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The Fortnightly Rant

They Were Made For Each Other

Not long ago, scientists announced that they had developed an instrument capable of measuring gravity waves created by the collision of massive black holes. If a similar instrument existed capable of measuring the @\$\$#*%&ishness of politicians, the conjunction of Donald Trump and Joe Arpaio would break it.

Last week, with three years to go before the next election, Trump held a campaign rally. Why not? He filed for re-election on the day of his inauguration, and in the seven months since he's spent almost as much time campaigning as he has playing golf.

Trump held his rally in Phoenix, the seat of Maricopa County. Maricopa County is enormous. Nearly the size of New Hampshire, it has a larger population than 24 states. Though there are few objective measures for ranking law enforcement across the nation's myriad jurisdictions, it seems safe to say, based on what has been reported in the news, that for 24 years law enforcement in Maricopa County was run by the biggest @\$\$#*%& in the business.

Dolt 45 has a handful of operating modes, none of them appropriate or acceptable in a President, any combination of which are likely to appear in dizzying succession. There's the blustering, would-be tough guy, who brings to mind Sam Spade's old adage: "the cheaper the crook, the gaudier the patter." There's the transparent *faux*-statesman reading lines from a teleprompter about affairs of which he shows no sign of understanding. His truest self is probably the one we're most familiar with: the one who tells us, whether we're interested or not, of his own wealth and greatness.

In Phoenix, Trump deployed the unctuous persona of a simpering coquette, telling his audience what he's not going to tell them.

"Do the people in this room like Sheriff Joe? ... was Sheriff Joe convicted for doing his job? ... He should have had a jury, but you know what? I'll make a prediction. I think he's going to be just fine, OK? But — but I won't do it tonight, because I don't want to cause any controversy. Is that OK? All right? But Sheriff Joe can feel good."

Three days later Trump made good on his promise. As David Smith of the *Guardian* put it, "The announcement came on Friday night as Hurricane Harvey raged, rightwing nationalist Sebastian Gorka was forced out of the White House, and Trump approved a directive prohibiting transgender people from enlisting in the military. It was the most spectacular political coincidence since Hillary Clinton's campaign emails were released half an hour after an Access Hollywood tape in which Trump bragged about groping women."

The pardon was the second instance of Trump defiling his Constitutional oath in order to protect Arpaio. According to the *Washington Post*, Trump spoke last spring to Attorney General Jeffrey Beauregard Sessions III about dropping the case. Even Sessions balked at so heinous a maneuver.

The Trump-Arpaio Mutual Admiration Society apparently was forged during the despicable campaign to paint President Obama as some Kenyan usurper. Both were born on Flag Day, giving them an excuse to impute to themselves an aura of patriotism which neither has earned. It's enough to make one consider whether that date ought to be moved.

The Dumbkopf Duo also share an insatiable thirst for publicity and an apparent taste for flouting the law — a little quirk which has cost Maricopa County taxpayers plenty.



Phoenix TV news cameras just happened to be present at a parking lot in July, 1999 when James Saville, 18, was arrested and charged with plotting to kill Arpaio with a bomb. Bail was set at \$1 million, assuring that Saville would stay under Arpaio's care and keeping throughout his trial. The next year Arpaio won a third term.

Four years later the jury found that Arpaio's deputies had entrapped Saville and supplied him with the bomb parts. Saville, acquitted, sued for damages and won. Arpaio's campaign stunt had cost Maricopa County taxpayers more than a million dollars.

A rather vague approach towards actual law enforcement seems to have permeated Arpaio's department. In 2004, the Maricopa County Attorney "refused to prosecute nearly 60 women arrested [the previous] winter in a highly publicized Sheriff's office prostitution sting ... because Arpaio's deputies and posse members 'deviated from standard

investigative practices' by getting naked and engaging in sexual relations with the alleged whores," according to the *Phoenix New Times*.

A judge found Arpaio guilty on July 31st of violating a court order which instructed him to desist from breaking the law. He's lucky he went before a judge — a jury made up of 12 random citizens might have demanded the death penalty.

In terms of the cost to taxpayers, Arpaio's campaign of racial profiling made the Saville case look like a trifle. So far the County has had to pay at least \$41 million in settlements.

"America's Toughest Sheriff" said he was "humbled and incredibly grateful" for Trump's pardon. He tweeted, "Thank you ... for seeing my conviction for what it is: a political witch hunt by holdovers in the Obama justice department!" As with Trump, he can do no wrong.

It's understandable that he's grateful — what rotund 85-year-old lawman wouldn't be a little worried about spending six months sur-

rounded by thousands of young men with ample reason to hate his guts? His freedom may come at considerable cost, though. It has been suggested that by accepting the pardon, Arpaio has opened himself up to a horde of civil lawsuits.

Now that Trump has pardoned Arpaio, New Hampshire conservatives are waiting for him to pardon Jerry DeLemus. The former co-chair of the state's Veterans for Trump is doing a seven year stretch at Fort Devens for hauling his .50-caliber Barrett semi-automatic rifle to the 2014 Bundy Ranch standoff. DeLemus doesn't have Arpaio's high profile, but he was an early and outspoken supporter of the beleaguered President.

The pardon could be a practice swing, a signal, or both. He may be warming up to pardon associates who refuse to cooperate with Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into campaign shenanigans — which would amount to a taunt to Congress: I dare you to impeach me.

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Houston, You Have a Problem

Houston is huge. It's the nation's fourth-largest city, both in land and in people. Ten times the size of the nation's capitol, it has triple the population. No matter how you slice it, it's the biggest city in America built on a swamp.

Houston is also the only American city with no zoning laws, though to some degree that seems to be a question of semantics. Matthew Festa, a professor of land use at a Houston law school, says the city does have certain land-use regulations — they're just not labeled "zoning."

The important thing, says Festa, is not what you call land use regulation, "what's more important is to have a discussion about whether the *de facto* zoning system is working for all residents. That doesn't seem to be happening. The problem is there's no

comprehensive plan." Ryan Holeywell interviewed Festa for the blog *Urban Edge*.

"As decisions about building are made," Holeywell wrote, "they're often not done in a way that examines how they positively or negatively affect each neighborhood."

"Instead, it's the communities with the time, resources and political clout that essentially have the power to restrict development within their borders. That pushes it to other areas without a meaningful discussion of the citywide implications."

Holeywell provides a curious example of how that can work out in Houston: "[R]esidents of a wealthy Houston single-family neighborhood fought to block construction of a high-rise in their community. The high-rise was allowed to move forward — it didn't violate zoning

rules — but [in 2014] a judge ordered developers to pay residents \$1.2 million in damages because it was considered a nuisance."

For the record, Festa testified on behalf of the residents. This being a nation of laws, we presume that even in Texas, poor folks are as free as rich folks to hire lawyers to defend their neighborhoods against unbecome developments.

What Houstonians seemingly cannot do, even if all income levels agreed to pull together, is deliberately prevent growth through collective action. Between July 1, 2011 and July 1, 2012, the city added 34,625 new residents — and the roofs, roads, and parking lots to accommodate them. In other words, in a single year, Houston grew by more than 1.5 Portsmouths. It's OK, though. Growth is good. Just ask

any capitalist.

Houston seems as capable of attracting big storms as it is of attracting people. A Memorial Day flood crippled the city in 2015. Eleven months later came the "Tax Day" flood. Together those two storms killed 16 people and caused more than \$1 billion in damages. Hundred year floods are becoming an annual event.

As readers may have heard, Houston is under water again after receiving a year's worth of rain in a week.

Michael Mann, director of the Earth System Science Center at Pennsylvania State University, had some thoughts on the intensity of Hurricane Harvey:

"There are certain climate change-related factors that we can, with great confidence, say worsened the flooding.

"Sea level rise attributable to climate change (some is due to coastal subsidence due to human disturbance e.g. oil drilling) is more than half a foot over the past few decades ... That means that the storm surge was a half foot higher than it would have been just decades ago, meaning far more flooding and destruction."

"In addition to that, sea surface temperatures in the region have risen [almost one degree Fahrenheit] over the past few decades ... there is a roughly 3 percent increase in average atmospheric moisture content for each [degree Fahrenheit] of warming."

Sea surface temperatures in the area where Harvey intensified were warmer than current-day average

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temperatures. Current-day temperatures have risen since just a few decades ago. That relevant end result is that there is 3-5 percent more moisture in the atmosphere than there used to be. And that's just on the surface.

