

The Fortnightly Rant

Forecast: Increasingly Unsettling Weather

Having previously given ample evidence of his competence—or lack thereof—in myriad other fields, Occupant #45 recently tried his hand at meteorology. The results were exactly as everyone expected.

As Hurricane Dorian was making landfall in the Bahamas on Sunday morning, September 1st, the National Hurricane Center was projecting that the Category 5 storm would turn northwards, largely sparing the coast of Florida. In the Oval Office, however, Occupant #45 was tweeting, “In addition to Florida - South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, will most likely be hit (much) harder than anticipated. ...”

Clearly there was a wide discrepancy between the thinking of the careerists at the National Weather Service and that of their Meteorologist-in-Chief. Confusion at such times could be deadly, of course. Hundreds of thousands might have to evacuate. Public safety demanded that any ambiguities be quickly resolved.

As alarmed Alabamians jammed its phones, the Birmingham, Ala. office of the National Weather Service tweeted: “Alabama will NOT see any impacts from #Dorian. We repeat, no impacts from Hurricane #Dorian will be felt across Alabama. The system will remain too far east.”

End of story, right? Oh, you silly goose—that was just the prelude.

Within hours, a top official of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [NOAA] issued an agency-wide internal directive to settle the issue. The professional meteorologists were not to contradict the President. “[O]nly stick with official National Hurricane Center forecasts if questions arise from some national level social media posts which hit the news this afternoon.” Further, the staff was advised

not to “provide any opinion.”

Somehow this curious state of affairs stayed relatively obscure for a time. The news-consuming public may have been distracted by the actual Hurricane Dorian, which, with sustained winds in excess of 180 mph, seemed to be taking up permanent residence in the Bahamas.

Hail to the Cartographer-in-Chief

Three days later, perhaps to dispel any lingering doubts about his skills as a weather forecaster, the President turned his hand to cartography.

Dorian, at that time, was ninety miles east of Daytona. The President, though, to better make his point, showed a map that was six days old. Conveniently, it showed the storm still heading westward, towards Florida and the Gulf of Mexico. Originally drawn by real NOAA meteorologists, it showed a cone of uncertainty, outlined in white, which fell a little short of Alabama's southeast corner—a flaw which had been corrected with a familiar-looking black line.

Like a hurricane making landfall for a second time, Occupant #45's weather prognostications had become, once again, more important than global warming.

On Friday, September 5th, ~~The Ministry of Weather put the issue to rest~~ NOAA inflamed the issue further by issuing another statement on the topic. Although anonymous, it was quickly surmised that the likely author was Julie Roberts, NOAA's Director of Communications—whose most recent employers had been the Trump Campaign and its Inaugural Committee.

The statement said, in effect, that the President, like the Pope, is infallible; and meteorologists who disagree would end up under the bus: “...the information provided by NOAA...demonstrated that tropical-storm-force winds from



TRUMP EXPLAINS HURRICANE DORIAN TO THE U.S. WEATHER BUREAU

Hurricane Dorian could impact Alabama.... The Birmingham National Weather Service's Sunday morning tweet spoke in absolute terms that were inconsistent with probabilities from the best forecast products available at the time.”

According to a report in Tuesday's *New York Times*, that statement was made after Wilbur Ross called Neil Jacobs, the Acting Administrator of NOAA, and demanded that the Agency publicly pretend Trump was right, threatening to fire him and his little colleagues if they failed to comply. Ross and Trump have been friends since 1990, when Ross, a real billionaire, saved Trump from personal bankruptcy.

NOAA has no permanent Administrator, because even Mitch McConnell's Republican Senate has balked repeatedly, rather than confirm Trump's choice for the position, Barry Myers. Myers and his brother Joel are the men behind Accuweather,

a private weather-forecasting company. In 2005, they backed a bill which would have prohibited the National Weather Service from providing weather information to the public. Apparently the brothers were too timid to propose shutting it down altogether.

Buy From Grifter-in-Chief

Just to remind folks who they were dealing with, Occupant #45's 2020 campaign manager Brad Parscale sent out a tweet on September 6th: “Buy the official Trump marker, which is different than every other marker on the market, because this one has the special ability to drive @CNN and the rest of the fake news crazy!”

