

*The Fortnightly Rant***It's a Dunning-Kruger Spiral**

A week ago today the Department of Health and Human Services posted a revised document online. In a certain narrow sense this was perfectly normal—even traditional. Friday has always been considered the optimal day for a beleaguered criminal Administration to conduct any low act of skulduggery.

Considered in terms of its content, however, this act was a bold bureaucratic boarding house reach.*

Hospitals had been sending all their Covid-19 stats to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC]. The logic of this arrangement would seem to be clear, even to a person of limited intellect—an increasingly important consideration these days.

Under the order which went into effect Wednesday, the CDC will no longer be getting those stats. Instead they will go to its parent agency, the Department of Health and Human Services [HHS], which is run by Alex Azar.†

Azar was not the President's first choice to head HHS. That was Tom Price, who lasted only seven months, back in those quaint days when

* Younger readers may not be familiar with this term. Before the war—the one in which we mistakenly thought we had defeated fascism—it was common for unrelated persons of modest means to live in boarding houses. Residents ate communally at large tables; particularly long-armed or shameless residents who gorged themselves at the expense of others were said to have a “boarding house reach.” Such ideologically unsound living arrangements have since been nearly eradicated.

† Alex Azar is not to be confused with another Cabinet official with a somewhat similar name. Alexander Acosta, now the Secretary of Labor, has been in the news lately for his actions as U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. In 2007, the late Jeffrey Epstein was facing charges that he had sexually abused dozens of minors. Acosta let Epstein's lawyers dictate a secret—and thus illegal—plea deal. Epstein got off with a slap on the wrist.

Congress could still muster a little outrage over blatant misbehavior. He seemed to think the Pentagon operated its aircraft like Uber for Cabinet officials.

Azar has the sort of résumé, though, that this Administration sees as a qualification. During his five years as President of Eli Lilly, the company tripled its price for insulin, for which the patent expired more than 70 years ago.

In January, when the first U.S. case of Covid-19 was announced, Azar appeared on Fox News to reassure the public. The Administration had developed a Covid-19 test, he said, and would “be spreading [it] around the country so that we are able to do rapid testing.” That test was a failure, as things turned out; soon Covid-19 was “spreading around the country.”

In April, Azar fired Rick Bright, the director of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority [BARDA], which develops vaccines, therapeutics, and tests for coronaviruses. Bright had resisted the Administration's plan to “flood” New York and New Jersey with hydroxychloroquine produced in plants in India and Pakistan which had not been inspected by the FDA. Bright, according to *Stat-News*, is suing to get his old job back. His suit alleges that the administration's failure to curb the pandemic is due to general ineptitude and “cronyism between HHS officials and industry.” In other words, it's SOP.

Direct control over the Covid-19 data appears to have fallen to Azar's Chief of Staff, Brian Harrison, who, according to news reports, has been acting as HHS's main coordinator for response to the coronavirus. Acting is right—the 37-year old former labradoodle breeder has had no formal education in public health or other related fields.



Dr. Anthony Fauci, who has been the Director the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for 35 years, appears to be next in line for the axe. While we cannot say for certain why Fauci incurred the Administration's wrath, the public does seem to have concluded that he's competent and truthful; so, it's probably just jealousy.

On Tuesday, *USA Today* ran an editorial calling Fauci “a national treasure,” and warning that muzzling him would be hazardous. As if to illustrate the hazards of seeking objectivity by taking the “on-the-other-hand” approach, the paper paired its editorial with an op-ed by Peter Navarro.

“Dr. Anthony Fauci has a good bedside manner with the public,” it began, “but he has been wrong about everything I have interacted with him on.” Since Navarro is both an economist and the Administration's top trade advisor, it's redundantly superfluous to specify that his 270-

word op-ed was composed almost entirely of errors.

A contrite *USA Today* published a note saying, “Navarro's op-ed did not meet *USA Today's* fact-checking standards.” The paper was being too kind to itself. As Kevin Drum points out, “It's not that the links [to sources which Navarro claims back him up] just go to dubious sources, they literally go to sources that say the opposite of what Navarro claims.”

Because this is 2020, and because it is Administration policy to lie about everything all of the time, there was some controversy Wednesday—probably forgotten by now—over the question of whether Navarro's attack on Fauci was a rogue effort, or part of an official Administration campaign to oust him.

Let us pause here briefly to recall that we're talking about the possible removal of one of the nation's best hopes against an already devastating national health catastrophe.

It's been said that incoherence is part of the Administration's cunning plan. That implies that the Administration is led by a strategic genius. A devastating book by our President's own niece, who just happens to be a clinical psychologist, has somehow made it past our Republican judicial system and presented us with a personal and professional X-ray of the man's mental state.

Terrifying as it is to consider, the man with the nuclear football at his side—and the authority to use it—is fully as deranged as he appears. It's called the Dunning-Kruger effect: his brain is so broken that he cannot understand that it doesn't work.

He is sapient enough, though, to get the sense that he might lose the coming election. That drives him to ever more desperate measures, all of which make things worse. It's a vicious cycle of stupidity—a Dunning-Kruger spiral.

All we can do at this point is to quote Dan Rather: “Courage.”

*The Alleged News®***Unlawful Disorder**

A week ago—on the same “Hide It Friday” the Administration did its bureaucratic shuffle to obscure the evidence of its criminal negligence on the Covid-19 front—the untreated mental patient also known as our Commander-in-Chief commuted the sentence of his longtime crony Roger Stone.

After a lifetime of well documented, politically oriented malign behavior, Stone had managed to finally get his Nixon-tattooed self charged, convicted, and sentenced to serve between seven and nine years in prison. Throughout it all, ever true to the criminal code, Stone swore he'd never rat out his boss, and smugly waited to get sprung. And now he has been.

Stone and the late, unlamented Jeffrey Epstein are both avatars of a fundamental principal of our justice

system, such as it is: in this great and democratic nation, we are all unequal under the law. Perhaps that's the guiding principle behind the existence of such figures. They drive home to us ordinary people the fact that there is a certain brand of justice that is too expensive a commodity for the likes of us.

Most people with modest incomes know all too well that we can just barely afford to get away with being law abiding. Meanwhile we see these types, for whom money is no object, getting away with shenanigans the likes of which few of us would dare attempt, even if we were so inclined. Top-tier justice is too rare a commodity.

It's not as if the average person could ever earn enough to afford that kind of lawyer. That would be like pulling yourself up by your

bootstraps—which, for the record, is impossible because doing so would violate the fundamental laws of physics.

Important If True

[This could be a misunderstanding, or the first sign of a true breakdown in law and order. It puts us in mind, though, of the breaking news we reported in 1775 from Lexington and Concord. —The Ed.]

Willamette Weekly quoted Oregon Gov. Kate Brown saying yesterday, “I told acting Secretary [of Homeland Security] Wolf that the federal government should remove all federal officers from our streets. His response showed me he is on a mission to provoke confrontation for political purposes.” Wolf tweeted this morning, “I offered @DHSgov support to help locally address the

situation that's going on in Portland, and their only response was: please pack up and go home. That's just not going to happen on my watch.” Meanwhile protestors are being grabbed off the streets by unidentified men in uniform and taken away in unmarked vehicles.

Vote Without Risking Your Life!

[OK, cue the voice of “Futurama's” Professor Farnsworth here:] “Good news, everyone!”

Overcoming any temptation to use his VETO stamp, Governor Sununu signed HB 1266 into law this morning. That's good news for voters, and for poll workers, too.

Prior to this legislation, voters would have had to submit separate forms for the primary and general elections. Now one form will suffice. Also, previously, voters would

have had to check a box indicating that they had a disability—namely, a fear of coming down with a potentially-lethal illness: a work-around many non-disabled people would have found uncomfortable.

Now New Hampshire voters can file a single form requesting absentee ballots for both the primary and general elections, and check a box indicating that the reason for the request is “concerns with Covid-19.”

OpenDemocracyNH, which has been working hard to support this measure, has full instructions for requesting absentee ballots at <https://www.opendemocracynh.org/absentee>.

Trump Crony Moves to Slow the Mail
by Jake Johnson, staff writer, *Com-*

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Postal workers and their allies in Congress are vowing to fight back after the new head of the U.S. Postal Service—a major donor to President Donald Trump and the Republican Party—moved this week to impose sweeping changes to the popular government agency as it faces a financial crisis manufactured by lawmakers and exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The *Washington Post* reported late Tuesday that Postmaster General (PMG) Louis DeJoy, who took charge last month, issued memos announcing “major operational changes” to the U.S.P.S “that could slow down mail delivery, warning employees the agency would not survive unless it made ‘difficult’ changes to cut costs.”