"Not only are the surface waters of the Gulf unusually warm right now," Mann continues in a blog post, "but there is a deep layer of warm water that Harvey was able to feed upon when it intensified at near record pace as it neared the coast. Human-caused warming is penetrating down into the ocean warming not just the surface but creating deeper layers of warm water in the Gulf and elsewhere.

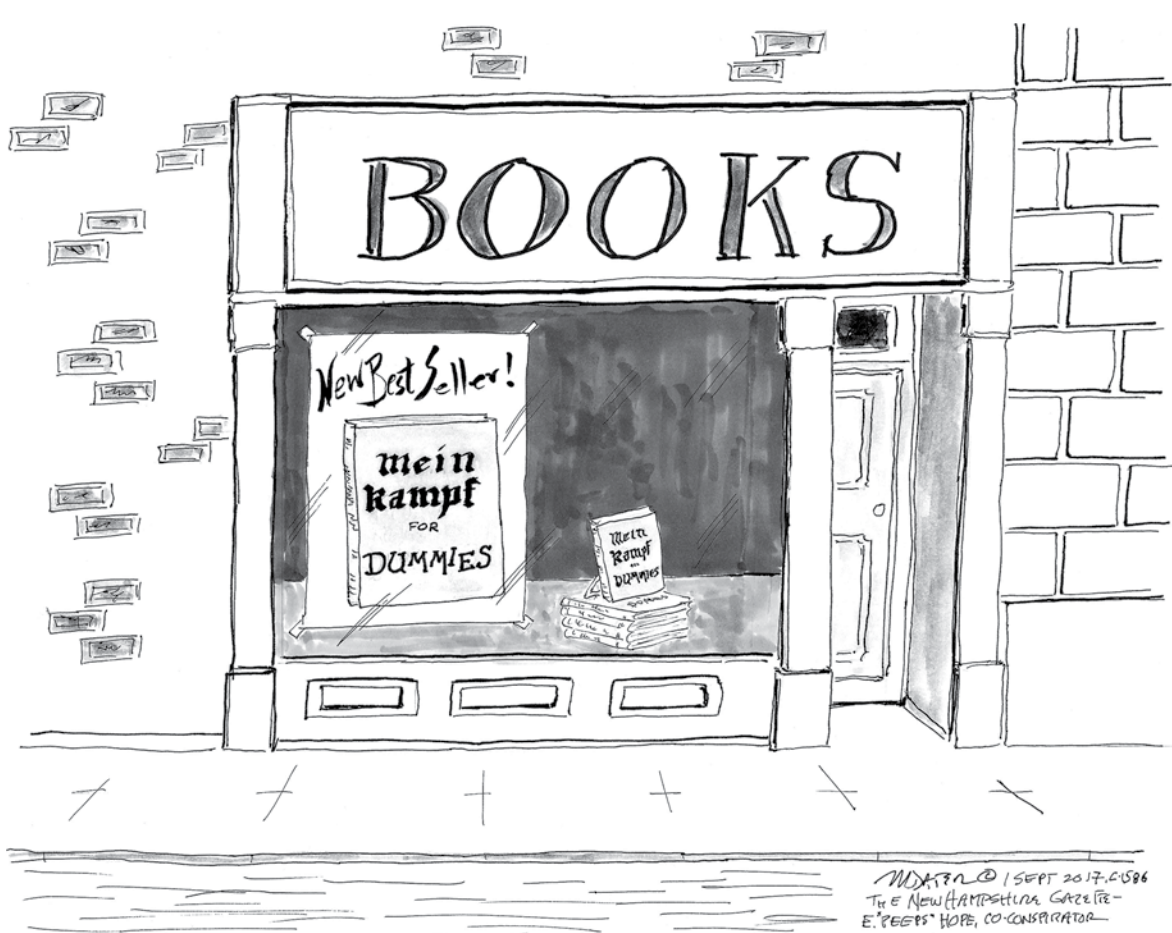
"So Harvey was almost certainly more intense than it would have been in the absence of human-caused warming, which means stronger winds, more wind damage, and a larger storm surge

"Finally, the more tenuous but

potentially relevant climate factors: part of what has made Harvey such a devastating storm is the way it has stalled right near the coast, continuing to pummel Houston and surrounding regions with a seemingly endless deluge which will likely top out at nearly 4 feet of rainfall over a several days-long period before it is done.

"The stalling is due to very weak prevailing winds which are failing to steer the storm off to sea, allowing it to spin around and wobble back and forth like a top with no direction. This pattern, in turn, is associated with a greatly expanded subtropical high pressure system over much of the U.S. right now, with the jet stream pushed well to the north. This pattern of subtropical expansion is predicted in model simulations of human-caused climate change.

"More tenuous, but possibly relevant still, is the fact that very persistent, nearly 'stationary' summer weather patterns of this sort, where weather anomalies ... stay



Sooo close! — Preternaturally serene Superior Court Judge Marguerite Wageling continues to refrain from incarcerating Rye plutocrat William "Bill" Binnie, despite his Olympian display of every form of foot-dragging known to man. Nevertheless, Wageling has issued Binnie a deadline: have Sanders Poynt restored to public use by September 17th. Potential fly in the proverbial ointment: Rye town officials seems to be siding with Binnie in his attempt to unnecessarily prohibit parking along Rte. 1B. See our Mash Notes, Hate Mail, and Other Correspondence Department for the details.

locked in place for many days at a time, appears to be favored by human-caused climate change. ...

"In conclusion, while we cannot say climate change 'caused' hurricane Harvey (that is an ill-posed question), we can say that it exacerbated several characteristics of the storm in a way that greatly increased the risk of damage and loss of life."

The *Texas Tribune* and *ProPublica* teamed up for a study of Houston's flooding problem last year. Their reporters spoke to scientists who said that the Harris County Flood Control District, "which manages thousands of miles of floodwater-evacuating bayous and helps enforce development rules, should focus more on preserving green space and managing growth. The City of Houston, too. And they say everyone should plan for more torrential rainfall because of the changing climate. (A host of cities in the U.S. and around the world are doing so.)

"But county and city officials responsible for addressing flooding largely reject these arguments. Houston's two top flood control officials say their biggest challenge is not managing rapid growth but retrofitting outdated infrastructure. Current standards that govern how and where developers and residents can build are mostly sufficient, they say. And all the recent monster storms are freak occurrences — not harbingers of global warming or a sign of things to come.

"The longtime head of the flood control district flat-out disagrees with scientific evidence that shows development is making flooding worse. Engineering projects can reverse the effects of land development and are doing so, Mike Talbott said in an interview ... before his retirement after 18 years heading

the powerful agency. (His successor shares his views.)"

[Is] All the Gold in Fort Knox?

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin recently visited Fort Knox — the first visit of a civilian to the gold repository since 1974. The ostensible reason was to ascertain whether the gold was still there. We hate to appear disloyal, but a visit from a member of Donald Trump's cabinet does not constitute reassurance. It did not help that the visit took place during the solar eclipse.

Birds Brains of a Feather

We see where Governor Chris Sununu had a nice sit-down with the Rochester 9/12 Project on Monday, August 14th. The Rochester 9/12 Project is the local franchise of a national organization created in March of 2009 by that noted political thinker, Glenn Beck. The name purports to memorialize the spirit of national unity which ensued af-

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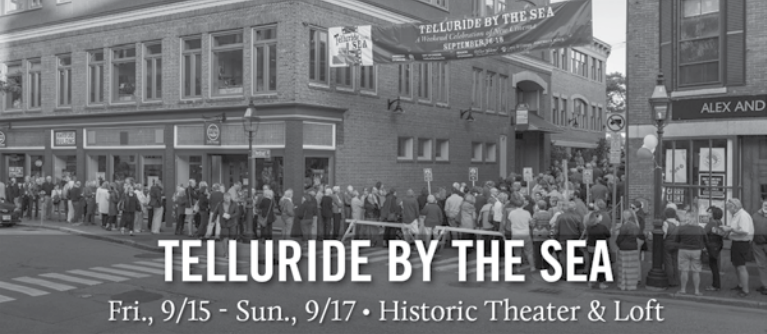
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ter the terror attacks of September 11, 2001. The timing of its founding, though, when coupled with the founder's known antipathies, suggests it was formed primarily to oppose the administration of the man who was inaugurated as President just two months before.