[While we're on the topic of mental defects, a 2017 study found that people who consume even one diet soft drink per day are three times more likely to have a stroke or Alzheimer's. Trump downs a dozen Diet Cokes daily.]

Listen to the Prevaricator-in-Chief

Parscale has a point, but what a loathsome superpower: the ability to spontaneously spew obvious lies in public, while showing no sign of either shame or remorse.

Late Wednesday the *Washington Post* published a report explaining why NOAA went to such lengths to bring its forecast into line with the forecast from the White House.

According to the *Post*, Secretary Ross' call to Neil Jacobs at NOAA was ordered by Acting Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney—and Mulvaney called Ross because Trump told him to.

Trump's lies are like Caesar's wife, but in reverse. For Pompeia to simply be virtuous was not enough. She had to be above suspicion.

It is not enough for Trump to lie. He must be seen to be lying, to establish that he is above the truth.

That's one of the reasons why his followers worship him.

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Eighteen Years on the Misery-Go-Round

Eighteen years ago a small group of religious fanatics conspired to attack America. Ever since then, it seems, we've been trying to finish the job ourselves.

Without so much as a nod to the formal amendment process, we have radically transformed our government. The executive branch is nearly as imperial as it is corrupt. The legislature is practically paralyzed, capable of little beyond further politicizing the judicial branch.

With governance such as this, we mere mortals are left to face twin crises on our own. At least they're symmetrical.

As the atmosphere heats up, the poor face greater risk; and, as the financial sector of our economy runs riot, the lower three quintiles on the income scale slide ever closer to insolvency.

Not all of this rot is directly attributable to those 19 Middle Easterners (most of whom were nationals of a strategically-important ally). At the time of the attack, our body politic was already primed for self-destruction.

Six years earlier Newton Leroy Gingrich had been made Speaker of the House. Decades of unctuous civility were swept away; archaic flowery language was replaced with a new, weaponized vocabulary. Less than a year into the position, in November of 1995, Gingrich shut down the government in a fit of pique; because he'd been relegated to the back of Air Force One.

Just 21 months after Gingrich's ascension, Rupert Murdoch and Roger Ailes unleashed Fox News upon an unsuspecting world. The simulated news network treated

Gingrich's reactionary politics as perfectly normal, while explicitly labeling middle-of-the-road Democratic politics as radical and socialist.

After five years spent steadily dragging the Overton window rightward, Fox was poised to administer its *coup de grâce*. At 2:16 a.m. on November 8, 2000, Fox called Florida for George W. Bush. The call was made by the candidate's cousin, after a phone call from his brother. The so-called “winner” had only a half-point lead. None of the other networks were even close to making a call. Once Fox called it, though, the others fell in line.

If the TV networks said Bush won, who was going to argue? The perception set the stage for a ruthless series of machinations, engineered to prove that the networks had been

right. Once the matter got to the Supreme Court, the conservative justices managed to set aside their deep commitment to “just calling balls and strikes” long enough to install a dry drunk ne'er-do-well in the Oval Office.

Bush alone would have been bad enough, but nooo. He had to go and let Dick “Dick” Cheney pick him a Vice President—who turned out to be...well, you know the story.

Lest we forget—it barely made an impression when former Acting Director of the CIA Mike Morrell revealed in 2015 that as late as the summer before the attack, Cheney didn't believe that the threat from al Qaeda was real.

“Dick” did manage to get pretty worked up about Iraq, though. Triggered by an attack that cost al Qaeda less than what Donald Rumsfeld

would pay for a couple of un-armored Humvees, Cheney, with a Gingrich-ified Republican Party standing behind him, and a Democratic Party cowed into submission, marched us off to attack the wrong country.

We've fought stupid wars before, of course. In fact, that phenomenon is prevalent enough for the term to have become redundant.

It's often said that people learn from their mistakes. Certainly for individuals that is sometimes true. What about for nations, though?

We're beginning to wonder: if America had learned the lessons for which we paid so dearly in Vietnam, would we ever have fallen for this cluster%\$#@?

The Alleged News®
from page one

Congress is Back—Watch Your Wallet
Congress has returned from its leisurely, six-week summer recess, and is about to resume its duties. *En garde*, everyone.

Because plotting to slash Social Security has always drawn bad press, the Members always look for new, less painful ways to pauperize us all in our dotage—less painful for them, that is.

