed to the Vietnam War and then tragically died, but his name is not honored on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, D.C.?

The Pentagon says your loved one's name is left off of The Wall because he had died outside of an arbitrarily designated "combat zone."

And how would you feel learning

there are many men who also had died outside of this combat zone, but their names are honored on The Wall?

There is a growing movement of veterans who lost a military brother, and families who lost a relative, from two different disasters during the Vietnam War, demanding action. Action to get a total of 167 sailors' and soldiers' names who died in these disasters onto The Wall.

Senator Jeanne Shaheen is currently the only U.S. Senator cosponsoring two senate bills: S.849, "The U.S.S. Frank E. Evans Act" and S.1891, "Flying Tigers Flight 739 Act" that would approve their names to be on The Wall. Senator Maggie Hassan is a cosponsor of S.849.

And this is likely the tip of an iceberg. Tim Tetz, a spokesman for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF), the nonprofit group that built The Wall said: "The last DOD estimate I heard of mentioned approximately 500 individuals were in somewhat similar circumstances..."

On June 3, 1969 the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans was participating in a 40-ship armada "show of force" war exercise meant to intimidate the North Vietnamese. The Evans was struck broadside by an Australian aircraft carrier ripping the destroyer in half and drowning 74 sailors.

The destroyer had served in several naval bombardment missions to support ground troops in Vietnam. The "Lost 74" names are not on the Wall because the tragedy happened about 100 miles outside of the combat zone. Gary Vigue and Ronald Thibodeau are Granite Staters who died in this tragedy.

On March 15, 1962 there were 93 hand-picked Army soldiers deployed on a classified mission to the Vietnam War. En route to Saigon, their plane, Flying Tigers Flight 739, disappeared between Guam and the Philippines. The official cause of the disaster is "unknown" and the Pentagon had sealed the records. However, Donald Sargent from Ossipee, was listed as being on board the flight.

The VVMF built The Wall by raising \$8 million in private donations.

Robert Doubek, a Vietnam veteran and a founder of the VVMF, "was tasked with identifying all of the names to be included on the Wall." There is no official listing of casualties from the Vietnam War, but Doubek "tried to make the best call he could when adding names to the list." Doubek determined a multitude of deserving men had died outside the combat zone and added their names to The Wall.

This included: deaths from an Air Force bomber from Guam exploding over the Pacific; deaths from the S.S. Mayaguez incident in Cambodia; and deaths that occurred in Thailand and Laos.

The DOD was later given the authority to determine any new names to be added to The Wall. The names of 375 have been added to The Wall since it was dedicated in 1982.

The National Park Service (NPS) that maintains The Wall, claims there is now not enough room for a large group of names to be added. A representative for NPS testified to Congress saying a "wholesale replacement" of The Wall would be needed.

Maya Lin, the designer of The Wall, said: "The names are the memorial. No edifice or structure can bring people to mind as powerfully as their names." Lin wanted the structure of The Wall to look like a "cut in the earth" that would eventually "heal."

This Memorial Day I was wondering what could be done, and I found an aerial view of The Wall. I almost instantly visualized a new wall.

A new wall could be placed in front and parallel to the existing wall—like a mirror image. It would be smaller version of the existing wall. An aerial view would look like two stripes that would be symbolic of the stripes worn by the enlisted ranks of the armed services. The enlisted ranks were the vast majority of those killed in the war. This design would still be a cut in the earth, just more pronounced. This additional wall would also allow space for more names to be added in perpetuity.

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and wail about the injustice the Republicans are going to commit, and then, like clockwork, another kick in the teeth for the Democrats to howl in pain about.

I guess there really isn't any place in the middle of that; which explains why no one is there.

The Democrats keep trying to get a safe word but Mitch McConnell won't agree to one.

Tom Laparriere
Rochester, N.H.

Tom:

Good god, man—did you have to put these images into our formerly-chaste editorial head?

The Editor

Solution? End the Occupation!

To the Editor:

If Israel annexes more Palestinian land, anticipate a violent uprising. Already, the head of the Israeli Occupation Forces has sent additional troops into the West Bank. Moreover, If Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu takes more Palestinian land, any hope for two states vanishes.