The meeting "was not announced on [the Governor's] public schedule," is the delicate way WMUR's John DiStaso put it.

A cynical person might suspect that the Governor was trying to keep the public in the dark because the founder of the Rochester 9/12 Project, Jerry DeLemus, is in prison for conspiracy to commit an offense against the U.S. and interstate travel in aid of extortion.

DeLemus went to Nevada in 2014 to help millionaire welfare deadbeat Cliven Bundy cheat the government out of grazing fees.

More Right Wing Schmoozing

A news release from Granite State Progress [GSP] says Frank Edelblut, Governor Sununu's hand-picked Education Commissioner, will be the keynote speaker at a "Right of Center" political strategy meeting in September.

"The bi-weekly meetings are organized by former House Speaker Bill O'Brien and the Hon. Stephen Stepanek under the banner of Liberty Tree Consulting Services, and

hosted at the Koch-funded Americans for Prosperity office," according to the release.

Liberty Tree Consulting's website says the meetings are "for elected officials and political activists, centering around how to improve communication in N.H. through a center right agenda." Their goal is to "create Right of Center political progress" in New Hampshire.

GSP says "Commissioner Edelblut is not an elected official and New Hampshire commissioners typically don't engage in partisan politics in their official roles — although Commissioner Edelblut has frequently done so with Governor Chris Sununu's blessing. The public has a right to know if Edelblut has been participating all along — and whether any other members of Governor Sununu's leadership team are participating in partisan politics in their official capacities."

Apropos of Nothing Much ...

Legend, a British film released in 2015, tells the story of the infamous Kray twins, Reggie and Ronnie, gangsters who titillated and terrorized London in the 1950s and 60s. Tom Hardy plays both twins, with all his characteristic menace. Emily Browning plays Reggie's wife, Frances Shea. During a period when Reggie's nightclub is having great success, Frances observes, "As long



as their health didn't suffer, the high rollers loved rubbing elbows with gangsters. Aristocrats and criminals have a lot in common. They're both selfish, get bored easily, and have access to wads of cash they didn't have to work honestly to get. The topser: neither have any interest in bourgeois rules or morality."

It's Time To Save The Times Building

Most of the new buildings in town that have been greeted with expressions of horror were constructed on sites that were leveled in the Sixties. Were it not for the ensuing half-century gap, their reception would have been even more hostile.

Imagine the reaction if one of these new monstrosities were replacing even run-down old houses with which we were familiar. The likely reaction would be one of disgust: "We traded that for this?"

Right now, on State Street, stands the Times Building: four stories of brick, narrow but deep, with granite lintels and a few arched windows at street level in the front. It sits across from the elegant granite Custom House, and beside the imposing, granite South Church. Together the three buildings represent one ventricle of the city's heart.

The Times Building was never intended to be grand, but time has given it a measure of grandeur — certainly enough to make it irreplaceable. Anything that took its place would be doomed to disfavor by comparison.

Damaged by fire this spring, its owner intends to destroy it. To its great credit, the City is saying "No." A fight will surely ensue.

Before it throws in the towel the City should take every step in its power to prevent the building's destruction — right up to and including the exercise of the power to take the building by eminent domain — and damn the consequences.

Speaking of buildings being knocked down ...

There used to be a small brick building of no particular account, located by the railroad tracks between the now-demolished Gary's Beverage and Peter Happny's blacksmith shop — long may it endure.

This little building had a big garage-style door that faced west. On nice summer days you could sometimes find Jimmy D the welder there. Jimmy taught Jeannie Givens how to weld. Jeannie grew up in that neighborhood. Fifteen years or so ago, when the *Gazette's* hand truck

needed some modifications, we took it down to Jimmy D's. Jimmy turned the project over to Jeannie. She did a bang-up job. Somewhere we have a photo of Jeannie, dressed up for Halloween like an old-timey cigarette girl. She looks smashing. We also have this shot of Jimmy, taken on Daniel Street, in front of where Caffé Kilim used to be:



Knowing the little building was about to come down and make way for something grander, we photographed it a month or two ago. We would have run one of those photos in this issue, but due to some digital mishap, they seem to have vanished.

So, the building's gone, and the photos are gone. Jimmy D died some years ago. The last we heard, Jeannie was in Hawaii.

Other than that, there's nothing left but the handtruck, and, once in a while, as we haul papers to RiverRun with the handtruck, a few memories.



Labor Day is upon us, but the gundalow Piscataqua is still offering tours on the river for which it is named, seven days a week late into October.

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Robert Jesurum Addresses NHDOT

To the Editor:
This is a letter I wrote to NHDOT [New Hampshire Department of Transportation] trying to stop the Town of Rye and WBTSCC [Wentworth by the Sea Country Club] from succeeding in getting NHDOT to ban parking on Wentworth Road, their highway by Sanders Poynt. For anyone who wishes to add their voice on this issue, the address of NHDOT is:

Ms. Victoria Sheehan, Commissioner, New Hampshire Department of Transportation
John O. Morton Building
PO Box 483, 7 Hazen Drive
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Ms. Sheehan:

You may be aware of a legal dispute I had with Wentworth by the Sea Country Club over access to Little Harbor Beach in Rye. In October 2012, WBTSCC built a fence, placed boulders in the road and planted juniper bushes in front of an area called Sanders Poynt, completely blocking access to both Little Harbor and its beach. Although that little parcel of land is owned by WBTSCC, it had been public, prescriptive rights land for over 20 years, if not hundreds of years.

This has now been affirmed by the Rockingham Superior Court and the N.H. Supreme Court after four-plus years of litigation. I believe that the motivation of WBTSCC was to prevent the public from getting to the Little Harbor Beach, essentially privatizing it and increasing the property values alongside the beach, owned by the club.

The town of Rye, through its Selectmen, has exhibited reprehensible behavior. First, although Sanders Poynt had been under their control with signage controlling parking and had been used by the town as a turn-around area, it issued the permit allowing its blockage. Then, it joined in my suit, but settled with WBTSCC in return for the removal of the boulders and the trimming of the junipers, leaving the fence and junipers in place, continuing the blockage.

After WBTSCC had clearly lost in court, the town joined forces with WBTSCC, filing court papers describing me as “intransigent” and acknowledging that it had helped WBTSCC develop Plan B.4, which had also been forwarded to NHDOT for approval. That plan still blocked access to Little Harbor Beach with fences and a gate. Fortunately, the Rockingham Superior Court again ruled in our favor, clearly stating that beach access was to be allowed, including the posting of “Beach Access” signage.

Why am I writing to you now? After the court’s rulings, we have a Sanders Poynt that has been somewhat reduced in usable size and is now limited to four marked parking spaces. Presumably, WBTSCC will obey the court’s new deadline of Sept. 17, 2017, to restore the area.

However, the town’s attorney, Michael Donovan, has publicly stated that the town of Rye would support the Wentworth if it applied to NHDOT to restrict parking along Wentworth Road near Sanders Poynt. Probably, they will use public safety as their rationale, but it is clear to me that the only reason they wish to restrict parking is to prevent use of Little Harbor Beach by any significant numbers. That has been their goal from the beginning of this dispute, and the town of Rye is continuing its pandering to WBTSCC.

This is a political battle, and NHDOT should stay out of it. Parking has always been allowed alongside the road and has been used for many purposes, including beach access. Parking should not be denied now, playing to the foul plans of WBTSCC and its corrupt ally, the town of Rye.

Bob Jesurum
Rye, N.H.
[Note: We asked Mr. Jesurum for permission to run the above letter. He granted that permission and thanked us for “all the space you’ve given to this little story.” We replied:

An arrogant rich guy trying to steal something that belongs to all of us? That’s no little story in this newspaper.

English aristocrats during the 18th



century used a series of Enclosure Acts to deprive “the common people” of their right to graze animals on vast areas of land held in common. Those acts, and the industrial revolution, turned vast numbers of self-sustaining people into wage slaves. That injustice inspired the poem, author unknown, “The Goose and the Common”:

*The law locks up the man or woman
Who steals the goose from off the common
But leaves the greater villain loose
Who steals the common from off the goose.*

*The law demands that we atone
When we take things we do not own
But leaves the lords and ladies fine
Who take things that are yours and mine.*

*The poor and wretched don’t escape
If they conspire the law to break
This must be so but they endure
Those who conspire to make the law.*

*The law locks up the man or woman
Who steals the goose from off the common
And geese will still a common lack
Till they go and steal it back.*

Being able once again to launch a small boat at Sanders Poynt will be a thing of no little value. The principle underlying that ability is priceless — and imperiled.