“Analysts say the documents present a stark reimagining of the U.S.P.S that could chase away customers—especially if the White House gets the steep package rate increases it wants—and put the al-

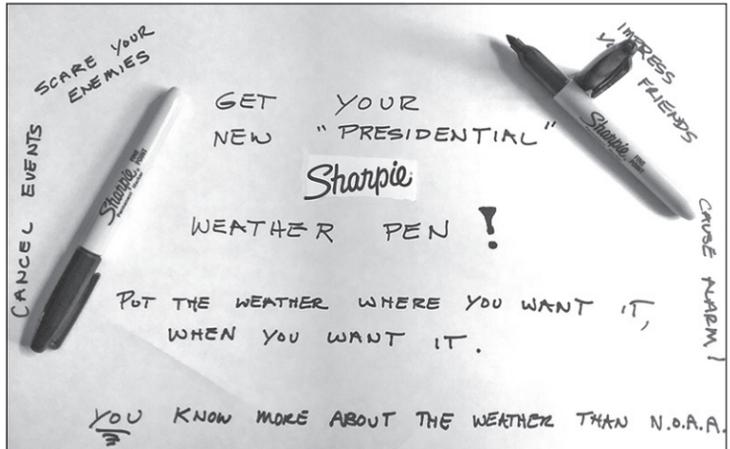
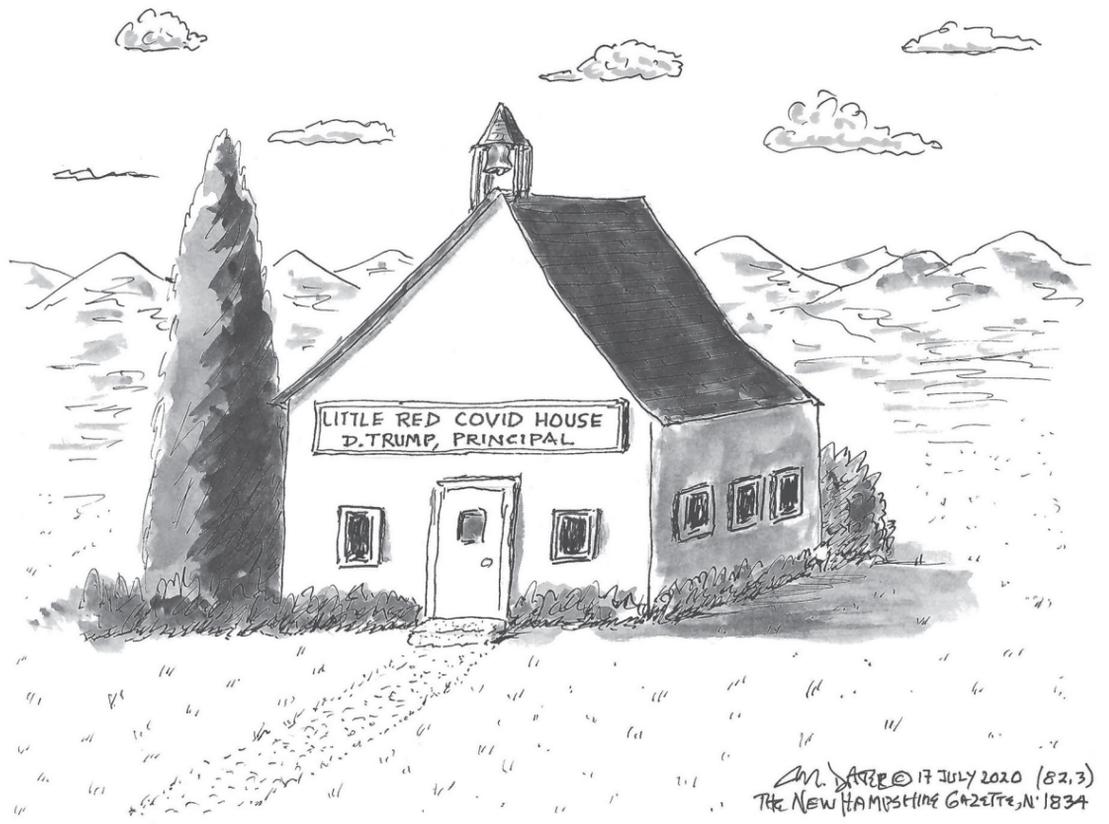
ready beleaguered agency in deeper financial peril as private-sector competitors embark on hiring sprees to build out their own delivery networks,” the *Post* noted.

According to the internal U.S.P.S memos obtained by the *Post*, “DeJoy told employees to leave mail behind at distribution centers if it delayed letter carriers from their routes,” a change critics said could threaten access to absentee ballots at a time when vote-by-mail is more important than ever.

“If the plants run late, they will keep the mail for the next day,” reads a document titled, “New PMG’s expectations and plan.”

“The deliberate delaying of Americans’ mail delivery would be a stunning act of sabotage against our Postal Service,” Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-N.J.) said in a statement. “If these reports are accurate, Trump and his cronies are openly seeking to destroy the Post Office during the worst public health crisis in a century.”

“With our states now reliant on mail voting to continue elections during the pandemic, the destabiliz-



What the hell, folks? Under the present circumstances—with an out-of-control pandemic raging, the economy in free-fall, and the government in the hands of anti-government radicals—it’s clear that there has never been a better time to try out a new scam. Our western subsidiary, the Skunk Farm, over in Pierce County, N.H., is almost ready to release its latest product, the New “Presidential” Sharpie Weather Pen! “Scare Your Enemies—Impress Your Friends—Put the Weather Where You Want It, When You Want It!” After all, “You Know More About the Weather Than N.O.A.A.” We’ll be offering these beauties for sale as soon as we establish a bank account in the Caymans.

ing of the Post Office is a direct attack on American democracy itself,” Pascrell added. “It has been 59 days since the House passed \$25 billion to keep U.S.P.S alive. The Senate must pass it now. Democracy hangs in the balance.”

With the U.S.P.S at risk of completely running out of cash by the end of September without an infusion of emergency funding, postal workers and members of Congress have warned that the Trump administration could attempt to exploit the agency’s financial struggles to advance the longstanding right-wing goal of privatizing U.S.P.S.

In March, Congress approved a \$10 billion emergency U.S.P.S loan, but the Treasury Department has yet to release the funds as the Trump administration attempts to use the money as leverage to force changes to the agency’s finances and operations.

Mark Dimondstein, president of the 200,000-member American Postal Workers Union, said in re-

sponse to the *Post*’s reporting that his organization will vigorously oppose the new operational changes sought by DeJoy.

“I would tell our members that this is not something that as postal workers we should accept,” Dimondstein said. “It’s not something that the union you belong to is going to accept.”

U.S. Mail Not for Sale, a worker-led coalition dedicated to protecting the Postal Service from right-wing privatization efforts, is urging Americans to take part in a July 23 call-in day of action urging the Senate to approve desperately needed financial relief for U.S.P.S.

“Our movement is growing. Together we can save the Post Office and convince lawmakers to do their jobs,” the coalition said. “Multiple bills have been introduced that would provide \$25 billion in Covid-19 related relief for the Postal Service. The Senate comes back from recess in less than two weeks’ time. We need to keep up the pres-

sure to make them vote to end this crisis.”

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Sankofa Tours Return

The popular walking tours presented by the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire will return this summer—small groups, masked, and socially distanced of course—covering topics from how slavery created an economic engine for our country, to how enslaved and freemen served onboard ships sailing from Portsmouth, and how Ona Marie Judge escaped enslavement by George and Martha Washington and found freedom in Portsmouth.

According to JerriAnne Boggis, Executive Director of the Black Heritage Trail, “With the protests that have followed the death of George Floyd, we have seen renewed interest in our shared American history—which our walking tours and our guides have been bringing to life

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each summer and fall since 2016, and before that, as the Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail. We hope that our lineup of eight Portsmouth tours and three statewide tours will continue to provide an opportunity for all of us to engage in deeper conversations that will lead to building more inclusive and just communities today. It is in this spirit we invite you to join us on our walking tours.”

About the Sankofa Tours

Africans have contributed to the economic and cultural fabric of New Hampshire since the 1600s. More than 700 Blacks lived in Portsmouth by the time of the Revolution, many of them caught up as chattel in the lucrative Northern slave market while others were part of a marginalized community of free people. Experience the history and cultural roots of the early African Community in Portsmouth dating from the early 1600s. Tour-goers will trace their journeys as they pass by the elegant and stately homes of some of New Hampshire’s most prominent families, and hear their stories from

knowledgeable and experienced tour guides. With its distinctive bronze plaques that identify this community, from its colonial-era African Burying Ground to the modern Civil Rights Movement, the Portsmouth Trail serves as a model across the country on what it means to raise public awareness and appreciation for a region not known for its Black history.

Sankofa is an African word from the Akan tribe in Ghana which means “going back to the past to recover what was lost.”

Tour Registration Information

Unless otherwise noted in the description, tours meet at BHTNH’s office at 222 Court Street.

Cost: Tours are \$20 per person; \$15 (with ID) for Seniors & Military; \$10 Students.