Palestinians desire freedom of movement, access to clean water, and an end to Israeli "settler" violence against them and their children. Palestinian farmers seek an end to the destruction of their animals and olive trees by settlers and the military. Palestinians want an end to an apartheid system which forces them to use separate sidewalks and roads, and to have to pass through dehumanizing checkpoints. Having seen it first-hand, I can attest to its "othering" of Palestinians who often are held up at such checkpoints that forces many Palestinians to rise early and have to wait in line for one or more hours in order to get to work, to school, to a health clinic or to

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Calling Toody and Muldoon

by William Marvel

Thirty-odd years ago I got a phone call out of the blue from Mike Cavanaugh, a retired Philadelphia policeman. I didn't know him, but he had a four-year contract to write a book about the Civil War battle of the "Crater," and the contract was barely 90 days away from the deadline. He had done all the research, but had written only half a page, and wanted to know if I would be interested in co-authoring the book with him. At the time I was writing the biography of the Union general who lost that battle, so it seemed like an easy transition, and a few days later Mike showed up at my house with several boxes of notes.

He had a lot of cop tales to tell, beginning right after dinner on his first night here, when he saw his old partner, Mike Chitwood, on the Channel 6 news. Chitwood, who was then the Portland police chief, was known in Philadelphia

for making the original arrest of the "Unicorn" killer. The two Mikes had served during the tenure of the notoriously tough Frank Rizzo as police commissioner and mayor, but theirs sounded more like a Barney Miller department.

One story involved an officer who, near the end of his day's shift, responded to the scene of a shooting. The victim lay in the middle of the street outside the bar where he had gotten into a fight, and the centerline of that street marked the precinct boundary. Without waiting for a police "chalk fairy" to outline the body, the detective dragged the deceased a couple of feet toward the curb and called his precinct headquarters, reporting that the case was outside their jurisdiction.

Most of Mike's stories inadvertently illustrated how seldom Philadelphia police resorted to force, despite that city's reputation for violence and occasional police brutality. He retired as a lieutenant in the detective division, but he also spent

a lot of years as a patrolman, yet he never fired his weapon in the line of duty.

His accounts of department inspections and range practice hint that his restraint was not uncommon. Apparently his precinct grew lax about inspections during an extended period, and an older sergeant managed to avoid a close examination of his service revolver for years. When a new commander took over and sprang a surprise inspection of all officers and their equipment, he found the barrel of the sergeant's sidearm blocked by a cocoon.

It may have been the same veteran precinct commander who sent everyone to the firing range, where it became evident that another veteran officer had become negligent about target practice and replenishing his ammunition. The first round he fired resulted in a barely audible "pop," and the bullet emerged with so little velocity that everyone could see it floating toward the target, beneath which it tumbled to the floor.



Those don't appear to have been cops who were accustomed to using excessive force. Perhaps they patrolled less troubled neighborhoods, but they also enjoyed a more relaxed era. Police were regarded as heroic mainly because they resorted to deadly force only when confronted by unmistakable threats; they exercised such restraint that a criminal could usually get the drop on them.

Police practices seem a little different today, at least as they emerge in the videos of incidents that ended badly. In some of the more disturbing examples, the officers involved show more concern about protecting themselves than about protecting the public. Almost every video of

a police shooting reveals obvious fear on the part of the police, whether justified or not. In the last few years a couple of prominent instances of that phenomenon have emerged from the vicinity of Minneapolis.

The fear factor becomes more apparent in police encounters with black people, no matter what race the officer happens to be, but it has some impact in almost every case where police shoot a citizen. According to the *Washington Post*, police across the country have killed just under 1,000 people a year for the last four years. Black men are disproportionately represented in that toll, but the greatest number by far were white, with Hispanics a distant third. The casual cruelty inflicted on George Floyd is a problem all its own, but Americans of every color could breathe a little easier if police training leaned less heavily toward the doctrine that an officer's first duty is self-preservation. The profession could easily be considered heroic again.

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According to a 2017 financial statement, the VVMF that would fund a new wall had more than \$40 million in total assets. Will the VVMF's board of directors be willing to approve and fund a new wall at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial that will help heal many open wounds of veterans and family members?

The names are the Memorial. John Meinhold Portsmouth, N.H.

The writer is an Air Force veteran and the son of a decorated WWII air combat veteran who was listed as MIA during March of 1945.

John: Congratulations: out of the myriad structures in Washington, D.C., you



have brought up the one about which we are least capable of pretending to be either dispassionate or disinterested.

Tear down the FBI building? You bet. Paint the Supreme Court black? Let's consider it. Mount a gigantic ATM on the steps of the Capitol? Why not? Put a gigantic sign in front of the White House saying, "Beware! Mad Dog!" Absolutely!

Modify the Vietnam Veterans Memorial? Let's slow down here...

Feeling the need for backup, we forwarded your letter to a couple of fellow Vietnam veterans.