Thank you for fighting for that principle when no one else would — including state and local officials whose duty it was.

The Editor
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**“You have the watches.
We have the time.”**

To the Editor:
It hurts writing this piece, not in the way physical wounds have hurt since 1967, when the land mine exploded (they weren’t called improvised explosive devices back then) during America’s long war in Vietnam. Today’s pain is different — not physical, but it’s related.

President Donald Trump, in his rambling prime-time speech on

Monday night, vaguely announced the Pentagon’s latest strategic plan for Afghanistan, which includes deploying additional U.S. military personnel to the war. “Our troops will fight to win,” he declared. What is winning, I’m wondering, what does victory look like in that country, known as the “graveyard of empires”?

Under President George W. Bush, the war in Afghanistan began as “Operation Enduring Freedom” in early October 2001. Since then, the objective has had gains and losses. Realistically, there is no end in sight, just continued death, destruction and money down the rathole.

There is a correlation between the U.S. quagmire in Vietnam and the debacle in Afghanistan.

In Vietnam, our military sunk deeper and deeper into the quicksand with an eventual loss of more than 58,000 men and women. Close to three million Vietnamese died. We are at least waist deep now in Afghanistan with no viable way of getting out. No way of claiming victory.

As in Vietnam, a diplomatic conclusion in Afghanistan is out of reach. But that must be the goal rather than a never-ending battle. I think the top generals in charge know that.

Six years ago *Newsweek* featured a reporter’s conversation with a Taliban subcommander who vowed that the fight with Americans will continue no matter how long it takes or how many Afghan fighters are sacrificed. The Taliban’s maxim in this regard is, “You have the watches. We have the time.”

During the war in Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh warned our leaders: “You will kill ten of our men, and we will kill one of yours, but in the end it will be you who tire of it” — or words to that effect. And that’s what came about. Tragedy all the way around.

During his presidential campaign, Trump raved that with him at the helm, we Americans “will be sick and tired of winning.” The winnings of this deranged, egotistical lout are scarcer than hens’ teeth.

If only Trump hadn’t weaseled out of the draft five times between 1964 and 1972, he might still be struggling to thrash his way out of the mire created by the senseless war in Vietnam. Possibly he would now grope for his watch when it comes to Afghanistan.

Paul Nichols
Loudon, N.H.
Paul:
Vietnam was a hard school. Not all those who attended learned its lessons. Clearly you graduated with honors.
The Editor

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**Wanting vs. Being in
the Age of Trump**

To the Editor:

I know I’m older than dirt but when I was growing up in the aftermath of WW II, seven decades ago, good character and honesty were important. Someone could be a person of modest means, holding a humble station in life, yet be looked up to by the entire community because of her or his exemplary values. We praised such people knowing their word was as good as their bond.

This respect was a fundamental element in what it meant to be an American. We looked up to those role models who had high moral values, like the legendary account of Abraham Lincoln walking six miles to return a three-cent overcharge to a customer.

But sadly, over time we have lost sight of those perennial virtues, and forgotten the people who represented them.

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We've regressed from a state of being where we were able to rest on our own laurels, feeling worthwhile and secure, knowing we were honest and capable of doing the right thing, to a state of wanting: wanting to be slim, beautiful, and have a trophy mate; wanting a big house, three cars, two boats and an ATV; wanting to have an advanced degree, fine clothes, and collect expensive wine; wanting to win the lottery and be the envy of all our friends.

We've slid from an authentic state of being based on timeless values to a pathological state of wanting without end. Buddhists would call these insatiable cravings the realm of hungry ghosts.

The more secular, materialistic, and instrumental we have become, the more our cravings have increased until we now worship a different kind of god: those favored few who satisfy their larger-than-life cravings by any means necessary, walking rough-shod over all who cross their path. We call them celebrities.

In the long run, what we wish for, we were bound to get. It was only a matter of time before one of these celebrities would claw himself to the top, eviscerating all rivals with taunts, threats, and bald-faced lies, to become our President.

Congratulations Donald Trump! You are the first celebrity ruthless enough and immoral enough to successfully render our democratic traditions null and void.

Funny thing, though ... Now Trump has become president, rather than fulfilling his campaign promises, he is acting like an escaped balloon pumped too full of air, chaotically spinning out of control, without purpose or direction, losing air and alti-

tude as he goes.

How could it be otherwise. He has no inner compass to guide him, no empathy, values, or spirituality to help him distinguish right from wrong. He isn't governing a spreadsheet of widgets to maximize profits but real, flesh-and-blood human beings who need his help.

He is an addict to his cravings like a heroin addict willing to steal from his mother. But don't think we are all that different.

We are all addicts to our cravings and that is why we can't muster the gumption to reform ourselves or our government. That's not just my opinion.

It coincides with the view of Gabor Mate, Canadian physician, writing in the current issue of *Psychotherapy Networker*.^{*} He takes issue with the widespread view that an addiction is either an individual choice or an inherited disease.

Mate makes the case that "addictive patterns of behavior are rooted in the alienation and emotional suffering that are inseparable from Western capitalist cultures, which, by favoring striving and acquiring over noticing and caring for one another, end up short-changing — and too often traumatizing — children and families."

I think Mate makes a legitimate argument. Rather than government being the enemy, it is time for government to step up, as it did with the New Deal during the 1930s, to nurture the connections between members of every family, especially those in need, understanding that family and community are the glue which holds our society together.

I'm not advocating the overthrow of capitalism. That would be impossible right now. But I am advocating a return to civility and honoring the values

that did make us great, along with a larger role for government in reducing the historically high, yet still rising, level of income inequality between the rich and the rest of us.

We can start work to begin leveling the playing field by providing all Americans with universal health care, a livable wage, a dignified retirement, and affordable but excellent education for all.

If we don't nurture the connective tissue that unites us, our remarkable American experiment in democracy and self-government will slip away and we will find ourselves hostages in a living, collective nightmare, eaten alive by hungry ghosts.

^{*} *Psychotherapy Networker*, July/August 2017, page 33-35

Jean Stimmell
Northwood, N.H.

Jean:
*This country needs a good therapist.
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The Editor

He Loves the Kool-Aid

To the Editor:
Democrat [*sic, passim*] policies and actions are so harmful to most people, especially poor people, that Democrats need scapegoats to divert attention away from the harm their policies do. The rich, especially the one percent, are favorite Democrat scapegoats.

According to Democrats, not only are the "rich" to blame but they're (supposedly) bad people who don't pay their "fair share."

President Obama claimed he would solve everyone's problems and make the rich pay their "fair share." But President Obama didn't solve people's problems; his policies made most people, except the rich, poorer.

Actually Democrats love the rich and won't do anything to alienate the rich donors who attend their \$40,000-a-plate fund-raisers, maximize their campaign contributions,

and donate millions to Democrat PACs.

Except for problems caused by people's own decisions, Democrat politicians, not the rich, are responsible for most people's problems. *E.g.*, Democrat politicians are to blame for poor public schools, dangerous neighborhoods, trapping people in poverty, breaking apart families, high taxes, high health care costs, and low incomes.

Most rich people only benefit, not harm, the rest of us. They prosper by providing products and services that people want more than their money.

Would anyone give up their computers, cell phones, cars, life-enriching and extending health care, etc., to keep their creators/providers from getting rich? We want more things that enrich and extend our lives; that requires encouraging, with profits, people to risk the money and effort to try to develop those things.

Rich people pay most of the taxes and they employ millions of people. They help us afford new technology by buying new high-priced technology, determining demand, and stimulating the competition and production that drives down prices. Rich peoples' donations fund things that benefit us every day: libraries, hospitals, colleges, parks, medical research facilities, scholarships, museums, the arts, many charities, etc.

Democrats won't define "fair share" because they need to always have a scapegoat. The top one percent paid 45.7 percent and the top 20 percent paid 84 percent of the federal personal taxes collected in 2014; it's hard to understand how that is not paying their "fair share."