Tours are 90 minutes long.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, group size is limited to five people per tour, 10 people per tour if they are all from the same family or household. All participants must wear masks; tour guides will wear



CHARLES DICKENS, "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"



Once again, we have been caught flat-footed due to our Wandering Photographer’s lackadaisical ways. We sent him out on the formerly-glorious Fourth to capture an image of the raging storm that forced our dear President to postpone the biological attack on Portsmouth voters which had been scheduled for that day. No doubt the storm took place, else why would the Commander ‘n’ Thief have left us bereft of his charming company? The storm must have passed quickly, however. By the time Ol’ Lazybones shuffled over to the vast, carless expanse of the Foundry Place Garage and Memorial to a Formerly-Thriving Economy, the meteorological conditions at the Pease Tradeport were just as calm as could be.

face shields and use microphones.

All participants are asked to pre-register online for a tour at blackheritagetrailnh.org/sankofa-guided-walking-tours/.

If space is available, persons who have not pre-registered may register onsite.

A Quest to Thrive: Economics of Slavery & Portsmouth’s Early Black Community

July 19th, August 15th, August 29th, September 19th, & October 17th; 2:00 p.m.; Sankofa Scholar & Tour Guide: Angela Matthews

Institutionalized slavery in Colonial America provided immense wealth and material culture to many European immigrants and their descendants in the Americas, as Portsmouth’s house museums bear witness. This tour brings into focus an economic system dependent upon the international slave trade, with its constant supply of kidnapped, unpaid African workers and their descendants, who, against the odds, created one of this country’s oldest Black communities.

Ain’t She A Woman: Let me tell you her story

July 25th, August 22nd, September 5th, September 19th, & October 24th; 10:00 a.m.; Sankofa Tour Guide: Valerie Fagin

Can you imagine the hustle and bustle of a prosperous Colonial seaport town? This tour invites you to discover the world of early Portsmouth from the perspective of African American women. In spite of enslavement and hardship, these women fought for freedom, defied a sitting president, and educated generations of children to follow. Hear their stories about love and faith and struggle, as you walk past the homes of the families who enslaved them.

Thirst for Freedom: From New Hampshire’s Slave Trade to its Civil Rights Movement

August 1st, August 16th, August 30th, September 12th, September 27th, & October 3rd; 2:00 p.m.; Sankofa Scholar & Tour Guide: Nur Shoop

Colonial Portsmouth newspapers testify to the local slave trade, runaways, abolitionists and anti-abolitionist activities, followed by conflicting opinions of the Civil War. In the 20th century, the lega-

cy of that early history was reflected in news about de facto segregation in housing and public places. This tour includes many of those historic landmarks from the early nineteenth through the twentieth centuries.

Meet Jack Stains, a “Black Jack” in Historic Old Portsmouth: A Living History Tour

July 26th, August 8th, August 23rd, September 20th, October 11th, November 8th, 2:00 p.m.; September 12th, October 10th, 10:00 a.m.; Sankofa Scholar & Tour Guide: Kevin Wade Mitchell as Jack Staines

Seafaring was one of the most significant occupations among both enslaved and free Black men between 1740 and 1865. Black seamen sailed on whalers, warships, and privateers. Some were enslaved and forced to work at sea, but by 1800 most seamen were free to seek adventure and economic opportunity aboard ship. On this tour, you will meet Jack Staines, husband to Ona Judge Staines, who escaped the household of the President and Martha Washington, and will experience Portsmouth through his life.

Murph’s Fortnightly Quote

“Yes, we need a robust democracy, but you can be strong and you can be kind.”

— Jacinda Ardern (1980-)
New Zealand Prime Minister (2017-)

“[A]gainst the laws of nature, there is no appeal.”

— Arthur C. Clarke (1917-2008)

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Silence as America Rampaged by Leftists
To the Editor:

As I write, it is the eve of Independence Day. America's iconic national anthem, the "Star-Spangled Banner," originally was penned as a poem on the morning of September 14, 1814 by Francis Scott Key.

Key was inspired to see America's flag still waving, still standing over Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Md., after sustaining 25 hours of relentless British naval bombardment. The stanza says: "And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there."

Key's name is honored across the country on monuments, bridges, many public schools, a college auditorium, college halls, a U.S. Navy submarine, and even a minor league baseball team. His words from the Star-Spangled Banner also inspired our national motto, "In God we trust."

There was a monument of Francis Scott Key at the Golden Gate Park in San Francisco that was recently torn down and vandalized. The anarchists who tore down Keys' monument says he was a slave owner. Yes, like many others of his era, Key was a slave owner. But Key also had freed seven of his slaves in the 1830s; enforced a will that freed 400 slaves from the John Randolph of Roanoke estate; and was known to have publicly criticized slavery's cruelties.

Patriotism is enamored in the first words of our Constitution: "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union..."

Francis Scott Key was not a perfect person, nor was any of our founding fathers or presidents, nor am I or you.

We will celebrate and honor the good and learn from the mistakes. This is how you form a "more perfect Union."

Last week, Tucker Carlson, a commentator from Fox news, revealed Key's destroyed monument had "Kill Whitey" spray painted on it. A Google search showed no information of any local or federal investigation of this as a "hate crime." Why is that?

As mob rule appears to be overtak-

ing our country, New Hampshire's Congressional leaders are silent. New Hampshire's citizens deserve to know where they stand.

New Hampshire's elected officials (Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, Sen. Maggie Hassan, Rep. Annie Kuster and Rep. Chris Pappas) took an oath "to support and defend the Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic." The "Live Free or Die" state did not send them to represent us by wearing four dunce hats: hear no evil, speak no evil, see no evil, or think no evil.

We need to know where they stand on many issues and what they will do in this time of crisis of our country.

(The writer is a U.S. Air Force veteran)

John Meinhold
Portsmouth, N.H.

John:

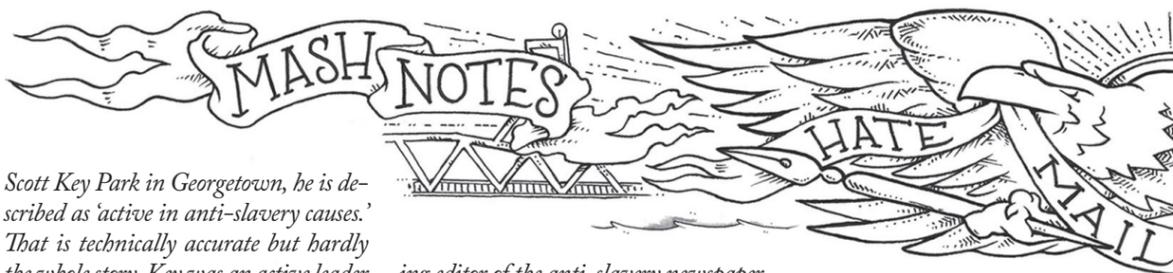
We don't know exactly what the aforementioned Democrats are up to right now. Perhaps they're trying to remedy the four centuries of race-based injustice which Republicans are currently doing their damndest to perpetuate.

Your defense of Key tickled a neuron. In scratching it, we retrieved a piece Jefferson Morley wrote for the Washington Post in 2005: "The 'Snow Riot'—In 1835 Washington discovered Francis Scott Key, author of the national anthem, had a thing or two to learn about freedom." A few brief excerpts:

"[T]he malign role of Francis Scott Key in the capital's first convulsion of racial violence has not been properly recognized. This American icon stood at the intersection of the racial, political and social forces that stoked Washington's unrest. ...

"In 1835, Key was a leading citizen of the capital city. He was not only the author of the lyrics to "The Star-Spangled Banner"... Two years earlier, President Jackson had named him the city's district attorney. Key was an able and honest man—yet also a menace. In the capital city's moment of crisis and high emotion, the man who defined America as 'the land of the free and the home of the brave' proved to be a determined foe of freedom of speech and a smug advocate of white supremacy. ...

"On a historical marker in Francis



Scott Key Park in Georgetown, he is described as 'active in anti-slavery causes.' That is technically accurate but hardly the whole story. Key was an active leader of the American Colonization Society, a group popular among right-thinking members of the Capital elite, which, while repudiating slavery in principle, also sought to encourage Negroes to move to Africa. The city's legally sanctioned slave trade did not stir Key to action. He was far more offended by the outside agitators from the North who sought to abolish it....

"In Key's prosecution of [abolitionist Reuben] Crandall, it became clear that the district attorney believed Crandall was the real culprit" in the story of the recent Snow Riot. "...Crandall's efforts to stoke the slaves' desire for freedom in America, Key declared as the trial began in April 1836, was nothing less than a 'base and demonic' effort to incite slaves, free Negroes and others to 'stir up against slave owners.' Crandall, in Key's view, was guilty of sedition and should pay a heavy price. ...

"In final arguments, Key declared that U.S. v. Reuben Crandall was 'one of the most important cases ever tried' in the nation's capital. ...

"Key appealed to the all-white jury's sense of supremacy.

"Are you willing, gentlemen, to abandon your country; to permit it to be taken from you, and occupied by the Abolitionist, according to whose taste it is to associate and amalgamate with the Negro?" he said. "Or, gentlemen, on the other hand, are there laws in this community to defend you from the immediate Abolitionist, who would open upon you the floodgates of such extensive wickedness and mischief?"