The first calmly responded:

"Why does the government feel the need to be fair about this issue of making sure every [obscene G.I. jargon de-

noting a male individual] gets on the wall when everything else about our war, from the very beginning, was f_____d up, reeking of unfairness. First of all, those of us that went were mostly poor, working class, or a minority, kids without a rich dad to keep us in college or bribe some doctor to give us an out. Once inducted in the military, nothing was fair. If you wanted to go to the 'Nam and kill [indigenous asians], you were sent to Germany; if you were revulsed about killing, you were assigned to an infantry unit and shipped on the first plane to I Corps. And it wasn't fair how we died, alone and scared, just pawns in the game.

"So the bottom line is: nothing else

about that f_____up war was fair, so why should this be! Tough shit, if you didn't get on the wall. What to [sic] f_____k did you expect from this f_____up country. Worst yet, there is no end to this s_____t: the list of wannabes continues to go. Pretty soon, some dazed enlistee, who found out that he had gotten orders to the Nam in 1968, gets drunk and is KIA, driving into an oak tree. Pretty soon, they will want him on the wall also, because, after all, he was on the way to Vietnam.

"As a backup compromise, put them on a wall but don't f_____k with the one we have already broken-in, sacramentally anointed, as it is, by a tsunami of tears over the years. Instead, find another slab or [sic] that black granite, set

it up somewhere nearby and put the new names on it. If do-gooders complain, tell them like any real Vietnam veteran would, 'it-don't-mean-nothing.'"

The second [edited for space] wrote, "The whole f_____ing thing stinks as much as the 'Nam's murky rice paddies in humid 95-degree heat. As _____ says, there's no end to this s_____t. I wouldn't want to see another Wall, even a smaller one in that space. The two-Wall chevron idea is nothing I'd be in favor of. Where the Wall memorial now sits is all that should be there, like a haunting ghost from a misbegotten war that never should have been. There is no good alternative to the Wall quandary, but a second Wall in that sacred place would detract from the power of Maya Lin's profound design. And vets don't need the chevron affect!"

Thanks, J_____ and P_____!

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What does “Small Government” buy us?

by Jim Hightower

Amazingly, America has become a nation of socialists, asking in dismay: “Where’s the government?”

These are not born-again Bernie Sanders activists, but everyday people of all political stripes (including previously apolitical multitudes) who’re now clamoring for big government intervention in their lives. Nothing like a spreading coronavirus pandemic to bring home the need

that all of us have—both as individuals and as a society—for an adequately-funded, fully-functioning, competent government capable of serving all. Instead, in our moment of critical national need, Trump’s government was a rickety medicine show run by a small-minded flim-flammer peddling laissez-fairlyland snake oil.

“We have it totally under control,” Trump pompously declared after the first U.S. case was confirmed in

January. For weeks, as the pandemic spread out of control, he did nothing—an increasingly anxious public found that they couldn’t even get reliable test kits from Trump’s hollowed-out government health agencies. Still, he shrugged off all concern and responsibility: “By April, you know, in theory,” he said, “when it gets a little warmer, it miraculously goes away.” Not exactly a can-do Rooseveltian response to a national crisis!

By March the inconvenient fact of a rising death toll exposed this imposter of a president as incompetent, uncaring...and silly. That complete absence of White House leadership is why a deadly pathogen is now raging practically everywhere across our land, unknown millions of us are being infected, a “closed indefinitely” sign has literally been hung on the American economy, and even our people’s social and civic interactions—the essence of community

life—have been halted.

Right-wing politico Grover Norquist once said he wanted a government so small “I can drag it into the bathroom and drown it in the bathtub.” Trump has shown us what such a small-minded government looks like. And what it costs us.

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The Four Horsemen of This Apocalypse

by Andrew Moss

Recently, while taking a virtual tour of New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art, I came across an image of Albrecht Durer’s 1498 woodcut, “The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.” This woodcut was one of 15 that Durer produced for a book illustrating the Bible’s “Revelation to John,” and the image powerfully represents scripture’s Four Horsemen: conquest, war and violence, famine, and death. Earlier artists tended to represent each horseman separately, but Durer chose to present them together, galloping fiercely across a visual field.

Durer created the image more than 500 years ago, yet it continues to startle, displaying the horsemen’s combined energies and inspiring thought about the collective energies of our own apocalyptic horsemen: economic oppression, racism, environmental injustice, and militarism.

Helping us imagine the horseman of economic oppression, Durer (and the author of the Book of Revelation) lends a symbol to our present day. His horseman representing famine carries a scale indicating exorbitant food costs and economic breakdown.

Today’s horseman of economic oppression trails clouds of suffering, images of desperation: food insecurity increasing dramatically since the onset of the pandemic, long lines of people waiting at food banks, and mothers with children

reporting that their kids don’t have enough to eat (one in five mothers today, according to recent surveys). We see millions of people with no health insurance in the midst of a pandemic (up to 27 million losing employer-based insurance, with about six million of those people expected to be ineligible for subsidized backup insurance).