Senator Joni Ernst recently shared one such idea with some constituents while back home in Iowa. Wittingly or not, she allowed herself to be videotaped. In retrospect, that was careless.

“We know that there is a point in time,” Ernst said, “when we as Congress will have to address the situation. I think it’s better done sooner rather than later...”

“I do think that as various parties and members of Congress we need to sit down behind closed doors, so we’re not being scrutinized by this group or the other, and just have an open and honest conversation about

what are some of those ideas that we have for maintaining social security in the future....

“I will tell you that there are very few members of Congress that even want to broach the subject because it becomes so controversial and then if you say we need to address Social Security and media is hammering you, the opposing party will hear you, there goes Granny over a cliff...”

Judging from the comments online, people get even angrier when you talk about plotting to slash Social Security in secret.

“If It’s Broke, Break It Again”
The traditional excuse for shoving Granny off a cliff has been that the national debt is unsustainable. We’ve seen this sort of logic before: a bunch of Saudis attacked us, so let’s declare war on Iraq.

Republicans insist there’s no connection between their tax cuts and the deficit. Our corporate media, enmeshed as they are in capitalism themselves, claim their mythical “objectivity” prevents them from stating the obvious: “But Senator—that’s a crock and you know it.”



The photo above has been appropriated by the Flag Police from the July 1 issue of Time for use as evidence. Brad Parscale, 2020 Presidential campaign manager for noted pussy-grabber and serially-bankrupt failed businessman Donald Trump, stands behind a desk in his office. On it rests a Chinese-made Huasen Flag Desk Writing Mat. A more blatant violation of 4 U.S.C. § 1 (1998), the Flag Code, would be hard to find.

In December of 2017, Republicans passed a \$1.5 trillion tax cut—a whopping Christmas present for the deserving rich. We were told at the time that this would result in significantly higher tax revenues. That didn’t happen. Tax revenues fell by 2.7 percent.

That’s OK, though. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin can fix that. On Monday he said that next year the administration will be looking for another round of tax cuts.

Or, Maybe, Fix It?
Rep. John Larson [D-Conn.] has proposed a bill that would make Social Security more...secure. By implementing some reasonable measures—raising weekly contributions a whopping 50 cents a week, and lifting the cap on maximum earnings, for example—the Social Security 2100 Act can increase benefits, improve COLA, and lower the rate of taxation on benefits.

Man Strikes Blow Against Capitalism

A truck driver from Texas, wielding a remarkably stout metal banjo, repeatedly bashed sculptor Arturo de Modica’s 11-foot tall “Charging Bull” in New York’s Financial district Saturday. The attack left dents and a six-inch gash in the bronze beast’s right horn. Police charged Tevon Varlack, 42, of Dallas, a long-distance trucker, with criminal mischief, disorderly conduct, and criminal possession of a weapon.

Equal Justice Under the Law

The phrase “Equal Justice Under the Law” is carved into the architrave above the entrance to the Supreme Court building—in case anyone wants to know where they can find it. In the courtrooms? That’s another matter entirely.

Tanya McDowell, homeless and Black, registered her son in the wrong school district and was sentenced to five years in prison.

Felicity Huffman, wealthy and

white, paid a \$15,000 bribe to get her daughter into college. At worst she’ll get sentenced today to a month in jail and a \$20,000 fine.

Climate Strike, Here, Sept. 20th

The following letter came too late in our publishing cycle for inclusion with our Mash Notes, Hate Mail, & Other Correspondence, so we’ll just publish it here.

Dear Editor,
Hurricane Dorian has decimated the Bahamas. Meanwhile, the Amazon rainforest burns, with over 80% of the fires estimated to have been deliberately set to clear land for business expansion. Alaska, Bolivia, Russia, and Indonesia also have experienced raging wildfires. This past month of June was the hottest on record, and an entire glacier in Iceland has melted. These natural disasters all have a common denominator – they were exacerbated by climate change and our continued burning of fossil fuels at an unprecedented global rate of over 40

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I am a 15 year old New Hampshire citizen, and I am outraged at the lack of global action. Once upon a time, climate change seemed abstract and required a strong grasp of science to understand, but now we just need to look at the headlines on the news. Or even out our windows. My generation understands this and we are calling upon you to join us. We must show those in power that we are not willing to settle for empty promises, nice words, and vague goals. We need climate action now.