A person who earns his/her money honestly and follows our laws isn't greedy or immoral just because he/she has a lot of money.

What is immoral is Democrat politicians lying to voters and blaming scapegoats for Democrat policies that keep people poor, break-up families, and force children into dangerous failing schools. What is greedy is using politicians' positions of public trust to reward (bribe/payoff) special interest

supporters to satisfy the politicians' greed for power, privilege, prestige, and wealth.

Don Ewing
Meredith, N.H.

Don:
We publish this letter to serve as an example of just how bad the Stockholm Syndrome can get if left untreated.

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The Editor

Give 'Em Hell, Donald

To the Editor:
Hated by the Democrats and abandoned by his own party Donald Trump is the lone hero, a true profile in courage, that is not afraid to challenge the radical left, the neo-conservatives that have taken control of both parties, and those cowardly politicians who test the wind before declaring their loyalties, all of whom will remove and desecrate the symbols of America and its heroes. They have begun to purge the former Presidents from the currency, proceeded in their campaign to remove the Confederate flag and the monuments to the war heroes who fought to preserve the concept of states rights in the face of a overpowering central government, and they will not stop until Mount Rushmore is defaced and Old Glory herself is destroyed. In short, they hate the United States, and their campaign is to destroy this great nation and its principle of non-intervention and of minding its own business in not seeking monsters to destroy when it comes to foreign wars, concepts the left wing interventionists deplore, in favor of globalism. Furthermore, the true racists are those on the left who target the white, Christian, heterosexual, European descendants, that stand their ground in refusing to adopt or accept the left's degenerate lifestyles that reject the sanctity of human life, or any concept of traditional morality, and restraint on behavior.

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Mr. Justice Holmes

by William Marvel

Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. was a remarkable character. The son and namesake of the dean of Harvard Medical School, he served during the Civil War as an officer in the 20th Massachusetts — one of the two “Harvard” regiments. He was wounded three times within a year and a half, narrowly missing death late in 1861, paralysis or death in 1862, and the amputation of his foot in the spring of 1863. Of his courage and his devotion to the preservation of the Union there is no doubt.

There was nonetheless a touch of aristocratic snobbery to Holmes, as there was among many of the Boston Brahmins who officered the 20th. As historian Lorien Foote observed a dozen years ago, they simply transferred their class bias from civilian life into the army, and treated their men with condescending sympathy. Holmes certainly was a Brahmin; in fact his own father was credited with coining the term. At one point, young Captain Holmes admitted his disdain for the unsophisticated elements of society,

writing to his sister that “except at the polls, I loathe the thick-fingered clowns we call the people.”

That letter never saw daylight in his lifetime, but his attitude emerged periodically in his long postwar career as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. One good example is his opinion in the 1927 case of *Buck v. Bell*, which tested the constitutionality of a Virginia law that allowed the state to sterilize citizens deemed mentally defective. Carrie Buck and her mother were residents of a state poorhouse, and both had been determined to be “imbeciles” by state doctors, but Carrie had borne an illegitimate child and was being subjected to involuntary sterilization. Holmes found the law constitutional, and in his opinion he added the editorial comment that “three generations of imbeciles are enough.”

To be fair, Holmes’s tolerance for eugenics came at a time when some of the most enlightened Americans showed interest in that means of improving society. Tens of thousands of women were reportedly sterilized against their will as a result, and the movement here served as the specif-

ic example for the same program in Nazi Germany.

Holmes is also responsible for the ruling that many citizens unwittingly cite today as a handy curb on free speech. The U.S. had just entered WW I in 1917 when Congress passed the Espionage Act, which among other things prohibited any criticism of military recruiting. The law revived a controversial statute from the Civil War that had lapsed after that conflict, and like that law it was welcomed as a restriction on free speech during wartime. As many feared at the time, however, the Espionage Act persisted into peacetime, and still exists.

Holmes’s decision to uphold the Espionage Act, in *Schenck v. U.S.*, included the argument that “The most stringent protection of free speech would not protect a man falsely shouting fire in a theater and causing a panic.” To those who saw the nation gulled into an unnecessary war there actually was a fire, so the “shout” was not false, but Holmes condoned no criticism of the government in time of war by those “thick-fingered clowns we call the people.”

In *Schenck*, Holmes decreed that the First Amendment did not protect any speech that created “a clear and present danger,” but he was inconsistent in requiring such a danger to silence speech. As many feared, that initial breach in the First Amendment only widened, and soon even Holmes allowed punishment of political speech that posed no danger at all. In 1919 he refused the appeal of former presidential candidate Eugene Debs, who had been imprisoned for publicly praising three comrades who had been jailed for helping someone avoid the draft, and for saying that he abhorred war. That brought him a lengthy prison term under the repressive atmosphere Holmes had abetted.

Holmes waxed still more inconsistent on the subject as he aged. In a 1925 decision he refused to defend a New York law banning any speech advocating the “overthrow of the government” — a law inspired by his own emotional wartime decision. Most shocking speech was just foolish, he claimed, and letting the public hear it would reveal its foolishness. Making an argument

he should have made in *Schenck*, he complained that “the usual notion is that you are free to say what you like if you don’t shock me. Of course the value of the constitutional right is only when you do shock people.”

Perhaps he was rethinking what was, in terms of violence to the Constitution, the worst decision of his life. If he didn’t recognize it, plenty of lawyers since then have, including Holmes’s young friend Felix Frankfurter. The American Civil Liberties Union, which Frankfurter helped found, has done its best to rescue our most important constitutional amendment from the damage Holmes and his colleagues did it in the turmoil of a wartime decision. The protests that helped end the Vietnam War and the protests that should have prevented the 2003 Iraq War were possible in large part because the ACLU defended the rights of the American Nazi Party and the Ku Klux Klan to stage their own demonstrations. Under any doctrine that repugnant speech can be silenced, the threshold for repugnance quickly drops to the level where most speech can be silenced.

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More Mash Notes, HATE MAIL, and Other Correspondence, from Page Five

Virginia is a clear example of the left’s old tactic of sacrificing one of their useful idiots — a chronic malcontent, some idealist separated from any concept of the reality of the left’s true intentions, or some poorly educated undergraduate contaminated with the nonsense from 101 courses in the social sciences taught by radical left professors. The left’s objective in sacrificing these useful idiots is to demonize those who oppose them, and to gain support for their own power grab. It has nothing to do with the left’s lofty, but hypocritical, statements. It is a tactic from

the old playbook of Trotsky, and fellow travelers.

It is Donald Trump who stands alone in the echelons of power, and who with his followers, is the last line of defense against a radical left and their useful idiots bent on destroying America. It was that left, which was in Charlottesville with “antifa”, showing up without permit, intent on violence. In fact the violence in the past year has come mainly from the left — the wounding of Steve Scalise, assassinations of police by the Black Lives Matter supporters, violence against right wing speakers

on college campuses, to name but a few incidents. Too bad unwitting innocents have to die for them. And the left wing press remains silent. But not so Donald Trump, who pointed it out to the dismay of the left and the Corporate media who were quick to attack him.

John Dente
Wilmington, Delaware
John:
Usually we take a perverse, bemused interest in your enthusiasm for President Trump. At the moment, though, that is eclipsed. Your implication that Heather Heyer was intentionally “sac-

rificed” by the left is an appalling and twisted misinterpretation of simple fact: she was murdered by a right wing goon who was responding to incitement from your hero, President Trump.

The Editor

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Town Hall Forums:
Democracy At Its Best

To the Editor:

I’d encourage anyone who has never attended a Congressional town hall forum to do so soon. These intimate, small scale events offer citizens the perfect opportunity to become better acquainted with

their member of Congress, receive a legislative update, and to openly ask their Congressperson questions on important issues.

I’ve attended a couple of Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter’s town halls, including her recent one at Dover’s McConnell Center, and it is clear to me that she loves the democratic process and enjoys civil democratic discourse with her First District constituents.

One of the several issues discussed between Congresswoman Shea-Porter and her constituents at her Dover event was the urgent

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Will you enlist in “Trump’s War”?

by Jim Hightower

President Trump might have dodged military service in his youth, but he certainly is militaristic — he is bellicose, likes to issue commands, and is constantly firing off militant tweets at anyone he perceives to be an enemy (which seems to include everyone who dares to disagree with him).