The horseman’s demeanor evinces stone-like indifference and intransigence. We see these qualities exuded by an administration resisting efforts to provide long-term expansion of a successful food stamp program, portraying it as a backdoor opening to the welfare state. Those same stone-like qualities permeate continuing efforts to rule the Affordable Care Act unconstitutional, as well as to prevent the extension of unemployment benefits (“over our dead bodies,” according to one Congressional ally of the President).

Meanwhile, one recalls the massive 2017 tax cuts for the wealthy and for corporations—while occasionally catching glimpses of financial dealings of the ultra-rich (e.g. multimillion dollar homes still being sold and bought in the wealthy enclaves of Los Angeles). The horseman of economic injustice did not

originate with this administration, but he helped bring it into being, and he now rides ever more emboldened by it.



The second rider, the horseman of racism, has also been around a long time, multiplying the effects of economic oppression and drawing strength from that oppression. In his wake, the wake of the current pandemic, one sees the gaps and biases of our health care system, gaps and biases bringing grief to thousands of African-American families and other people of color across the country.

This horseman has a particular power. He rides with the time-tested strategy of the race-divider’s playbook, using fear and scapegoating to weaken resistance to economic oppression. The current administration channels this energy in a particular way, estranging and criminalizing the migrant, linking him to disease, caging him in for-profit prisons that leave few or no exits from infection and death.

The third rider, the horseman of environmental injustice, links up with his fellow riders by discerning and exploiting places of vulnerability: poor communities and communities of color that endure pollution from chemical plants, port facilities, refineries, mines, and highways. He becomes increasingly visible as the dots are connected between pollution and susceptibility to the coronavirus—the dots connecting to asthma, heart and lung disease, and cancer.

This horseman, too, is channeled by special interests. These are the interests, the corporations and their front institutes, that equate environmental regulations with infringements on “rights” and “liberty.” The horseman’s weapon is propaganda and the money that sustains it.

Finally, there is the horseman of militarism. He rides along the pathways and channels linking the sectors of the military-industrial-complex: the corporations, the lobbyists, the government agencies. Questions about him are being voiced with increasing intensity, e.g. what kind of “national security” are we buying with a \$750 billion defense budget as the nation’s death toll rises above that of the last several wars? But amidst the questioning, the lobbyists still keep their busy pace, touting new weapons and systems of destruction.

There are traditions of interpretation that represent scripture’s four horsemen as portending final judgment and the end of days. There are people today who view the global pandemic and our environmental crises in just such terms. But the current four horsemen can also be seen in another light: as figures looming on a horizon of change. Despite the chaos, destruction, and death they sow, they are not invincible. They can be named, and naming is one form of power over them. They can be described precisely in relation to one another and that, too, is a form of power. As one era transitions uncertainly to another, these figures can be faced with courage and creativity—the creativity of artists, activists, and visionaries.

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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.