"[Defense attorney] Bradley replied that Key's case was based on a tissue of supposition and that punishing Reuben Crandall for sedition would set a dangerous precedent that would endanger every American's constitutional rights.

"William Lloyd Garrison, the crusad-

ing editor of the anti-slavery newspaper the Liberator, hailed Crandall's acquittal and scorned the prosecutor. Key, he wrote, 'seems to have cherished deep malignity of purpose' toward this 'excellent but suffering man.'"

Crandall was acquitted, but had contracted tuberculosis in the city jail. He died in 1838.

The Editor

Renew New England Now!

To the Editor:

With several current and coming crises befalling us, it should be getting ever more clear that Mother Nature's basic rules are ignored at our peril. We must learn to get along with her as well as each other if we are to avoid future life-threatening epidemics, economic collapse, and climate catastrophe—essentially, to have any kind of civilized future.

Fortunately, a new initiative was just launched this week throughout our region, entitled Renew New England, which aims to address several of these crises before us in a systemic way. The Renew New England program, based on the national Green New Deal introduced in Congress last year, is an employment program that tackles basic needs in housing, healthcare, food, energy, transportation and clean air and water. This approach aims to ensure a jobs guarantee, putting us on track to eliminate climate-threatening carbon emissions in our region while moving toward economic/civil justice and a sustainable environment.

This ambitious program will require broad and sustained political action to put into motion. That's why a growing coalition of more than thirty labor, environmental, social justice and youth organizations is working to build collective grassroots power and elect governing majorities in all six New

England states to make the changes needed. In New Hampshire, this coalition includes among others 350NH and Rights & Democracy, leading state-wide grassroots organizations dedicated to climate action and social justice.

It is time to seize the political moment and ensure that our leaders in government are working toward a sustainable and just future for our region. To find out more about Renew New England, go to www.RenewNewEngland.org and get involved—it's your future at stake.

Doug Bogen
Barrington, N.H.

Doug:

This certainly looks like a worthwhile endeavor. We hadn't seen anything about it elsewhere. Thanks for letting us know—and please keep us posted.

The Editor

Telling Omissions

To the Editor:

The New Hampshire House recently passed HB 1135 which contained other bills, including an amendment from Keene Senator Kahn which called for requiring all school districts in New Hampshire to teach about the Holocaust and other genocides.

Two people spoke in opposition, both citing the bill might constitute an unfunded mandate, especially as part of the bill called for the creation of a special commission to study "best practices" in formulating curriculum for schools. One mentioned that the bill is redundant in that many, if not most schools, already teach about the Holocaust.

Among those who testified in favor were the New Hampshire Council of Churches, the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire, the Cohen Center

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for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), and a Holocaust survivor—all legislated to be on the special commission along with seven other members of the state government and New Hampshire schools.

Concerning the commission, there is no representative from the Black community such as the NAACP or Black Lives Matter. Millions of African-Americans died either during the passage from Africa or during enslavement. Moreover, no person of Indigenous origin was named to sit on the commission. Millions of Native people died beginning with Columbus' four voyages to the Americas.

Such omissions of those communities of color who have been victimized in both history/herstory and in the present-day United States is absolutely shameful.

Will Thomas
N.H. VFP
Auburn, N.H.

Will:

It's a measure of the need for this sort of education that so well-intended a bill should have such deficiencies.

The Editor

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The Amateur-in-Chief

Dear Editor:

He's on the airwaves, Trump, with his amateurish notions and his outright lies. Why does he want, demand, that schools open in September? It's for his re-election prospects. He will strong-arm for what he wants; health science be damned. He, with craftily concerned tones—it's called sanctimony—names "Moms and Dads," as if he cares about them. Of course they care about their children. If he cared about America's kids, he'd not loosen up EPA's regulations as his EPA has

done, so our kids and Moms and Dads would have clean air, clean water, and safe food to eat. He doesn't care about families, just as he doesn't care about mayors and governors having to deal with COVID-19 problems and costs, just as he doesn't know to sympathize with our health professionals, whose jobs get tougher and tougher as the nation's number of COVID-19 ill and dying increases. He only cares about Donald J. Trump and his sociopathic need for power. He's got to go.

Lynn Rudmin Chong
Sanbornton, N.H.

Lynn:

You know you're accusing him of something truly, deeply awful, right?

Of course you do. And you're right.

The Editor

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V-Shaped Covid Recovery

To the Editor:

Boy has Trump made a mess of things! His V-shaped economic recovery turned out to be a V-shaped Covid recovery. Replacing competent leadership and comprehensive planning with magical thinking and denial has been disastrous. True to form, rather than uniting the country to defeat the virus, the President has split the country into those who wear masks because they hate him and his those who go barefaced to show support for him, while thousands are contracting this dangerous illness daily. America's exceptionality has turned out to be setting a world record for total cases of coronavirus and related deaths.

Things have gotten so bad that, according to "The Borowitz Report," Vladimir Putin is "seriously considering" not running Donald J. Trump for reelection, because his "guy is a lost cause." Reportedly, he is mulling possible Republican replacements, though concerned that after years of

obedience training, breaking in a new one will be hard.

Satire uses humor to expose and criticize people's shortcomings. Should we laugh or cry over this story?

Cynthia Muse
Rye, N.H.

Cynthia:

Laugh—all the way to the polls.

The Editor

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Trump And His Rally Are a Danger

To the Editor:

Great, the Spreader-in-Chief is coming to Portsmouth to hold a rally, an event that threatens the health of New Hampshire citizens and the local economy. It threatens to reverse much of the hard work citizens and medical workers have done to protect themselves and each other.

Trump has encouraged his followers not to wear masks, take precautions, or take the pandemic seriously. Trump thinks wearing a mask is for wimps, on the other hand people who come in contact with him are tested every day! For his protection! He has set a terrible example by not wearing one. It is totally proven that wearing a mask helps protect the person wearing it and those they come in contact with. He has made mask-wearing into a political trope when indeed it otherwise would have been what it actually is, a common-sense health measure.

Compare his lack of leadership to New Zealand or Taiwan. New Zealand, a country of almost five million, is led by a strong Prime Minister, Jacinda Arder. After taking strong measures immediately, New Zealand now reports 0-2 new cases per day. All of the new cases are people coming back to New Zealand from other countries. Their economy is not in tatters, their citizens are not under siege from the virus.

So, if you wonder why other places don't have 20 percent of the workforce unemployed, their economies in tatters,

high numbers of dead, look no further than our weak leader.

Michael Frandzel
Portsmouth, N.H.

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The Language of Vote Suppression

by Andrew Moss

There are many ways to suppress a vote. If you've followed elections in various states over the past two years, you'll recognize such strategies as the purging of voting rolls, the elimination of same-day voting, and the shortening of early voting periods.

There's the requirement of government issued photo ID's, and the disqualification of any voter registrations that lack an "exact match" among government documents required for identification.

Then there's the consolidation of polling places in certain districts, the last-minute switching of polling places to confuse voters, and the long lines resulting from these measures and from such other problems as faulty equipment and inadequate staffing and training. There's also, of course, the disenfranchisement of voters who have criminal records.

And this is just a partial list.

What's often missing, though, from any inventory of voter suppression techniques is mention of an essential ingredient: language. It is language, a specific kind of narrative framing, that's needed to justify these methods and to cover up the racism that motivates their use.

The language of vote suppression has played a crucial role since emancipation placed the issue of suffrage, the suffrage of a newly emancipated people, at the forefront of public debate.

During Reconstruction and in the decades following the withdrawal of federal troops from the South, opposition to Black voting was couched in the rawest of racist terms, accompanying terrorism, murder, poll taxes, and other forms of suppression to roll back the enfranchisement gained during Reconstruction.

By 1901, when Jim Crow segregation had consolidated its grip on the South, an influential Columbia University historian and political scien-

tist like William A. Dunning could write in the *The Atlantic* that during Reconstruction, "negroes exercised an influence in political affairs out of all relation to their intelligence or property," and that, "the ultimate root of the trouble in the South had been, not the institution of slavery, but the coexistence of two races so distinct in characteristics as to render coalescence impossible."

The language Dunning used help provide the kind of narrative framing that sustained for decades the apartheid system and the massive disenfranchisement of Black citizens that went along with it.

Not until the mid-1960's, when the enormous sacrifices made by civil rights workers began to awaken the nation, did such blatantly racist language begin to lose its currency, at least across much of the nation. With the passage of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) in 1965, a broad re-enfranchisement of Black voters began throughout the South, accompanied by a substantial growth in the number of Black elected officials.

Yet if an explicitly racist language could no longer acceptably justify the suppression of Black votes, there were other ways to accomplish the same end.