Meanwhile, he and his White-

House-full-of-military-commanders are pondering the launch of a real shooting war, a military offensive that would be known as: “Trump’s War.” Actually, he would be attempting to achieve battlefield glory by picking up and extending what at first was Bush’s War, then Obama’s War. The place is Afghanistan, and the strategy is to shove another 5,000 or so American soldiers (none of whom will be named Trump) into

that brutish hell hole.

Yes, that mess is still boiling, despite President Obama’s 2012 pledge to end US involvement. After 16 years (the longest war in our history), after more than 2,000 Americans killed and 20,000 others maimed, after more than \$800 billion spent on it — 8,400 of our troops are still there, the killing continues, and we taxpayers keep pumping \$3 billion a month into the

insanity. For all of that, the Taliban forces we’ve been trying to defeat are stronger than ever, and the Afghan government we’re supporting is as corrupt, inept, and despised as ever.

Nonetheless, Trump is violating a basic rule of civilian control of the military: Never ask the generals if they need more resources. This president has surrounded himself with generals and surrendered crucial decision-making authority to them.

We weren’t able to win in Afghanistan when 100,000 of our troops were there — so what do we “win” by putting 5,000 more soldiers in harm’s way, other than more U.S. casualties? If Trump can’t tell us that, we should tell him “NO!”

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need for Congress to restore checks and balances by taking back its constitutional authority to declare war and to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) that gives the 45th POTUS, an individual “bereft of all reason,” a blank check to start WW III.

The Congresswoman briefed us on her bipartisan work with several of the House Committees that she serves. She proudly told us about the passage of a bill that she co-sponsored, as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, which calls for mitigating the effects of Climate Change on U.S. Military installations, addressing the Pentagon’s long held concern that Climate Change is one of the greatest threats to national security and world stability and peace.

Healthcare reform was a hot topic that evening. When asked about her support for the popular HR 676: Expanded & Improved Medicare-For-All Act, now co-sponsored by 118 members of Congress, our Congresswoman informed us that she has introduced her own bill that calls for a “Medicare-like Public Option” to improve the ACA, which does have appeal and does demonstrate her willingness to take on the powerful health insurance and pharmaceutical industries, to whom she need not be beholden.

However, I sensed that Carol was able to read the reaction of her constituents to her proposal and anticipates hearing from a good number

of them soon to continue the town hall conversation in hope that she will lead the fight for Medicare-For-All.

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, N.H.

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What To Expect When You Elect To the Editor:

In a recent interview, white supremacist Steve Bannon, Trump’s now former Chief Strategist, said that “white supremacists were clowns.” Mr. Bannon is wrong; white supremacists are not “clowns.” His comment is as wrong as the bumper sticker that reads; “Elect a Clown, Expect a Circus.” While I understand the sentiment it attempts to portray, it minimizes and trivializes the extent of the evil of the Trump Administration. Trump and his white supremacist/nationalist friends are anything but clowns performing a circus, they are a bunch of racists spewing hate and violence.

Clowns and a circus are designed to be funny, entertain people, bring joy to people, not harm to their patrons. They do not express hate as part of their acts. Mr. Trump and his white supremacist/nationalist friends are anything but funny. They have demonstrated their willingness to harm people either by taking away their health care, destroying their environment, or by driving cars through crowds. They do not entertain or bring joy to people other than their own kind. They express and display hate of anything and anyone

that does not fit into their racist xenophobic creed.

No, Trump and the white nationalist/supremacists are not clowns, they are quite the opposite. What they are creating in America is not a circus, but a catastrophe. Instead of a big circus tent where all are welcome, they want to create an America where only white, straight “Christians” are welcome under their tent. Neither a country or a circus can survive this kind of exclusion.

I think the bumper sticker referring to the clown and the circus should instead more accurately read; “Elect a Madman, Expect Madness.”

Rich DiPentima

Portsmouth, N.H.

Rich:

What’s really frightening is that a not-inconsiderable percentage of voters went for Trump because he promised to break things.

The Editor

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Who’s Really To Blame?

To the Editor:

How shall we act when confronted by militant alt-right demonstrators? Do we turn the other cheek and, by default, encourage their narcissistic fantasy? Or do we co-opt their torches and set their pants on fire?

Please, Emily Post, I’m having a difficult time resolving this dilemma! It’s an important question to resolve because, to borrow a popular quote, the road of life is paved with

flat squirrels who failed to make a timely decision.

LBJ is credited with saying, “If you can convince the lowest white man he’s better than the best colored man, he won’t notice you’re picking his pocket.”

So it is that conservative media continues to bombard America daily with 24/7 testament to white superiority, even as its wealthy sponsors continue to ship away jobs, pilfer the public sector, and pick our pockets clean.

And, of course, it doesn’t stop with “colored men.” Add most women, Jews, minorities of every sort, politicians, and even mainstream white guys with liberal leanings. For the lowest white man, there’s no shortage of people to hate — except possibly the ones in high places who spend billions fanning the flames of division and civil discontent.

Rick Littlefield

Barrington, N.H.

Rick:

To whom could you possibly be referring?

The Editor

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Do Your Job, Senators!

To the Editor:

The Senate health committee has scheduled bipartisan hearings on health care for September 6th and 7th. This summer break would be a good time for Senators to do some homework. Recommended reading is an article in the August 12th issue of *The Economist* which describes the

variety of health care insurance systems in Europe and dispels the myth of “It’s socialism!!” These systems fall roughly into three paradigms: 1) the government provides both health insurance and care, employing doctors and running hospitals; 2) the government provides universal health insurance, but leaves the care to the private sector; 3) the government leaves both insurance and care to the private sector, but uses regulation, subsidies and an individual mandate to guarantee that everyone is covered.

Each country has its unique version of these broad categories. All of them are different from health care American style. European countries health-insurance systems are much simpler, which lowers costs. While cost in the U.S. is 17 percent of GDP and expected to rise, no European system costs more than 12 percent GDP. At this bargain rate there is not only universal coverage, but the outcomes are better in areas such as life expectancy, maternal and infant mortality, public health and consumer satisfaction than those of the U.S.

Americans are being taken for a ride and going downhill faster and faster. It is time we put on the brakes, set aside special interests and did some serious research about what is possible and might work for us. We deserve better! Do your job, Senators!

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whom you choose to believe. The Piscataqua’s ferocious current is caused by the tide, which, in turn, is caused by the moon. The other player is a vast sunken valley — Great Bay — about ten miles upriver. Twice a day, the moon

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

moves from the mouth of the river, up past New Castle, around the bend by the old Naval Prison, under Memorial Bridge, past the tugboats, and on into Great Bay. This can best be seen when the tide is rising.

Twice a day, too, the moon lets all that water go. All the seawater that just fought its way upstream goes back home to the ocean. This is when the Piscataqua earns its title for xth fastest current. Look for the red buoy, at the upstream end of

Badger’s Island, bobbing around in the current. It weighs several tons, and it bobs and bounces in the current like a cork. The river also has its placid moments, around high and low tides. When the river rests, its tugboats

and bridges work their hardest. Ships coming in laden with coal, oil, and salt do so at high tide, for more clearance under their keels. They leave empty, riding high in the water, at low tide, to squeeze under Memorial Bridge.