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<p>2018—Attacked by a bobcat in her Georgia driveway, DeDe Phillips, 46, strangles the rabid animal.</p> <p>1997—Activists are arrested for passing out the Bill of Rights outside the pro-nuclear Bradbury Science Museum in Los Alamos.</p> <p>1971—The <i>Armed Forces Journal</i> publishes an article saying "our army... in Vietnam is in a state approaching collapse."</p> <p>1971—Busted for "disturbing the peace," [i.e., wearing a jacket with "Fuck The Draft" on the back in a California courthouse], Paul Cohen is sprung by the U.S. Supreme Court.</p> <p>1969—Marine PFC Dan Bullock is killed in 'Nam. He is 15.</p> <p>1966—Walking for voting rights and freedom, James Meredith, 32, gets three blasts from a shotgun in Hernando, Miss. He's 84 now.</p> <p>1960—A BOMARC missile at a site in N.J. catches fire, melting the 10-kiloton nuclear warhead on board; eleven ounces of plutonium go missing.</p> <p>1943—In L.A., 5,000 soldiers, sailors, and civilians strip and beat zoot-suited Hispanics.</p> <p>1924—George Mallory goes missing near the summit of Mt. Everest.</p> <p>1920—KKK Imperial Wizard William J. Simmons hires two PR experts: membership explodes.</p> <p>1917—Messines, Belgium and 10,000 Germans vanish as British engineers detonate 19 huge mines. The explosion is heard in Dublin.</p>	<p>2003—Condoleezza Rice admits Pres. George W.[MD] Bush's State of the Union claim that Saddam tried to buy uranium from Niger was "wrong."</p> <p>1991—Washington, D.C. hosts a "National Victory Celebration," complete with Abrams tanks and 8,800 active duty troops. In 85' heat, the tanks wreck Constitution Ave.</p> <p>1967—Israeli planes and boats attack the unarmed U.S. spy ship <i>Liberty</i> with rockets, machine guns, and napalm; 34 sailors are killed, 171 wounded.</p> <p>1966—Over Barstow, five USAF jets fly in formation for a photo at the request of GE marketers. Two crash, including the Valkyrie, worth \$5 billion in today's money. Two pilots die.</p> <p>1956—Tech. Sgt. Richard B. Fitzgibbon, Jr. becomes the first U.S. serviceman to die in Vietnam. He's murdered by a fellow American airman.</p> <p>1952—"I would never send troops [to Vietnam]," says Pres. Eisenhower.</p> <p>1944—FDR signs the GI Bill. The president of the U. of Chicago warns that "colleges would become educational hobo jungles."</p> <p>1943—The Zoot Suit Riots end after military brass put L.A. off-limits and civil authorities impose a dress code.</p> <p>1917—A 1,200-foot electrical cable, insulated by oil-covered cloth and being lowered into Butte's Granite Mountain mine for safety purposes, lands in a heap 2,400 feet down. As a miner inspects it his helmet lamp sets it alight; 168 miners die in the inferno.</p>	<p>2016—Donald Trump's son, son-in-law, and campaign manager meet at Trump Tower with a whole slew of Russians with peculiar associations.</p> <p>1989—James Watt, Ronald Reagan's Interior Secretary, admits to a House committee that he was paid \$400,000 for making a few phone calls on a topic about which he knew nothing.</p> <p>1978—The Mormon Church drops its policy of excluding black men from the priesthood.</p> <p>1963—Under orders from Winona, Miss. cops, jail inmates beat civil rights pioneer Fannie Lou Hamer, 45, nearly to death.</p> <p>1958—Atop an armored car in Cyprus, British writer Auberon Waugh shakes the barrel of a malfunctioning machine gun, accidentally shooting himself in the chest several times.</p> <p>1958—Jerry Lee Lewis takes out a full page ad in <i>Billboard</i> to explain his second divorce and third marriage; this one's to his cousin Myra, who's 13.</p> <p>1954—Army attorney Joseph Welch asks Sen. Joseph McCarthy, "Have you no sense of decency, sir?"</p> <p>1946—Ted Williams hits a ball that lands in the 37th row of Fenway's bleachers, over 500 feet away.</p> <p>1909—Alice Huyler Ramsay and friends depart New York for San Francisco in a Maxwell automobile.</p> <p>1893—As Edwin Booth, John Wilkes' brother, is being buried in Boston, the floors collapse at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C., killing 22 people.</p>	<p>1990—British Airways Captain Tim Lancaster is sucked half-way out of Flight 5390 when his windshield blows out over Oxfordshire. The plane lands safely. Lancaster recovers and later resumes flying.</p> <p>1988—A bicycle messenger is denied entrance to the Justice Department because he's wearing a T-shirt that says, "Experts agree: Meese is a pig."</p> <p>1975—The Rockefeller Commission finds that the CIA's CHAOS operation spied on 300,000 Americans and infiltrated political movements.</p> <p>1968—The Supreme Court says cops can stop & frisk based on "reasonable suspicion" [or racist whim].