This is why I am one of the organizers of a climate strike on September 20th, a global day of climate action. Join us in Prescott Park, Portsmouth N.H., at 11:00 a.m. and stand in solidarity with youth, community leaders, scientists, and frontline communities. Now is the time to act. My generation and generations to come depend on it.

Those who would like to speak are invited to email nhampshire@youthclimatestrikeus.org in order to request a place on our speaker's schedule. For more information, please contact N.H. Youth Climate Strike on Facebook or the email address above.

Ilinca Drondoe
Bedford, N.H.

Whither International Postage?

Last October the Trump administration announced that it planned to make it harder and more expensive for Americans to send international mail. Because, why not?

The U.S. will walk away from the Universal Postal Union on October 17th. Barring some surprise reversal, an arrangement which has provided order for the last 144 years will come to an abrupt end. Actually, a lame excuse was provided, but really...

This nihilistic proposition went mostly unnoticed at the time because...well, you could look it up. Surely some inane spectacle was drawing everyone's attention elsewhere.

One of the unintended consequences—or intended, who can say?—will be that Americans abroad, including members of the U.S. military, will find it more expensive and more difficult to mail in absentee ballots. Maybe impossible, who knows?

We have been trying, so far without success, to determine what this means for our international subscribers. When we find out more, we'll let readers know.



Gone But Not Forgotten

Alerted by a person who knew this paper would be interested, we visited the Daniel Street Post Office Tuesday, September 3rd, the first business day after its closing. As can be seen in the photo at left, the locked glass doors bore a pair of posters reading [minus the original all-caps here, because we find them typographically displeasing]:

"The Post Office is CLOSED thanks to the relentless efforts of the following Portsmouth City Councilors: Councilor Chris Dwyer, Councilor Ned Raynolds, Councilor Rebecca Perkins, Councilor Nancy Pearson, Councilor Josh Denton, Councilor Doug Roberts, Assistant Mayor Cliff Lazenby[.]

"Show your thanks to them on Election Day."

We asked a guard, "So, you haven't been asked to take these down, eh?"

Clearly trying to be helpful, but apparently missing the point of our question, the guard said only that the Post Office had moved to Heritage Avenue.

His response suggested that ei-

ther he hadn't read the posters, or he missed the point of them if he had. The matter was soon moot, anyway. Some unknown party removed them. Regrettably, because we did not think to monitor the site on a regular basis, we can't say exactly when.

Signed Up For Their Fair Share of Abuse

The City's official website maintains that the positions are "non-partisan," but by now it's clear that there is, at least, an anti-Redgate/Kane faction. Of the list of named-and-blamed incumbents, only Mayor Jack Blalock and Councilwoman Chris Dwyer had not filed when the filing period for City Council seats closed on Monday. The rest are presumably ready to bear the brunt of their ire. For his consistent stance as a lone hold-out, Rick Becksted has earned an exemption.

Twenty-one citizens have filed, according to the Award-Winning Local Daily; for every incumbent running, then, there are two challengers in the race.

The election will be held on Tuesday, November 5th. The City's web-

site lists the following City Council Candidate Nights [sic]:

Friday, September 20th, at Strawberry Banke Museum's Tyco Visitors Center, from 7:30 a.m. [hence the "sic," above].

Wednesday, October 9th, at Liars Bench, from approximately 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 16th, at City Hall, from 7:00 p.m.

Have You Seen Our Post Office?

Some unknown wag, inspired, perhaps, by the September 3rd original, has been putting these up:



The locked doors of the Daniel Street Post Office on the first day of its permanent closure. Unofficial posters taped to the doors "thanked" seven members of the City Council by name for their "relentless efforts." The original posters were removed, but an amusing substitute appeared in their stead.

Murph's Fortnightly Quote

"It is very nearly impossible to become an educated person in a country so distrustful of the independent mind."

— James Baldwin (1924-1987) novelist, playwright

"Once you've divided people against one another—East against West, urban against rural, ...—so you can win an election, it's very hard to pull them back together again to solve our shared problems."

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Lebanon Public Library, 9 E. Park St.