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2003—To uphold the principle that life is sacred, Florida poisons Paul Hill, who shotgunned Dr. John Britton and his bodyguard to uphold the principle that life is sacred. 2002—Donald Rumsfeld says the Administration has secret proof Iraq is developing nukes. But it’s secret. 1971—E. Howard Hunt and G. Gordon Liddy break into the office of Daniel Ellsberg’s psychiatrist on behalf of President R. Milhous Nixon. 1967—Woody Guthrie dies in New York at 52 of Huntington’s chorea. 1948—Duval County officials “find” 200 votes, making LBJ a Senator. 1925—The airship <i>U.S.S. Shenandoah</i> crashes in Ohio due to bad weather; 14 officers and men die. 1855—The U.S. Army kills 86 Brulé Lakota at Ash Hollow, Neb., many of them women and children. 1833—Benjamin Day publishes the first successful penny paper, the <i>New York Sun</i>. 1813—“Uncle Sam” makes his first appearance in the Troy, (N.Y.) <i>Post</i>. 1783—The Treaty of Paris is signed, ending the Revolutionary War. 1777—The U.S. flag sees combat for the first time, in Delaware, at the Battle of Cooch’s Bridge. The British win with considerable help from Hessians. 1752—Parliament adopts the Gregorian calendar. Londoners, thinking they’ve been robbed of 11 days of their lives, riot and holler, “Give us our 11 days back!”	1976—George W. Bush is arrested for DUI in Kennebunk, Maine. 1973—President R. Nixon’s flunkies John Erlichman and G. Gordon Liddy are indicted for felonious burglary. 1970—Vietnam Veterans Against the War begin Operation RAW (Rapid American Withdrawal), a four-day march to Valley Forge, Pa. 1967—“I just had the greatest brain-washing ... [in] Vietnam,” says Gov. George Romney (R-Mich.). 1957—National Guard troops in Little Rock stand and watch as a white mob threatens to lynch a black girl trying to enter Central High school. 1949—After a concert in Peekskill, N.Y. featuring Paul Robeson, a mob, including policemen, beats the audience, including Eugene Bullard, a black WW I aviator. 1942—<i>The Washington Post</i> reports that an anti-aircraft gunner has accidentally hit the Lincoln Memorial with three .50 caliber rounds. 1918—U.S. troops land at Archangel, Russia, to “protect American interests.” 1886—Geronimo, chief of the Chiricahua Apache, surrenders at Skeleton Canyon in the Arizona Territory; it’s the end of the major resistance. 1875—In retaliation against blacks who fired back in self-defense at a picnic, whites in Clinton, Miss. slaughter 50 blacks at random. 1833—<i>The</i> [N.Y.] <i>Sun</i> hires Barney Flaherty, America’s first newsboy.	2014—Lucky bystanders are uninjured when a Robinson R44 observing a road rally crashes and burns in Roeselare, Belgium. The pilot and a passenger die in a fiery explosion. 2005—Barbara Bush says Hurricane Katrina was “working very well” for thousands of homeless refugees. 2002—Portsmouth loses Jay Smith, creator of the Press Room and Patron Saint of The Music Hall. 2001—Rep. Joe Scarborough (R-Fla.) resigns 47 days after his aide Lori Klausutis, 28, is found dead in his Ft. Walton office. 1993—<i>Birmingham News</i> reveals that, according to the Southern Baptist Convention, 46.1 percent of Alabamians are going to Hell. 1990—L.A. Police Chief Darryl Gates tell the Senate Judiciary Committee that “casual drug users should be taken out and shot.” 1975—Lynette “Squeaky” Fromme, dressed as a nun, is busted pointing an unloaded .45 at Gerry Ford. 1931—Consolidated Edison worker George Metesky is injured on the job. Denied Workmen’s Compensation, “The Mad Bomber” plants 32 bombs over 16 years before he’s caught. 1930—“Hurry it up you Hoosier bastard,” says Carl Panzram to his executioner at Leavenworth. “I could hang a dozen men while you’re screwing around.” 1905—The Treaty of Portsmouth ends the Russo-Japanese War.	2013—Todd, Track, Bristol, and Willow Palin all play prominent roles in a bloody, drunken brawl in Anchorage; but not one is arrested. 2010—Alabama prison officials ban the reading of a Pulitzer-winning history of black forced labor. 2007—FBI agents arrest Ponzi schemer, fugitive from justice, and major Democratic Party donation-bundler Norman Hsu. 2004—“Too many OB-GYNs are not able to practice their love with women all across this country,” says George W.[MD] Bush. 2003—Lockheed workers drop a \$233 million weather satellite causing \$135 million worth of damage. 2002—Explaining the timing of an announcement about attacking Iraq, White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card says, “From a marketing point of view, you don’t introduce new products in August.” 1978—The U.S. House opens hearings on the assassinations of JFK & MLK. On Dec. 30th they conclude that conspiracies were likely. 1964—Thousands of white kids riot in Hampton Beach, N.H., causing extensive property damage. Bill Loeb blames it on the pinks. 1959—“Dying is easy,” says actor Edmund Gwenn, dying. “Comedy is difficult.” 1949—World War II vet and devout churchgoer Howard Unruh kills 13 of his N.J. neighbors in 12 minutes.	2000—[“When I am President, we] will not have our veterans standing in line waiting for benefits that they’ve been promised,” George W.[MD] Bush erroneously asserts. 1996—Two women walk into the Norfolk (Va.) Naval Base with a banner reading “Love Your Enemies.” They’re promptly arrested. 1988—“Today is Pearl Harbor Day,” says George H.[H.]W. Bush. 1978—In London, an umbrella-wielding KGB agent gives Bulgarian defector Georgi Markov a fatal jab in the leg. 1970—“Plant one, plant two [Secret Service agents] on [Ted Kennedy],” Richard Nixon says to aides. “We might just get lucky and catch this son-of-a-bitch—ruin him for ‘76. It’s going to be fun.” 1964—Lyndon Johnson’s infamous “Daisy Ad,” airs, once. 1960—Noted pseudoreligious hack Norman Vincent Peale opines that any Catholic president would be “under extreme pressure from the hierarchy of his church.” 1918—At a country club dance in Alabama, F. Scott Fitzgerald meets Zelda Sayre. 1914—French generals send 6,000 infantrymen from Paris to the Battle of the Marne in taxicabs. They hold the line and save the city. 1737—Thomas Penn’s “Walking Purchase” swindles the Lenni Lenape out of an area the size of Rhode Island.	2007—A Robinson R22 helicopter severs its own tailboom over Buhl, Germany. Though it crashes onto the autobahn into mid-day traffic, somehow only the pilot and a passenger die. 2002—<i>The N.Y. Times</i> publishes fake news about aluminum tubes based on a leak from the White House. Later that day the story is cited by the White House as proof that Iraq has nuclear ambitions. 1990—A woman exiting a Robinson R22 helicopter after a sightseeing trip over Long Beach, Calif., dies when she’s hit on the head by the tailrotor. 1978—The Shah of Iran uses U.S.-made tanks and helicopter gunships to put down the Black Friday riots in Tehran; 89 die. Six months later the Ayatollah’s in charge. 1972—In exchange for a \$200,000 contribution from Ray A. Kroc to R. Nixon’s reelection campaign, the Federal Price Commission gives McDonalds permission, which it had denied on May 21, to raise the price of a quarter pounder. 1965—Farmworkers begin a strike against grape growers. 1934—In a nor’easter off New Jersey, its captain dead of a heart attack, the <i>Morro Castle</i> catches fire. The blazing hulk runs aground with 137 passengers and crew dead. 1923—A squadron of 14 new Navy destroyers runs aground off California due to incompetence. Seven ships are lost and 23 sailors are killed.	2013—Two out of three lanes to the George Washington Bridge are closed without warning in Fort Lee, N.J., delaying commuters and emergency personnel. 2009—As Barack Obama addresses Congress on health care, Rep. Joe Wilson (R-S.C.) yells at the President, “You lie.” 2008—Lehman Bros., the nation’s fourth largest investment bank, loses 45 percent of its value. 2007—Frances Townsend, a Bush Administration advisor, calls Osama bin Laden “impotent.” 2005—“You know,” says Glenn Beck, “it took me about a year to start hating the 9/11 victims families ... When I see a 9/11 victim family on television ... I’m just, like ‘Oh, shut up.’” 1999—Louis T. “Moondog” Hardin, American composer, street musician, and blind, Viking-helmet-wearing eccentric, dies at 83 in Germany. 1988—Dan Quayle says he got into law school “fair and square,” despite relying on an “equal opportunity” program for disadvantaged minorities. 1981—“Cap” Weinberger relies on a cartoon to brief President Reagan on the Pentagon budget. 1971—Rioting prisoners take nine guards hostage at the Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, N.Y. 1739—In South Carolina, 20 slaves kill two storekeepers, steal guns and powder, recruit allies, kill about 20 whites, and march towards Florida.