</p> <p>1964—Sen. Clair Engle [D-Calif], 52, silenced by a brain tumor and just seven weeks from death, raises his hand and points to his eye to vote affirmatively and end the filibuster of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.</p> <p>1944—Pitching in the ninth for the Cincinnati Reds, Joe Nuxhall gives up five runs. Give him a break—he's 15.</p> <p>1940—Black nationalist Marcus Garvey dies of a stroke after reading his own obit in the <i>Chicago Defender</i>.</p> <p>1871—U.S. Marines avenge the 1866 loss of the <i>U.S.S. General Sherman</i> by attacking a number of Korean forts on Gangwha Island, killing 243 Koreans in the process. Three months later the Americans withdraw.</p> <p>1692—Bridget Bishop, 60, becomes the first person hanged during the Salem, Mass. witch trials.</p>	<p>1995—In Claremont, N.H., Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich shake hands and pledge to reform lobbying and campaign financing. Yeah, right.</p> <p>1990—The Supreme Court rules flag desecration laws unconstitutional.</p> <p>1984—The Supreme Court says illegally obtained evidence is OK if prosecutors can prove that it would have been discovered legally.</p> <p>1963—Thich Quang Duc immolates himself in front of the U.S. Embassy in Saigon.</p> <p>1963—To prevent desegregation in Alabama, George Wallace takes a stand in the schoolhouse door—briefly. Then he scuttles away.</p> <p>1962—John and Clarence Anglin, with Frank Morris, escape from Alcatraz. Maybe they drown, maybe not.</p> <p>1920—Republicans meeting in the original "smoke-filled room" select, to their discredit, Warren G. Harding.</p> <p>1914—A bomb explodes under the Coronation Chair in Westminster Abbey; British suffragettes are thought to be the culprits.</p> <p>1851—Having, in four hours, caught, tried, convicted, and sentenced John Jenkins, the First San Francisco Vigilance Committee hangs him.</p> <p>1837—Drunken nativist firefighters encounter Irishmen at a funeral: Boston's Broad Street riot ensues.</p> <p>1345—The Chief Minister of the Byzantine Empire inspects a new prison without his bodyguards. Political prisoners hoist his head on a pike.</p>	<p>2003—George W.[MD] Bush finds a way to fall off a Segway.</p> <p>2000—The Energy Department admits that two hard drives holding top-secret data on nuclear weapons have been missing for over a month.</p> <p>1991—White House Chief of Staff John H. Sununu takes a government limo from D.C. to N.Y.C. to attend a rare stamp auction.</p> <p>1981—President Reagan, failing to recognize the only black person in his Cabinet, calls Housing Secretary Samuel Pierce "Mr. Mayor."</p> <p>1969—The Army Corps of Engineers stops the American Falls at Niagara.</p> <p>1967—The Supreme Court rules interracial marriage is legal.</p> <p>1963—Medgar Evers is shot and killed in Mississippi; his murderer is convicted 31 years later.</p> <p>1957—"We have exactly 342 men," says General Samuel T. Williams, head of the U.S. MAAG, Vietnam, "the number allowed by the Geneva Armistice Conference. It would be a breeze if we had more."</p> <p>1956—Under interrogation by the House Un-American Activities Committee, Paul Robeson declares, "You are the Un-Americans."</p> <p>1929—First Lady Lou Hoover sparks a national freakout by inviting Jessie DePriest, wife of the only black man in Congress, to the White House.</p> <p>1920—Serge Voronoff performs the first transplant of simian testicular tissue into a human.</p>	<p>2005—Congress apologizes for having failed to pass 200 anti-lynching bills between 1882 and 1968.</p> <p>2003—"His [Joe Wilson's] wife is in the [CIA] and is a WMD analyst," Dep. Sec. of State Richard Armitage tells Bob Woodward. "How about that s...t?"</p> <p>1989—President George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush vetoes a raise in the minimum wage.</p> <p>1985—Thomas L. Slade and son William are among passengers hijacked on a flight from Beirut, their second such experience in three days.</p> <p>1983—<i>Pioneer 10</i> exits the solar system.</p> <p>1971—<i>Pentagon Papers</i> are published.</p> <p>1968—A U.S. helicopter crew blasts a Vietnamese command post, killing Saigon's Police Chief. It's an accident.</p> <p>1966—The Supreme Court rules that cops can't make you talk.</p> <p>1944—News reports say Rep. Francis E. Walter (D-Penn.) gave FDR a letter-opener made from the arm bone of a dead Japanese soldier. Walter becomes chair of HUAC in 1955.</p> <p>1944—German V-1 "buzz-bomb" attacks on England start.</p> <p>1942—The German sub <i>U-202</i> lands eight Nazi saboteurs at Amagansett on Long Island.</p> <p>1934—Hollywood producers conspire to enact a code to protect their profits from prudes.</p> <p>1920—Fuddy-duddies at the U.S. Post Office rule that children may no longer be shipped by Parcel Post.</p>