Presidents like Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan, who both embraced a "southern strategy" to secure electoral success, could pay lip service to the VRA while dragging their feet on enforcement. When Reagan was president, for example, his Justice Department approved a discriminatory, gerrymandered redistricting plan for New Orleans, only to receive the distinction, or ignominy, in 1983 of having the first approval by the DOJ overturned by court action (*Major v Treen*). It took a court to do the job that the administration was charged by the VRA to do.

In the past few decades, a new narrative evolved as a cover for vote suppression. Developed by conservative writers, it labeled any efforts to counter

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Smedley Darlington Butler:

What a True American Hero Looks Like

by W.D. Ehrhart

I went through Marine Corps boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina, in the summer of 1966. We learned all sorts of things that summer, but one thing we learned was the names of the two Marines who had each won not one, but two Medals of Honor: Dan Daly and Smedley Butler.

Butler would have received three Medals of Honor if the award had been available to officers during the Boxer Rebellion in 1900 China. Every enlisted man on a patrol he led as a teenaged lieutenant received one, but he was instead awarded the Marine Corps Brevet Medal, the highest decoration for bravery then available to commissioned officers.

In the course of his career, he also received the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the French Order of the Black Star, two decorations from the Haitian government, and ten campaign medals.

But our drill instructors didn't tell us about the book Butler wrote called *War Is a Racket*. And they didn't teach us what Butler came to believe about himself:

"I spent 33 years and four months in active military service and during that period I spent most of my time as a high class muscle man for Big Business, for Wall Street and the bankers. In short, I was a racketeer, a gangster for capitalism. I helped make Mexico and especially Tampico safe for American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in. I helped in the raping of half a dozen Central American republics for the benefit of Wall Street. I helped purify Nicaragua for the International Banking House of Brown Brothers in 1902-1912. I brought light to the Dominican Republic for the

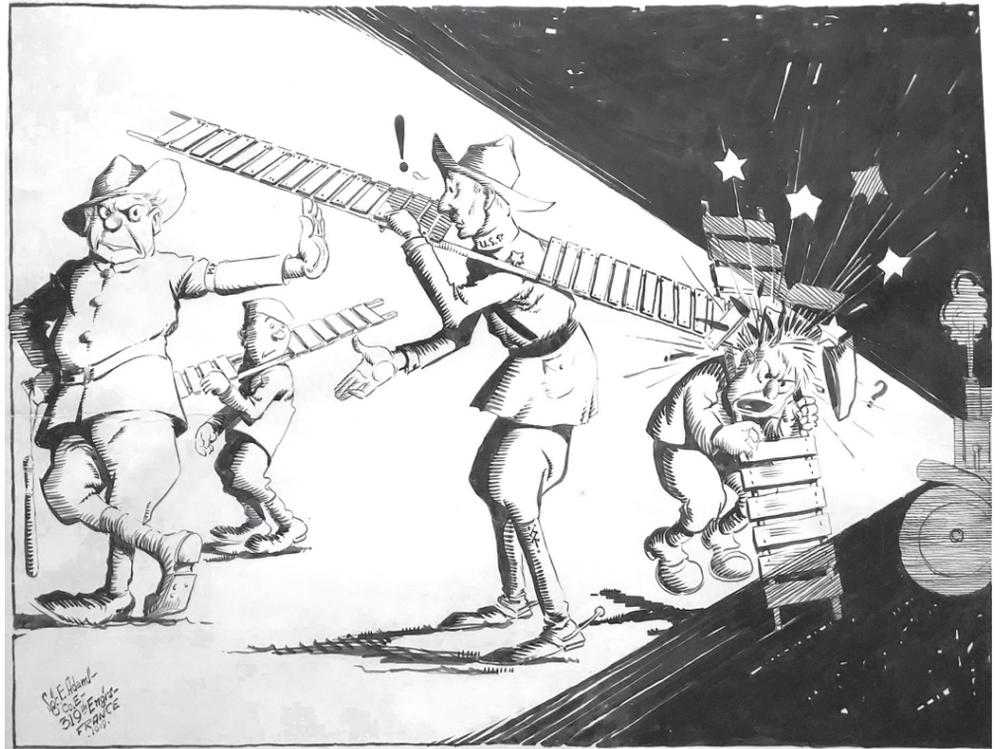
American sugar interests in 1916. I helped make Honduras right for the American fruit companies in 1903. In China in 1927 I helped see to it that Standard Oil went on its way unmolested. Looking back on it, I might have given Al Capone a few hints. The best he could do was to operate his racket in three districts. I operated on three continents."

I only began to learn the whole story of Smedley Darlington Butler's remarkable life during the Reagan Wars against the peasants of Central America in the 1980s, a part of the world where Butler had spent much of his career in the first 30 years of the 20th century.

Butler, it turns out, was an 1898 graduate of the Haverford School for Boys, then known as the Haverford College Grammar School. And as chance would have it, I was hired in January 2001 to teach English and history at the Haverford School (THS) by then-headmaster and retired 30-year U.S. Army colonel Dr. Joseph T. Cox.

Ten years into my 18-year stay, Joe got an e-mail from a 1969 graduate named Fred Housel who had been a "Lifer" at THS, and who had stumbled by accident upon Butler's story while doing unrelated research. Fred asked Joe, "How could I spend 13 years at Haverford and never have heard a word about Smedley Butler?" Joe's reply was, "You should talk to Bill Ehrhart. He's a big Smedley Butler fan."

The answer to Fred's question was easy: after Butler retired from the Corps in the early 1930s, when he began speaking out against what he saw as unjustifiable foreign interventions and what today we would call "the military-industrial complex," the then rich white Republican Philadelphia Main Line clientele of the Haverford School deemed Butler a traitor to "his class," and wrote him out of the school's history. He



Smedley Butler at Camp Pontanezen, France, drawn by Sgt. E. Adams, U.S. Army, Co. E, 319th Engineers. Gift of Richard Long, National Museum of the Marine Corps, Triangle, Virginia.

simply ceased to be.

Until I arrived, that is. From the first day I began teaching there, I had a large poster of Butler hanging in my classroom. Along with a full-length photograph of Butler, the poster included his famous "racketeer for capitalism" quote, which originally appeared in *Common Sense*, a magazine published by socialists in the tradition of Eugene Debs and Robert La Follette, in November 1935. Below the poster, I added my own sign identifying him as a Haverford School alumnus.

Fred was not pleased to learn that his alma mater had erased Butler from its institutional conscience, and made a substantial donation to the school in return for resurrecting Butler's connection to the school. My classroom was dedicated to Butler's memory, and now bears a plaque attesting to this. An oil painting of Butler in uniform, painted by a student, now hangs just outside the upper school admissions office. And on the campus, circling one of the trees, is the Smedley Butler Bench,

which carries six brass plates. [See the sidebar on the opposite page.]

Butler earned the nickname "Maverick Marine" because repeatedly found himself in trouble with his superiors in the military and the government; he had no patience with bureaucracy, red tape, or arm-chair strategists, and always put the welfare of the men under his command before everything else.

In the Philippines, early in his career, he was nearly cashiered for defying orders and commandeering a Navy tug to deliver food and supplies to his isolated command, largely dismantling the tug in order to build a pier from which to offload his cargo once he'd returned to the isolated island where his men were stationed.

Awarded a Medal of Honor in Mexico in 1914 that he did not feel he deserved, he was told that he had to accept it and wear it, or face court-martial.

Sent to France in 1918, but denied the combat command he desperately wanted, he was assigned

instead to command a transient camp for soldiers coming and going between the States and the trenches on the Western Front. Appalled by the unsanitary living conditions at the camp, and refused permission to obtain adequate supplies to upgrade the camp's facilities, he organized a work party that raided a government warehouse in broad daylight and "liberated" the duckboards, shovels, and tents he needed, thus earning him the nickname "General Duckboard."

To be continued ...

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Plaques on the Haverford School's Smedley Butler Bench

Panel 1

Smedley Darlington Butler
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Incorruptible Outspoken Patriot
His was a life of Courage, Respect & Honesty

Panel 2

A native of West Chester, Pennsylvania,
the son of a Congressman,
Butler was captain of the Haverford School's
baseball team and quarterback of the football team.
Not yet 17, he enlisted in the Marines in 1898
without waiting for graduation,
but was nevertheless awarded his diploma.

Panel 3

During a career spanning over 33 years,
Butler rose from 2nd lieutenant to major general.
He served in the U.S., the Philippines, China,
Panama, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, Haiti,
Cuba, the Dominican Republic and France,
earning not one but two Medals of Honor,
the Marine Corps Brevet Medal,
and both the Army and Navy
Distinguished Service Medals.

Panel 4

From January 1924 through December 1925,
Butler took a leave of absence from the Corps
to serve as Philadelphia's Director of Public Safety.
Charged with enforcing prohibition
and rooting out municipal corruption,
he later said: "Cleaning up Philadelphia
was worse than any battle I was ever in."

Panel 5

After retiring from the Corps in 1931,
Butler became an advocate for veterans
and a critic of American military adventurism.
In 1932, he supported the Great War "Bonus Marchers."
In a 1935 essay he titled *War Is a Racket*,
he described himself as having been
"a muscleman for Big Business,"
"a racketeer," and "a gangster for capitalism."