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2008—Lehman Brothers execs say the firm has all the capital it needs. 2001—Donald Rumsfeld says the Defense Department can’t account for about \$2.3 trillion dollars. 1980—“Approximately eighty percent of our air pollution stems from hydrocarbons released by vegetation,” says Candidate Ronald Reagan. 1977—One-legged Tunisian pimp Hamida Djandoubi is the last man to die by a French guillotine. 1945—In Fruita, Colo., Lloyd Wilson chops the head off “Mike,” a young rooster who goes on to have an 18-month career as “The Headless Wonder Chicken.” 1939—B&M Railroad Engineer John Beattie and Fireman Charles Towle are killed when the Piscataqua Bridge, damaged during construction of the Mildred Long Bridge, dumps their locomotive into the river. 1939—<i>HMS Oxley</i> becomes the first British sub sunk in WW II — by <i>HMS Triton</i>. 1913—The “Lincoln Highway” — the first paved coast-to-coast road in the U.S. — opens. 1897—A posse massacres 19 strikers and wounds 36 at a Lattimer, Pa., coal mine; most are shot in the back. 1857—Mormons murder 120 Arkansans <i>en route</i> to California at Mountain Meadows, Utah. 1739—South Carolina militiamen overpower and kill the participants of the Stono Rebellion.	2013—Pastor Terry Jones and Marvin Sapp are arrested in Fla. for illegally towing a barbecue grill full of kerosene-soaked Qu’rans. 2012—<i>Benghazi!!!</i> 2007—Russia explodes the “Father of All Bombs,” four times as powerful as the U.S.’s “Mother of All Bombs.” 2001—Four American airliners are hijacked and crashed; thousands die. George Bush scurries to safety, Donald Rumsfeld looks for excuses to attack Iraq, and Dick “Dick” Cheney authorizes the shooting down of civilian airliners. 1973—Duly elected President of Chile, Salvador Allende, is overthrown by CIA-backed thugs. 1973—Development of a Ford Pinto/Cessna Skymaster hybrid ends when two die in a fiery crash after it falls apart in mid-air. 1957—An H-bomb factory on the outskirts of Denver suffers a catastrophic fire. The AEC says there’s only a slight risk of light contamination. In truth, a pound of plutonium particles got loose. 1941—At “Hell’s Bottom,” Va., ground is broken for the Pentagon. 1966—“Free” elections are held in South Vietnam: everything’s cool. 1942—Wheeler Lipes, a 22-year old dropout, successfully removes the inflamed appendix of a shipmate aboard the submerged <i>U.S.S. Seadragon</i>. The Navy’s Surgeon General rewards him with the threat of a court martial.	2008—Treasury Sec. Hank Paulson, formerly of Goldman Sachs, tells Merrill Lynch and Lehman Brothers the Fed can’t save them. 1994—After an evening spent drinking alcohol and smoking crack with his brother, Frank E. Corder dies at about 1:49 a.m., crash-landing a stolen Cessna on the South Lawn of the White House. 1983—Puerto Rican nationalists <i>Los Macheteros</i> rob a Well Fargo depot in West Hartford, Conn. of \$7 million in cash, some of which they throw from the roof in a display of disdain for capitalism. 1977—Steven Biko dies in the custody of South African police. 1970—<i>The New York Times Magazine</i> publishes Milton Friedman’s article, “The Social Responsibility of Business is to Increase its Profits.” Big mistake. 1970—The Weathermen help Tim Leary bust out of prison. 1909—Emiliano Zapata, 30, is elected to head the town council of Anenecueño, Mexico. 1880—H.L. Mencken is born. 1860—Sen. William Walker, the American-born ex-dictator of Nicaragua, deposed by Cornelius Vanderbilt and captured by the British, is executed by a Honduran firing squad. 1857—<i>S.S. Central America</i> sinks in a hurricane off the Carolinas, drowning about 420. Ten tons of gold go down with the ship, the loss of which contributes to the Panic of 1857.	2005—Two weeks after the catastrophe, George W. Bush admits the Federal response to Hurricane Katrina was less than ideal. 1985—Star Wars space cowboys, their intended balloon-borne target having failed them, use a fighter-plane launched missile to turn a working science satellite into a cloud of dangerous space junk. 1981—William Loeb, alleged newspaperman, goes to his eternal torment at the age of 75. 1971—To restore order at New York’s Attica state prison, five hundred state troopers fire 2,200 rounds in nine minutes. The dead include 29 prisoners and ten guards. 1948—Rollie Free sets a speed record for bikes at Bonneville going 150 mph on a Vincent Black Shadow wearing just sneakers and a Speedo. 1940—A Luftwaffe plane drops six bombs on Buckingham Palace. 1913—Mary, an elephant who had killed her untrained trainer the day before, is hanged from a railroad crane in Erwin, Tenn. 1859—Sen. David Broderick (D-Calif.) is shot dead by his duelling opponent, California’s Chief Justice David Terry. 1848—Phineas Gage, a Lebanon, N.H. native working in Vermont for a railroad company, loses a good chunk of his brain when an iron bar is blasted through it, but he lives 12 more pretty good years.	2008—At his gym, Lehman Brothers CEO Richard Fuld gets punched in the face by a complete stranger. 2005—At the UN, during the World Summit, the Leader of the Free World passes a note to his Secretary of State saying, “I think I may need a bathroom break. Is that possible?” 2001—Standing in rubble created in part by his own failure, George W.[MD] Bush declares that America’s “responsibility to history” is to “rid the world of evil.” 1978—Jimmy Carter endangers the nation by permitting a 28 year-old State of Emergency to expire. 1964—At the White House, LBJ pins the Medal of Freedom on notorious crypto-fascist and arch-propagandist Walt Disney. 1938—The <i>Graf Zeppelin II</i>, world’s largest airship, first flies. 1899—New Yorker Henry Bliss becomes the first person in the U.S. to be killed by an automobile. 1874—In a bloody coup d’etat, the White Leagues take over Louisiana’s state government. 1847—Marines under Gen. Winfield “Old Fuss and Feathers” Scott take the Halls of Montezuma. 1836—Aaron Burr, the first Vice President to shoot a man, dies in Port Richmond, N.Y. 1814—Francis Scott Key cribs from a British drinking song, <i>To Anacreon in Heaven</i>, to write <i>The Star Spangled Banner</i>.	2008—Lehman Brothers stock drops 90 percent in one day; the Dow loses 500 points. 2004—D.C. police respond to a 911 call from the bathroom of Rep. Don Sherwood (R-Pa.), 63, whom the caller, Cynthia Ore, 28, accuses of choking her. 2001—One person in Congress, Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.) votes against granting G.W.[MD] Bush unlimited military power. 1982—Israeli Defense Forces surround Sabra and Shatila, Palestinian refugee camps in West Beirut, and permit Christian Phalangist militiamen to slaughter perhaps 3,500 civilians. 1980—A nuclear-armed B-52 burns for hours at Grand Forks AFB, N.D., but the fire is put out before anything explodes. 1963—Two Ku Klux Klan members bomb Birmingham’s 16th St. Baptist Church, killing 4 girls and injuring 22. One bomber is convicted 14 years later; the delay is caused by J. Edgar “Mary” Hoover’s withholding of evidence. 1946—The Dodgers beat the Cubs 2-0 in just 5 innings; game is called on account of gnats. 1940—During the Battle of Britain, RAF pilot Ray Holmes sees a Dornier heading for Buckingham Palace. His Hurricane out of ammo, he rams the Dornier, downing it, and parachutes to safety.	2016—MSNBC, CNN, and Fox let Donald Trump snooker them into giving him a free 1.5 hour infomercial. Much of it consists of a live shot of an empty podium. 2008—The Federal government bails out insurance giant AIG with a loan of \$85 billion. 2001—Tim Russert says Dick “Dick” Cheney wants Osama bin Laden’s head on a platter and that the U.S. has no evidence linking Saddam Hussein or Iraq to 9/11. Cheney doesn’t dispute either proposition. 1975—New Hampshire Democrat John Durkin wins a Senate seat after a nine-month battle following the closest Senate election in history. 1974—President Ford announces a conditional amnesty for Vietnam War deserters and draft dodgers. 1968—Richard M. Nixon appears on “Laugh-In” and says, “Sock it to me.” Eventually, they do. 1940—A remarkably prescient draft goes into effect over a year before Pearl Harbor is attacked. 1925—Riley B. “B.B.” King is born in Itta Bena, Miss. 1920—A bomb in a horse-drawn wagon explodes in front of the J.P. Morgan building on Wall Street, killing 38 and wounding 400. 1893—In Oklahoma, 10,000 “Sooners” race for 42,000 parcels of land. 1692—Giles Cory, 80, is crushed to death in Salem for refusing to testify in his trial for witchcraft.
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