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<p>2016—Lane Graves, 2, is killed by an alligator at Disney World. In response, Disney installs signs warning that alligators are present.</p> <p>2001—Dennis Koslowski throws a \$2.1 million party on Sardinia for his wife Karen's 40th birthday. Half the cost is covered by Tyco International.</p> <p>1954—Dwight D. Eisenhower signs a bill adding "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>1951—Sen. Joe McCarthy (R-Booze) accuses President Eisenhower and General George Marshall of serving the policies of the Kremlin.</p> <p>1949—The U.S. sends Albert II, a rhesus monkey, into space.</p> <p>1943—The Supreme Court rules that children cannot be forced to salute the flag if it offends their religious beliefs.</p> <p>1928—Ernesto "Che" Guevara is born in Argentina.</p> <p>1924—The KKK attacks an IWW labor hall in San Pedro, Calif. Two kids scalded by coffee are left motherless when Lizzie Sunstedt later dies.</p> <p>1922—In D.C., 5,000 African Americans march silently for an anti-lynching bill which has passed the House. Democrats filibuster it, though.</p> <p>1905—Russian sailors aboard the battleship <i>Potemkin</i> mutiny.</p> <p>1864—Inept General Leonidas Polk, CSA, aka "The Fighting Bishop," is KIA by a 3-inch Federal shell.</p> <p>1662—Henry Vane, former Governor of Massachusetts [1636-37] is beheaded in the Tower of London.</p>	<p>2006—The Supreme Court rules that evidence seized by cops violating "no knock" rules can be used as evidence. Souter says "No."</p> <p>2002—Accounting firm Arthur Anderson is convicted of obstructing justice by impeding an investigation into G.W.[MD] Bush's top financial contributor, Enron.</p> <p>1967—Gov. Reagan (R-Calif.) signs a bill liberalizing abortion laws.</p> <p>1920—A mob of thousands drags three black circus workers from the Duluth, Minn. jail; arrested for a rape that didn't happen, they're lynched.</p> <p>1917—Woodrow Wilson signs the Espionage Act. Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman are promptly arrested for conspiring to "induce persons not to register" for the draft.</p> <p>1913—At Bud Bagsak in the Philippines, designer John Browning tests his new .45 pistol on Moro rebels.</p> <p>1904—The side-wheeler <i>General Slocum</i> burns during an excursion on New York City's East River. Of the 1,300 aboard, more than 1,000 die.</p> <p>1859—Near Vancouver, American Lyman Cutlar shoots a pig belonging to Charles Griffin, an Irishman, causing a U.S./British military standoff lasting 12 years.</p> <p>1381—Wat Tyler's head gets piked for helping lead the Peasants' Revolt.</p> <p>1215—English barons force King John to sign the Magna Carta, thus protecting their rights. Peasants are left to fend for themselves.</p>	<p>2019—"Last Call" at The Hammer.</p> <p>2015—For \$50 each, 240 actors cheer on cue in the lobby of Trump Tower as the star of a [cancelled] TV show announces he's running for President.</p> <p>2000—The Energy Department finds missing top-secret computer hard drives in a location which had already been searched twice.</p> <p>1992—Ronald Regan's Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger is indicted for lying to Congress.</p> <p>1966—Stokely Carmichael, continuing the March Against Fear as James Meredith recuperates from an assassination attempt, introduces "Black Power" to the nation's lexicon.</p> <p>1954—The first Bloomsday goes somewhat awry due to drunkenness.</p> <p>1944—South Carolina kills George J. Stinney Jr., convicted in a three-hour trial before an all-white jury. Black, 14, 90 lbs., he is seated on phone books so the electrodes can reach him.</p> <p>1943—Charlie Chaplin, 54, marries Oona O'Neill, 18; only his death in 1977 does them part.</p> <p>1918—Eugene V. Debs delivers an anti-draft speech in Canton, Ohio that is so effective he is later charged with ten counts of sedition.</p> <p>1904—James Joyce and Nora Barnacle take a memorable walk.</p> <p>1857—A riot erupts between New York City's two police departments.</p> <p>1800—Corrupt Democratic Mayor Fernando Wood's recently-abolished Municipal Police retains its hold on City Hall.</p>	<p>2017—By doing everything wrong, officers of the <i>U.S.S. Fitzgerald</i> get a nimble destroyer rammed by a hulking Japanese container ship. Seven enlisted sailors die, three more are injured, repairs will cost \$367 million.</p> <p>2015—Nine people are massacred in a Charleston, S.C. church by a white supremacist punk.</p> <p>1991—Pres. Taylor's mortal remains are exhumed for forensic examination.</p> <p>1982—Found hanging under a London bridge: R. Calvi, "God's banker."</p> <p>1972—Nixon's spies hit Democratic HQ at the Watergate, but a black Vietnam vet discovers them.</p> <p>1967—Defense Sec. Robert [Very] Strange McNamara authorizes a secret history of the Vietnam War.