It's the Geology, Stupid
To the Editor:

Doing business in Afghanistan must be like dining on alligator meat. There are a lot of juicy morsels waiting for you, but you've got to get past the teeth, the claws, and some very tough hide to get at it. So far, everyone who's tried has been forced to leave—bloodied, chewed up, and empty handed.

The Afghan landscape is forbidding and so are the locals who inhabit it. But, between the billions in opium planted on the surface and the trillions in strategic mineral reserves lurking beneath, the place is more seductive to big business than a hot-tub party at Jeff Epstein's house. Still, after 18 years of military and political stalemate, we have no alligator morsels to show for it. Not even an appetizer. In terms of blood and treasure, it's been an exceedingly costly and unfulfilling evening out for the American taxpayer.

So, now we learn the President's "secret meeting" with the Taliban at Camp David has been abruptly cancelled. Not for long, I suspect. Count on Trump, self-proclaimed deal-maker extraordinaire, to prove he can do what no one else has been able to achieve. He alone will be the "chosen one" who slays the alligator and unlocks the riches of Afghanistan for his hungry Wall Street benefactors.

Just keep in mind that none of his machinations have anything to do with the people of Afghanistan, with 911, with ridding the planet of terrorists, or bringing home the troops. It's all about mineral rights, opium, and money. Most of all, it's about somebody deluded enough to believe he can negotiate with an alligator.

Rick Littlefield
Barrington, N.H.
Rick:

Thank you for this timely reminder that our Military-Industrial-Academic-Media Complex is chewing up the lion's share of our budget in order to help our deserving oligarchs plunder a unique mass of minerals created millions of years ago by the collision of three tectonic plates. No doubt our shares of the proceeds will eventually trickle down.

The Editor

The Altar of the 2nd Amendment
Dear Sir:

The Preamble to the Constitution reads, "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." Following this Preamble, seven articles and the first ten amendments, the Bill of Rights, were adopted.

Since the adoption of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, it has been amended 17 times to reflect changes to our society over the past 230 years. What was once considered necessary to insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, and to promote the general welfare, has changed and evolved over this period of time as well.

When the 2nd Amendment, "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed," was written, it made sense for the people to keep and bear arms to insure domestic tranquility, and to promote for the common defense. In those days there was standing army, and the people served as a well-regulated militia to accomplish these goals. This is no longer the case, but the 2nd Amendment remains as written 230 years ago with tragic consequences. With 282 mass shootings already this year, we fear sending our children to school, going to the mall, or visiting a house of worship, for fear of becoming a victim of gun violence; clearly, the 2nd Amendment is no longer contributing to our domestic tranquility, national defense or the general welfare.

Today, with over 300 million guns, including many semi-automatic weapons, weapons that the drafters of the Constitution could never imagine circulating in America, our domestic tranquility and general welfare is being destroyed by the misguided interpretation of the same 2nd Amendment designed to promote them.



If we hold the basic truths in the Preamble of our Constitution to be true, then the time has come to realize that the 2nd Amendment, as it is currently written and interpreted, must be changed to reflect the realities of the 21st Century. The one thing that separates America from all other nations who do not have the epidemic of gun violence we experience, is the 2nd Amendment and how our courts have interpreted it. Every other civilized nation has mental illness, criminals, video games, poverty, and even some guns, but none endure the level of gun violence as we do in America.

The time has long come to change the 2nd Amendment so that we can restore domestic tranquility and promote the general welfare for ourselves and our posterity. This does not mean that all types of guns should be prohibited, but that gun ownership should require sensible regulation and limits, as with any other Constitutional right. To allow our domestic tranquility and general welfare to continue to be sacrificed on the altar of the 2nd Amendment, words written 230 years ago, violates the basic foundations upon which our Constitution was adopted.

Rich DiPentima, LTC, USAF, Ret.
Portsmouth, N.H.

Rich:
That is an extremely calm, sober, argument. We are confident that, in certain circles it will provoke howls of outrage, and possibly threats of violence. Thanks for writing.