Panel 6

Nicknamed variously the Maverick Marine,
the Fighting Quaker,
the Fighting Devil of the Devil Dogs,
the Fighting Hell-Devil Marine,
the Stormy Petrel of the Marine Corps,
General Duckboard & Old Gimlet Eye,
Butler himself concluded, "To Hell with War!"

Sacrificing people to corporate profit

by Jim Hightower

As directed by their big business funders, top Republican office-holders across the country have been defying public health experts in past weeks to rush America's workers back into their jobs. But—oops!—the microscopic COVID-19 turns out to be smarter and stronger than Trump and all the money-grubbing CEOs combined, so their impetuous back-to-work commands have backfired, causing the crisis to surge again, killing thousands more Americans.

What to do now? Why, of course, get Congress to protect them! Uh... not protect workers and customers, but protect corporate profits. Thus, the White House, such Congressional sleazes as Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, and the whole army of Gucci-wearing corporate lobbyists are pushing furiously to pass a law decreeing that corporations cannot be held liable for profit-driven actions and negligence that sicken and kill untold numbers of Americans.

Crying crocodile tears for those giants guilty of intentionally endangering the public, Larry Kudlow,

Trump's corporate-hugging economic advisor, wailed: "You've got to give the businesses some confidence here that if something happens... you can't take them out of business. You can't throw big lawsuits at them." Gosh, Larry, thanks for your little moral lecture, but what about giving workers, their families and society in general some confidence that "if something happens" you can't take away people's basic human right to pursue justice?

Besides, why shouldn't We The People hold these economic power-houses legally accountable? By preemptively giving a blanket pardon to corporate entities for causing deadly harm, you'll give direct financial incentive to their executives to forego investing in protective measures for workers and public health. Indeed, the very fact they're insisting on a law to shield them from people who get hurt is an admission that they know the rush to restart their profit machine will sicken and kill others.

That's not just greedy, it's inhumane.

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racial gerrymandering as racial "quotas" or electoral "affirmative action," terms that eventually morphed into the phrase, "perpetuation of racial entitlements."

This latter phrase was introduced by Justice Antonin Scalia into oral arguments during the landmark *Shelby County v Holder* case (2013), in which the Supreme Court's conservative majority gutted the government's enforcement powers authorized by the VRA.

In presenting the majority opinion in that case, Chief Justice John Roberts made a claim that constitutes a second major feature of the new narrative: that enough racial progress has been made to eliminate the need for the VRA's legal remedies.

The claim is anything but true. A recent Brennan Center analysis shows that counties with histories



of discrimination have continued to purge voting rolls at elevated rates. Other kinds of widespread abuses continue to take place at the state level, e.g. the withholding in the 2018 general election of 53,000 voter registrations by then-Georgia Secretary of State (now Governor) Brian Kemp. While Black citizens constitute approximately 32 percent of Georgia's population, about 70 percent of the withheld registrations were of Black voters.

Such practices have been justified by the third key component of the vote suppression narrative: the claim of widespread voter fraud. This claim, too, is fallacious, as many voting experts will attest. As Kenneth R. Mayer, a voting expert at the University of Wisconsin-Madison declared, "The continued insistence

that there are material levels of intentional voter fraud is itself a form of fraud."

The injustices in our electoral system present an enormous, continuing task: to challenge the lies, the racism, and the specific practices of vote suppression—while still motivating voters, particularly young voters, to cast their ballots and secure full representation as citizens of their communities and of the nation.

Andrew Moss, syndicated by Peace-Voice, is an emeritus professor (English, Nonviolence Studies) at the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

The View From Abroad
"Ghislaine Maxwell could not have chosen a better spot than Bradford, New Hampshire for the hidden

location of her house Tuckedaway. Known as the 'Granite State' for the local psychology as much as the landscape, New Hampshire is a live-and-let-live place whose motto is 'Live Free or Die'...

"Possibly the only risky issue security-wise for those like Maxwell seeking a luxurious hideaway up north is staff. *Live-in is pretty much the norm north of New Hampshire state capital Concord, with most homes keeping a chef, ground maintenance workers and a housekeeper.* The very limited dining-out options are for basic, traditional diner fare. Organic fruit and veg are plentiful though, so the right chef could work wonders. It's all a very long way from the Manhattan jail where Maxwell is currently residing." [Emphasis added.]

— "Why Ghislaine Maxwell chose New Hampshire," by Sarah Kennedy, www.telegraph.co.uk/luxury/travel/ghislaine-maxwell-chose-new-hampshire.

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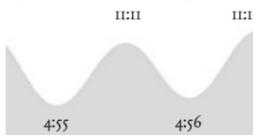
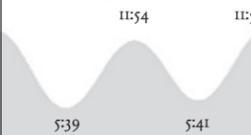
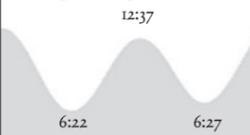
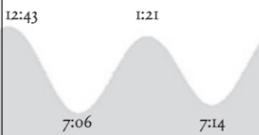
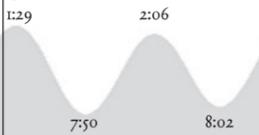
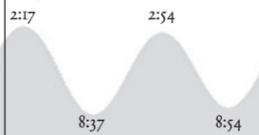
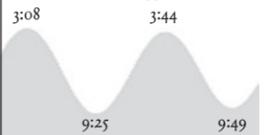
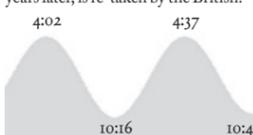
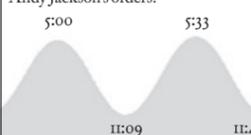
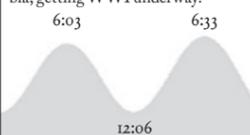
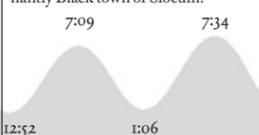
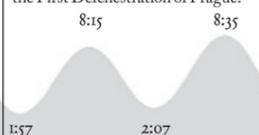
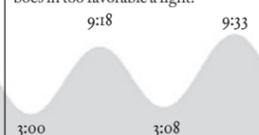
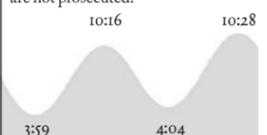
drags about seventeen billion gallons of seawater — enough to fill 2,125,000 tanker trucks — up the river and into Great Bay. This creates a roving hydraulic conflict, as incoming sea and the outgoing river collide. The skirmish line