</p> <p>1958—Sherman Adams, N.H.'s ex-Gov., now Ike's Chief of Staff, admits he accepted a vicuña coat from Boston industrialist Bernard Goldfine.</p> <p>1948—A false alarm prompts a DC-6 flight crew to activate a fire extinguisher. They leave a relief valve open, though. CO₂ escapes, knocking them out; 43 die as the plane crashes in eastern Pennsylvania.</p> <p>1932—The Senate votes not to pay bonuses due thousands of Great War vets massed outside the Capitol.</p> <p>1775—Powder pilfered from Portsmouth's Fort William and Mary, New Hampshire men under Gen. John Stark—along with a few others—kill one-fourth of the British Army's officers in America at Bunker Hill.</p>	<p>2016—In Las Vegas, Michael Steven Sandford, 20, a mentally-ill British man on an expired visa, attempts to grab a cop's Glock to kill Donald Trump, who's 30 feet away. He fails.</p> <p>2009—Manchester Mayor Frank Guinta steps over a man with a leg broken in a brawl to exit the Fish & Game Social Club before EMTs arrive.</p> <p>1989—RIP I.F. Stone, legendary journalist who said, "Every government is run by liars and nothing they say should be believed."</p> <p>1965—Operation Arc Light begins: 27 B-52 fly from Guam to bomb the 'Nam. Two collide and crash due to navigational errors, a third goes down after in-flight refueling fails.</p> <p>1959—Louisiana Gov. Earl Long is committed to a mental hospital. Undeterred, he continues to govern.</p> <p>1954—Democratic candidate for Alabama State Attorney Alfred Patterson, who had vowed to rid Phenix City of vice, is shot dead by Albert Fuller, former sheriff of Phenix City.</p> <p>1954—Fred C. Trump is grilled about war profiteering from the FHA.</p> <p>1954—A coup against democratically elected President Jacobo Arbenz begins. Thanks to the CIA, Guatemala is soon safe for the United Fruit Co.</p> <p>1948—Truman OKs plausibly-deniable propaganda, sabotage, demolition, & economic warfare by the CIA.</p> <p>1869—<i>New York Times</i> founder Henry J. Raymond dies of a stroke at 49 while entertaining his mistress.</p>	<p>2011—On the HBO show "Game of Thrones," George W.[MD] Bush's decapitated head appears on a pike.</p> <p>2006—Publisher and Bush appointee Phillip Merrill is discovered shot and weighted down in Chesapeake Bay where the CIA's Bill Colby and John Paisley ended up; all suicides, though.</p> <p>1969—Tobar, Nev.—named for a sign pointing to a saloon—is dealt a death blow by an exploding railroad car full of bombs en route to Vietnam.</p> <p>1965—Thousands of funlovers at the Weirs throw rocks at cops and burn overturned cars. The N.H. National Guard peppers them with birdshot as Laconia's Riot Squad arrests 150.</p> <p>1954—Warned by Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) that his son's homosexuality would be exposed if he did not resign, Sen. Lester C. Hunt (D-Wyo.) shoots himself dead in his Senate office.</p> <p>1953—Julius and Ethel Rosenberg become the first native-born Americans executed for espionage.</p> <p>1893—Lizzie Borden gets off.</p> <p>1879—Gen. Wm. T. Sherman, at the Michigan Military Academy, tells his audience, "There is many a boy here today who looks on war as all glory, but, boys, it is all hell."</p> <p>1865—Slaves in Texas learn they're free; now this date is "Juneteenth."</p> <p>1864—The Portsmouth-built ship <i>Kearsarge</i> sinks the Confederate raider <i>Alabama</i> off Cherbourg.</p> <p>1656—Known to be a wit, Boston's Ann Hibbins is hanged as a witch.</p>	<p>2005—Veep Dick "Dick" Cheney tells Larry King the insurgency in Iraq is "in the last throes."</p> <p>1970—The Soviet sub <i>K-108</i>, diving off Kamchatka, bashes into the sail of the <i>U.S.S. Tautog</i> giving it a permanent 2-degree bend.</p> <p>1965—Navy Lts. Clinton B. Johnson and Charles Hartman, flying prop-driven Douglas A-1 Skyraiders, down a MiG jet fighter over Vietnam.</p> <p>1963—The White House-Kremlin "Hot Line" is installed.</p> <p>1962—For the second time in less than a fortnight, a Thor rocket malfunctions and drops an A-bomb into the South Pacific.</p> <p>1953—Lt. Gen. John W. "Iron Mike" O'Daniel arrives in Saigon to confer with French General Henri Navarre on how to bring peace to Vietnam.</p> <p>1947—Truman vetoes Taft-Hartley. Within three days Congress betrays labor by overriding his veto.</p> <p>1943—KKK and pals attack striking African-American auto workers in Detroit; 34 die, 1,300 are arrested.</p> <p>1942—Four prisoners in Nazi uniforms drive out Auschwitz's main gate in the commandant's car.</p> <p>1941—The sub <i>U.S.S. O-9</i> sinks east of the Isles of Shoals with 33 aboard.</p> <p>1940—NAACP official Elbert Williams becomes the organization's first martyr, in Brownsville, Tenn.</p> <p>1790—T. Jefferson, J. Madison, and A. Hamilton make a deal: a Potomac Capitol, assuming states' debts.</p>

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