Your reference to "weapons that the drafters of the Constitution could never imagine circulating in America" reminded us of a letter in Monday's O. Jane Scarborough, a retired associate professor of law at Northeastern University School of Law, and Jack McDewitt, a professor of the practice in Northeastern's School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, wrote about a proposal that the Falmouth Gun Safety Coalition has been advocating: "a ban on the sale and use of any ri-

fle, handgun, or shotgun that contains a semiautomatic mechanism (allowing the firearm to discharge spent rounds automatically and load new, live rounds automatically with each pull of the trigger). Such a ban also avoids Second Amendment challenges, since it doesn't affect guns per se, but rather the inclusion of a mechanism that allows them to be capable of inflicting human casualties on a scale that tragically has become all too common."

The Editor

What To Do About Climate Change
Dear Editor:

In the same day's mail I had a donation/solicitation letter from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) and a new copy of *Rolling Stone* magazine. Where the DCCC communication is weak, on the same topic—climate change—the *Rolling Stone* article by Jeff Goodell—"Can We Survive Extreme Heat?" (found through Google, too) is strong.

My DCCC form gave a list of issues to check-off as a "yes, I agree," with zero mention of climate change. I wrote it in at "other." On the envelope itself, I used a Sharpie and wrote "climate change" and highlighted it with pink and green. The article by Jeff Goodell raises the issue of climate change's fuzzily discussed repercussions—heat deaths of humans for instance, happening already on the worst days in Arizona. Predicted for New York City, Miami, Los Angeles with 5.4 F degrees of warming increase, thousands of deaths.

Certainly, now, our Democratic candidates for president have climate change in their issues.

Perhaps others who get the DCCC envelope and its defective list of concerns could do what I did—include climate change at "other" and also

write it on the envelope. I love my grandchildren and their peers and classmates too much to just let it pass: a preventable tragedy in their futures must activate my citizen powers now.

Lynn Rudmin Chong
Sanbornton, N.H.
Lynn:

The timidity of the DNC and the DCCC and a whole host of other Democratic apparatchiks on what is clearly the most important topic of the age is only slightly less troubling than the fervor of the Republicans to bring on Armageddon.

The Editor

More Help On The Way For Fraudsters
To the Editor:

Want a quick summary of what the Republican Party and its fearless leader stand for?

Well, Betsy DeVos, Trump's Education Secretary, provided it. She just passed rules making it harder for defrauded students to get back money from the for profit schools that defrauded them!

That's it in a nutshell: Help for the fraudsters, a kick in the teeth for the defrauded.

Summarizes the whole Republican Party schtick!

Michael Frandzel
Portsmouth, N.H.
Michael:

One would think that the transparency of the fraud might eventually allow the marks to see through the game. Alas, Barnum was overly optimistic about the perspicacity of the species.

The Editor

Time to Honor the "Lost 74" on the Wall
To the Editor:

Ronald Perkins, a military veteran from Manchester, was wearing a dark

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blue Navy hat with the name *U.S.S. Frank E. Evans* embossed on it.

“Are you a Navy veteran?” I asked. “Yes,” he said. “Is that the name of the ship you served on?”

“Yes,” he remarked, “I am one of the survivors.”

“What?” I said with surprise. “My ship was sliced in half by an aircraft carrier during the Vietnam War,” he solemnly explained to me.

There were 74 American sailors who died in a little-known tragic accident that happened during a war training exercise off Vietnam in 1969. During night maneuvers that included several ships and no lights, a wrong turn was made that resulted in the *U.S.S. Frank E. Evans* (DD-754) getting a broad-side hit from an Australian aircraft carrier. The *Evans* was cut in half.

The bow of the destroyer is reported to have sunk in two minutes, with 74 of her crew members being killed.

Incredibly, the stern somehow stayed afloat and saved the lives of the rest of the crew. The stern section was later towed to Subic Bay in the Philippines and eventually sunk as a training target.

Perkins said the survivors of the *Evans* have been trying “for years” to have the names of the “lost 74” placed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., but the Pentagon has refused, citing the accident occurred outside of the arbitrary “war zone” area.

He told me the veterans of the *U.S.S. Frank E. Evans* Association have recently been able to get a bill in the Senate. The *U.S.S. Frank E. Evans* Act (S.849) is “a bill to provide for the inclusion on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall of the names of the lost crew members of the *U.S.S. Frank*

E. Evans killed on June 3, 1969.” Sen. Kevin Cramer, R.-N.D., introduced the bill on March 14. There are currently 15 co-sponsors, including Sens. Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.) and Angus King (I-Maine).