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>2011—Wendi Murdoch deftly deflects a pie aimed at her husband Rupert, as he's being grilled about phone-hacking by Parliament.</p> <p>2010—Terrified by a malignly-edited YouTube clip, Sec. of Ag. Tom Vilsack has USDA employee Shirley Sherrod pulled over by the side of the road and summarily fired.</p> <p>2001—Deputy Chairman of the British Conservative party Lord Jeffrey Archer is convicted of perjury and sentenced to 4 years.</p> <p>1994—Dining with reporters in the Capitol, Sen. Howell Heflin (D-Ala.) pulls what he thinks is a hankie from his pocket, and wipes his nose with a pair of panties.</p> <p>1991—South Africa's government admits it paid Zulus to undermine the African National Congress.</p> <p>1985—Concord, N.H. teacher Christa McAuliffe is chosen to be first "Teacher in Space."</p> <p>1979—Sandinistas march triumphantly into Managua.</p> <p>1972—The AFL-CIO announces it won't support George McGovern.</p> <p>1966—In an internal memo, Bill Sullivan, Chief of Domestic Intel, admits the FBI's "black bag" jobs are illegal.</p> <p>1957—A two-kiloton nuclear warhead carried by an air-to-air missile explodes 18,000 feet above five Air Force "volunteers" at Yucca Flats.</p> <p>1919—White Washingtonians enraged by racist headlines begin attacking Blacks in the nation's capital.</p>	<p>2017—Secretary of State Tillerson states the obvious to other Administration officials: Trump is "a moron."</p> <p>2002—The FBI arrests three former NASA interns for stealing a 600 lb. safe holding moon rocks.</p> <p>1985—Near Key West, Florida, Mel Fisher begins hauling up gold worth \$400,000,000 from the <i>Atocha</i>.</p> <p>1984—Famed runner and fitness fanatic Jim Fixx, 52, dies of a heart attack while jogging.</p> <p>1973—Martial artist and fitness fanatic Bruce Lee, 32, drops dead.</p> <p>1969—Neil Armstrong goes for a walk on the moon.</p> <p>1956—A scheduled election intended to reunify Vietnam is blocked by the South, with Ike's concurrence.</p> <p>1948—Harry Truman kicks off the U.S.'s first peacetime draft.</p> <p>1944—German generals try but fail to kill Hitler with a bomb.</p> <p>1929—The Mt. Washington Railway's "Old Peppersass" busts an axle. Somehow only one man dies.</p> <p>1923—Pancho Villa's return to politics is thwarted by assassination.</p> <p>1919—A white mob beats Blacks in front of the White House.</p> <p>1877—The B & O Railroad strike spreads to Maryland, where workers threaten to blow up bridges and run trains into rivers.</p> <p>1874—General George Armstrong Custer leads an expedition of 110 wagons and 1,000 men into the Black Hills, violating an 1868 treaty.</p>	<p>2007—George W.[MD] Bush invokes the 25th Amendment, making Dick "Dick" Cheney President while Bush gets his colon inspected.</p> <p>2000—Long-time Texas voter Dick "Dick" Cheney registers in Wyoming to evade election laws.</p> <p>2000—The FBI and ATF are exonerated for killing 80 religious fanatics during a 1993 siege in Waco, Texas.</p> <p>1954—Geneva Accords free Vietnam from French colonial rule; the U.S. steps in to preserve disorder.</p> <p>1951—A Canadian Pacific DC-4 leaves Vancouver for Anchorage with 37 on board and disappears.</p> <p>1950—Bungling drunkard John C. Woods, the U.S. Army's hangman, electrocutes himself while attempting to repair some electrical equipment.</p> <p>1919—A burning dirigible crashes through the glass skylight of a Chicago bank killing 13.</p> <p>1919—With the cops on the sidelines, Blacks in D.C. arm themselves and fight back against white aggression.</p> <p>1918—U-156 attacks Orleans, Mass., sinking four barges and damaging the tug <i>Perth Amboy</i>. A few shells hit the beach—the only attack of the war on the U.S. mainland.</p> <p>1877—Pittsburgh militia bayonet and shoot railroad strikers (20 die). Surviving strikers burn 39 buildings and wreck 104 locomotives.</p> <p>1643—In Santa Fe, New Mexico, eight men are unexpectedly beheaded by the Spanish Inquisition.</p>	<p>2003—Rattled out by a cousin for a \$30 million reward, Uday and Qusay Hussein are shot dead by the 101st.</p> <p>2001—"I know what I believe," says G.W.[MD] Bush. "I will continue to articulate what I believe and what I believe—I believe what I believe is right."</p> <p>1991—Milwaukee police arrest Jeffrey Dahmer, infamous cannibal.</p> <p>1975—Owen J. Quinn parachutes from the top of the South Tower of New York's World Trade Center.</p> <p>1974—On the steps of the Capitol, 600 young Moonies begin a three-day fast and prayer-fest for Richard Nixon.</p> <p>1946—Irgun bombs the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, killing 91.</p> <p>1934—Chicago FBI agents kill John Dillinger by shooting him in the back.</p> <p>1919—The Army, Navy, Marines, and a downpour finally end a four-day race riot in Washington, D.C.</p> <p>1916—A bomb kills 10 and wounds 40 during a Preparedness Day parade in San Francisco. Perjured testimony sends two innocent men to prison.</p> <p>1915—The excursion steamer <i>Eastland</i> nearly tips over at the dock in Chicago. The boat's instability is kept secret to prevent loss of business.</p> <p>1905—Henderson's Point vanishes from the Piscataqua, thanks to 60,000 tons of dynamite.</p> <p>1877—Local labor leaders and the Workingmen's Party elect a Directorate of the St. Louis [Ill.] Commune. It issues General Order No. 1, calling for a General Strike.</p>	<p>2014—Arizona authorities experimenting with new poisons find Joseph Wood's execution takes 12 times longer than the expected 10 minutes.</p> <p>2001—Bank robber Gary Sampson calls the FBI to turn himself in, but a clerk disconnects him. Over the next week he murders three people, including a man in New Hampshire.</p> <p>1970—The last clash between the U.S. & NVA ends in futility: the 101st Airborne evacuates Firebase Ripcord. Cost: 75 KIA's & 463 WIA's.</p> <p>1968—Charging the Court nominee was soft on smut, Sen. Strom Thurmond brandishes examples during Abe Fortas's confirmation hearing.</p> <p>1967—Cops raid a blind pig in Detroit, interrupting a welcome home party for two Vietnam veterans. A five day riot ensues, and 43 die.</p> <p>1944—The International Monetary Fund and World Bank are created in Bretton Woods, N.H. [where the first tax collector was Daniel Fowle].</p> <p>1892—Anarchist Alexander Berkman shoots and stabs Henry Clay Frick, architect of the Homestead Massacre; but the capitalist survives.</p> <p>1877—Workers seize the railyards and docks in East St. Louis, Ill. Knowing he's out-manned, the mayor deputizes strikers to maintain order. Meanwhile, in Reading, Pa., the State Militia shoots ten civilians dead.</p> <p>1846—Henry David Thoreau is jailed for refusing to pay a \$1 poll tax to support the Mexican War.</p>	<p>2017—"Who the hell wants to talk about politics...in front of the Boy Scouts?," asks Donald Trump, who then talks politics at the Jamboree.</p> <p>2008—A tornado hits nine towns in N.H., killing a Deerfield woman.</p> <p>2003—Congress says the FBI and the CIA blew off warnings of a possible al-Qaeda attack on the U.S.</p> <p>2003—In Iraq, the U.S. proudly displays photographs of the corpses of Uday and Qusay Hussein.</p> <p>2002—James Traficant (D-Ohio) is booted from the U.S. House of Representatives for taking bribes.</p> <p>1998—To prevent a cannibal holocaust, Rusty Weston murders Rep. Tom DeLay's bodyguard and another Capitol cop. Shot and near death himself, he is revived by Sen. Bill Frist.</p> <p>1974—Nine out of nine justices agree: Nixon's gotta hand over them tapes.</p> <p>1967—From a Montreal balcony, De Gaulle declares, "Vive le Québec libre!"</p> <p>1959—During the "Kitchen Debate" in Moscow, Khrushchev asks Nixon if Americans have machines to push food down their throats.</p> <p>1951—Two officers from Hanscom AFB report a UFO flying over Portsmouth, N.H. at 800 to 1,000 mph.</p> <p>1921—The Aerowagon, a high-speed, propeller-driven railcar, crashes on its way to Moscow, killing six passengers including its inventor.</p> <p>1877—Thousands of strikers parade through East St. Louis, Ill., calling on shops and business to shutter.</p>	<p>2019—President Trump makes a phone call to Ukraine President Vladimir Zelensky. It's "perfect."</p> <p>2000—In a touching display of <i>naïveté</i>, George W.[MD] Bush announces that he has picked Dick "Dick" Cheney as running mate.</p> <p>1990—Ambassador April Glaspie tells Saddam the U.S. won't take sides in an Iraq-Kuwait border dispute.</p> <p>1975—Chester Plummer, Jr., a Black 'Nam vet with a three-foot pipe in his hand, becomes the first person shot dead on the White House lawn.</p> <p>1972—AP: The U.S. used Black men as guinea pigs for 40 years.</p> <p>1969—Sen. Ted Kennedy gets two months (suspended) for leaving the scene of a fatal accident.</p> <p>1965—Bob Dylan outrages the Newport Folk Festival with electricity.</p> <p>1952—Généreux Ruest, a disabled watchmaker who helped bomb an airliner, is wheeled to Quebec's gallows and hanged in a chair. His hangman is inept; he strangles for 21 minutes.</p> <p>1946—The first underwater A-Bomb hits Navy sailors at Bikini Atoll with far more radiation than expected.</p> <p>1853—The freshly-killed head of legendary bandit Joaquín Murrieta is put in a jar of brandy for display—until it's lost in the San Francisco Earthquake.</p> <p>1826—"Nothing succeeds with me," says Decembrist revolutionary Mikhail Bestuzhev-Ryumin after the hangman's first rope breaks. "Even here I meet with disappointment."</p>
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SUNDAY, JULY 26	MONDAY, JULY 27	TUESDAY, JULY 28	WEDNESDAY, JULY 29	THURSDAY, JULY 30	FRIDAY, JULY 31	SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