Senator Cramer made a statement on the bill and said, “Each of these service members were deployed [to Vietnam] and died in the service of our nation, yet their names have been left off the Vietnam Memorial wall. While the incident occurred about 100 miles outside of the official combat zone, the ship...had previously provided naval gunfire off the coast of Vietnam, including during the Tet Offensive. The ship was also set to return to combat after the exercise....”

The crew members of the *Evans* were awarded the Vietnam Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation for duty during dates in May, 1969.

Simply said, the sailors who died in this disaster were assigned and serving in the Vietnam War.

The *U.S.S. Frank E. Evans* Association website has all of the names and pictures and a short bio of each of the 74 lost sailors. It is heartbreaking to view these pictures, as so many of the subjects are only 18 or 19 years old.

Two of the sailors killed were from New Hampshire. Ronald Arthur Thibodeau was born in Manchester and had a wife and child. Gary Joseph Vigue was born in Dover and graduated from Farmington High School. He had a wife and son.

Three brothers, the Sage brothers, had requested to serve together on the *Evans*. Seamen Gary (22), Gregory (21) and Keith (19) all perished in the accident. The brothers were honored in their hometown of Niobrara, Neb., with a memorial plaque.

On the plaque it states: “This trage-

dy was perhaps the greatest single loss suffered by any Nebraska family of the many who have contributed their sons to the service of the Nation.”

The governor of Nebraska eulogized the Sage brothers on June 11, 1969: “Every generation of Americans has answered the call to the colors...so it was with the Sage brothers, who were serving in the finest tradition of the American fighting man. In the truest sense, they gave up their lives that we might continue to enjoy the fruits of freedom.”

Another sad chapter of this tragedy was that a father and son were serving together on the *Evans*. The father, Lawrence Reilly Sr., survived the accident but his son, Lawrence Reilly Jr., died. The AP reported last year that retired Master Chief Lawrence Reilly Sr. passed away and had fought with the Pentagon for years to have the names of the *Evans*’s lost sailors placed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

Reilly’s surviving daughter Luanne Oda remarked, “We will not stop fighting” to have their names put on the wall.

I believe President Donald Trump, as commander-in-chief of our military, should order the names of the 74 sailors who perished serving on active duty in the Vietnam War on the *U.S.S. Frank E. Evans* inscribed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

Our country has a duty to honor them for sacrificing their lives for us.

They are not, and will never be, “lost sailors.”

John Meinhold
Portsmouth, N.H.
(The writer is a U.S. Air Force veteran and the son of a decorated U.S. Air Force combat veteran.)

John:
Thank you for bringing so much detail on this tragedy to the attention of our readers. It certainly has been “little-known.” It did not appear in our Tidal Guide until 2015.

The Pentagon’s reasoning on this issue seems...typical.

The Editor

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Those Who Profit From Our Problems
To the Editor:

A friend of mine recently said, during a conversation about the corrupting influence of dark money in politics and government: “you can’t solve problems if the people you send to Washington are being bought off by those benefiting from the problems.”

We furthermore discussed how these same people we’re sending to Washington to solve the nation’s problems, and to represent our interests, are misappropriating our tax money which is supposed to be used to “provide for the general welfare,” as stipulated in the Constitution of the United States.

I’m certain that you have also periodically questioned why we, as a nation, can always afford endless and costly regime change wars, Wall Street bailouts, Big Oil subsidies and enormous tax cuts greatly benefiting the wealthy, while we’re constantly being told how naïve we are and that we don’t have the money for national healthcare; for universal K-College education; for rebuilding our ailing infrastructure; for transforming our energy system from fossil fuels to renewable energy and cleaning the environment; for ensuring fair and free democratic elections or for battling and mitigating the effects of Global Climate Change, which is obviously no hoax with the Amazon on fire and Antarctica melting. I encourage you to reread the first paragraph of this letter for the answer to your question.

It’s been about one week since David Koch, who formed one-half of the multi-billionaire fossil fuel magnate Koch Brothers, passed away, which has given me ample time to examine his life and legacy. I’ve determined from my findings that he represented the epitome of “those who have benefited from our problems,” as he had clearly dedicated his life to accumulating massive wealth by spending billions of dollars on Republican politicians and lobbying efforts to upend all action

and problem solving, meant to help ordinary citizens, on the environment, education, democracy and human rights.