<p>1968—The newly elected President of South Vietnam jails the runner-up.</p> <p>1968—Mexican troops arrest thousands of students and shoot hundreds, killing dozens.</p> <p>1959—An engine failure forces U.S.M.C. Lt. Col. William Rankin to eject from his F-8 fighter jet over a thunderstorm. Aloft for 40 minutes amid lightning, hail, and -58° temperatures, he survives.</p> <p>1953—Arizona State Police and National Guard arrest the whole damn town of Short Creek for polygamy.</p> <p>1950—The U.S. 7th Cavalry, backed by air support, kills between 200 and 400 Korean refugees at No Gun Ri.</p> <p>1948—Harry Truman orders that the U.S. military be desegregated.</p> <p>1947—The National Security Act creates the CIA and NSA and turns the War Department into the DoD.</p> <p>1936—With dozens of fellow Communies along for cover, Bill Bailey rips the Nazi flag from the bow of the <i>Bremen</i> and throws it New York's harbor.</p> <p>1924—Bath, Maine hosts a KKK rally, complete with burning cross and a parade led by the City Marshall.</p> <p>1877—In Chicago, Federal troops kill 30 strikers in the Battle of the Viaduct. In East St. Louis, the Mayor sends 700 cops and goons to strike headquarters, ordering "shoot to kill."</p> <p>1758—The French fortress of Louisburg, taken by New Englanders in 1744 and given back by Britain three years later, is re-taken by the British.</p>	<p>2008—Shotgunning in a Knoxville church, Jim David Adkison kills two and wounds seven. He cites Fox News' Bernard Goldberg as one inspiration.</p> <p>1996—To protect the sanctity of life, Eric Robert Rudolph bombs the Atlanta Summer Olympics.</p> <p>1957—Jimmy Wilson (who's Black) is sentenced to death in Ala. for stealing \$1.95 from a woman (white).</p> <p>1954—Mercenaries overthrow the government of Guatemala at the behest of the CIA. Genocide follows.</p> <p>1946—<i>Hollywood Reporter</i> owner Billy Wilkerson, uncertain whether to name ten suspected Communists, consults Father Cornelius J. McCoy. He replies, "Get those bastards, Billy."</p> <p>1919—After a white man throwing rocks kills a Black man swimming at a segregated Chicago beach, a white cop arrests a Black man. Nearby Blacks who object are attacked by whites.</p> <p>1893—William Taylor survives a jolt from New York's electric chair, and breaks its straps. Morphine and chloroform keep him alive during repairs; a third jolt finally kills him.</p> <p>1877—In East St. Louis, 8,000 Federal troops, militia, and railroad hirelings start a two-day battle to crush the Commune and end the Strike.</p> <p>1816—Hundreds of free and fugitive Blacks and Choctaws—men, women, and children—in a former British fort on the Appalachicola River are killed when its magazine is blown up on Andy Jackson's orders.</p>	<p>2012—Three elderly troublemakers infiltrate Oak Ridge, Tenn. and spill blood on its nuclear weapons plant.</p> <p>2006—A wild storm topples the partially-renovated steeple of North Church and its attendant scaffolding onto Pleasant Street in Portsmouth.</p> <p>2003—Tom DeLay (R-Texas), who once said Americans smoke Cuban cigars "at the cost of our national honor," is photographed in Jerusalem lighting up a \$25 Hoyo de Monterrey.</p> <p>1957—An Air Force C-124 with engine trouble jettisons two core-less nukes 100 miles off Atlantic City.</p> <p>1945—A B-25 hits the Empire State Building; six floors burn, 13 die, 26 are injured. Among them: elevator operator Betty Oliver. The cable of the elevator evacuating her snaps; it plummets 80 stories. She survives that, too.</p> <p>1945—A kamikaze biplane sinks the U.S.S. <i>Callaghan</i> off Okinawa.</p> <p>1942—U.S.S. <i>YP-422</i> is commissioned in Neponset, Mass., commander: Lieut. L. Ron Hubbard.</p> <p>1932—GIs under Gen. MacArthur, including six tanks under Maj. George S. Patton, drive the "Bonus Expeditionary Force"—20,000 hungry World War I vets—out of Washington D.C., killing two in the process.</p> <p>1919—Chicago is engulfed by a race riot in which the Hamburg Athletic Club plays a prominent role. Its president: future Mayor Richard J. Daley.</p> <p>1914—Austria-Hungary attacks Serbia, getting WWI underway.</p>	<p>1994—Being a good, pro-life Christian, Rev. Paul Jennings Hill uses a shotgun to kill Dr. John Britton and his bodyguard James Barrett, wounding Barrett's wife June in the process.</p> <p>1986—Ex-Chaplain Charlie Liteky renounces the Medal of Honor he was awarded for bravery in Vietnam over U.S. policies in Latin America.</p> <p>1981—Congress passes Ronald Reagan's tax cut for the rich.</p> <p>1974—The House Judiciary Committee again impeaches Richard M. Nixon, this time for abuse of power and violating his oath of office.</p> <p>1970—Thanks to a five-year grape boycott, the United Farm Workers win their first contract.</p> <p>1967—Bum equipment and bad procedures let a stray electrical charge ignite a Zuni rocket on an F-4 jet on the flight deck of the U.S.S. <i>Forrestal</i>. The rocket slams into John McCain's A-4, releasing the first of eight half-ton bombs, killing 134 sailors and nearly sinking the ship.</p> <p>1966—Bob Dylan crashes his Triumph, breaking his neck.</p> <p>1965—The 101st Airborne lands in South Vietnam.</p> <p>1921—Disgruntled former corporal Adolf Hitler becomes President of the German Nazi Party.</p> <p>1910—Responding to a bogus claim about a pending race war against whites, hundreds of armed white Texans begin a race war in the predominantly Black town of Slocum.</p>	<p>1975—Jimmy Hoffa is last glimpsed by anyone who's talking.</p> <p>1969—"I think that history will record that this may have been one of America's finest hours," says Richard Nixon in Saigon.</p> <p>1956—Congress adopts "In God We Trust" as the national motto.</p> <p>1945—The U.S.S. <i>Indianapolis</i>, having delivered the Hiroshima A-bomb to Tinian, is torpedoed and sunk on its return trip. Its sinking goes unnoticed due to security precautions. Drowning, exposure, and sharks claim 879 of the 1,100 aboard.</p> <p>1938—Adolph Hitler pins the Grand Cross of the Supreme Order of the German Eagle on his pal Henry Ford.</p> <p>1917—A statement read in Parliament from Lt. Siegfried Sassoon says "the war is being deliberately prolonged by those who [could] end it."</p> <p>1916—German saboteurs destroy a thousand tons of munitions stored on a barge at Black Tom Island in New York Harbor. Three men and a baby are killed; the Statue of Liberty's upraised arm is hit by shrapnel.</p> <p>1866—Blacks march for civil rights in New Orleans; rioting whites kill 44.</p> <p>1864—Union forces breach Confederate defenses at Petersburg with a huge mine. A drawn straw puts Brig. Gen. James Ledlie in command. Drunk, he sends Union soldiers into the crater; 4,000 are slaughtered.</p> <p>1419—A religious dispute precipitates the First Defenestration of Prague.</p>	<p>1999—Eugene Shoemaker becomes the first Earthling whose cremated remains are interred on the moon.</p> <p>1996—Gerald Ford and George H.[H.] Walker Bush uphold the dignity of their former office by speaking for pay before followers of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.</p> <p>1974—Richard Nixon's former advisor John Ehrlichman gets a free five-year stay at a felons' country club.</p> <p>1972—Tom Eagleton withdraws his candidacy; the public is shocked.</p> <p>1971—The "Justice" Department OK's ITT's ownership of Hartford Fire Insurance; ITT's recent \$400,000 "contribution" to the GOP convention is a mere coincidence.</p> <p>1971—Dave Scott drives the first motor vehicle on the moon.</p> <p>1961—Bruce Britt Sr. outruns cops at 120 mph, runs aboard a DC-3 in Chico, Calif., and shoots two men; but the first U.S. skyjacking fails.</p> <p>1950—Chicago OK's a plan to tattoo citizens with their blood type.</p> <p>1944—Antoine de Saint-Exupéry disappears over southern France.</p> <p>1938—New York Yankee Jake Powell is suspended for saying on Chicago radio that he'd "hit every colored person in Chicago over the head with a club."</p> <p>1934—Gerhard Zucker's proposed mail rocket explodes in Scotland. The mail is incinerated, and he's deported.</p> <p>1921—Pennsylvania censors a Will Rogers movie because it portrays ho-boes in too favorable a light.</p>	<p>2007—An interstate highway bridge in Minneapolis collapses, killing 13.</p> <p>1976—First occupation of the Seabrook nuclear power plant site.</p> <p>1974—Alexander Haig meets for 50 minutes with Vice President Ford. They discuss Nixon's possible resignation and a possible Ford pardon. Though it's all quite above-board, no doubt, Haig has signed in on the official log under an assumed name.</p> <p>1972—The <i>Washington Post</i> reports on a "two-bit burglary" at DNC HQ.</p> <p>1972—First Lt. G.W.[MD] Bush loses his Air National Guard flying status because he skipped a required physical exam and drug test.</p> <p>1969—Herb Kalmbach accepts a \$100,000 bribe from milk producers on behalf of Richard Nixon.</p> <p>1969—A Mass. Superior Court judge denies a DA's request for an inquest into Mary Jo Kopechne's death.</p> <p>1966—Ex-Eagle Scout, honor student, and former Marine Charles Whitman shoots 45 (killing 12) from a tower at the University of Texas.</p> <p>1946—Corrupt Democrats in Athens, Tennessee, hole up in a jailhouse with ballot boxes. Disgruntled vets armed with Thompson guns stolen from the local Guard armory lay siege.</p> <p>1921—Police Chief Sid Hatfield and Deputy Ed Chambers are shot dead on the courthouse steps in Matewan, W.Va. The Baldwin-Feltes detectives who shot them claim self-defense and are not prosecuted.</p>
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