We must begin solving this nation’s greatest problem by electing to Congress and the Presidency only those who have the courage and will to reject the money from those who benefit from our problems.

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, N.H.

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LBGTQ Story Hour
To the Editor:

If our “world gone crazy” was tried in court, the prosecutor would easily get a guilty verdict with the jury stacked against traditional morals as it is. Criminals are victims while police actions are called, “police brutality,” and we are to trust LBGTQ Drag Queens to read to three-to-five-year old children at N.H. Libraries.

Evidence that local police are necessary to keep the peace is challenged by Facebook allowing slanderous propaganda to pollute the air waves with “hate speech” that violates their own definition of it. Nightly TV news follows in lockstep and monopolistic print media falls in line. All together the Orwellian Ministry of Truth rules what is good as evil, and evil as good. The dominating force of opinion-molders brings us the verdict, police are the bad guys. But we can trust the libraries, they have the Ministry of Truth stamp of approval.

Do you care that under this hierarchy of approval of what is good for children that is paid for by our taxes that pay salaries of the bureaucrats at the American Library Association, ignores what you think? The Drag Queen Story Hour (DQSH) is now invading N.H. big time. This criminal movement is documented at *thenewamerican.com/files/TNA3515.pdf*, from the August 5, 2019 article called “Drag’ing Kids into The LBGTQ Abyss.” Open it, see child abuse exposed.

The LBGTQI+ wants to recruit

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The Northcountry Chronicle

Conquering the Abenaki

by William Marvel

My mother couldn't drive worth a damn, as I began to learn on the afternoon of November 21, 1959. A little wet snow had fallen that day, and there was an icy patch on what we called Joe Nesmith's hill. The worst thing she could possibly have done was slam on her brakes, so she did precisely that. In those days of steel dashboards and no seatbelts, I was soon pulling my upper teeth out of the big new hole in my lower lip, and bleeding all over the Northwest Passage coloring book I had been leafing through.

This column is really about the coloring book, and the characters it depicted from a then-current television series derived from the 1940 movie, "Northwest Passage." The movie was based on the first half of the 1937 Kenneth Roberts novel, which in turn fictionalized the 1759 raid on the Abenaki village of St. Francis, in Quebec. The 200th anniversary of that raid had just passed.

The protagonist of the novel was Robert Rogers, a New Hampshireman whose character reflected the

familiar combination of heroic wartime leader and dissolute peacetime malcontent. The town of Dunbarton claims a small cellar hole there as the relic of a cabin built by his father in 1749, to replace one burned in an Abenaki raid, but who knows whether 18-year-old Robert was living at home then. He was an adventurous sort, and during the French and Indian War he secured permission to recruit an early version of a ranger company. Eventually he was allowed to expand that company into a battalion, and was promoted to major.

Rogers undertook his best-known mission 260 years ago this month. While a British army under James Wolfe attacked the French at Quebec City, Rogers was to lead a couple of hundred men from the British stronghold at Crown Point, New York, and attack the Abenaki allies of the French at St. Francis. Piling into longboats, on the night of September 13th the raiders started up the length of Lake Champlain, left their boats and provisions for the return journey with a couple of guards, and struck off overland. It was more

than a hundred rugged, swampy miles to St. Francis, and they had not covered much of the distance when the two guards caught up and reported that the French had found the boats.

Rather than give up the mission, Rogers decided to press on, but after the raid he would retreat east of Lake Memphremagog, and aim for the Connecticut River. That route was twice as long, and he would already have run out of food by then, so it was imperative that a relief expedition come up the Connecticut from Fort Number 4 and meet his men at the confluence of the Ammonoosuc River. He sent a lieutenant and six men back to Crown Point with that message before continuing on his way.

Rogers made his attack on St. Francis the morning of October 4. He probably killed far fewer Abenaki than he claimed, and more of them were probably women and children than he admitted. The retreat consumed the next three weeks, during which Rogers divided his command, and portions of it were captured. Rogers reached the



Ammonoosuc with the main body, but while his message had been delivered, the relief expedition had come and gone by then, leaving no food behind. Rogers and his hardest officers had to build a raft and float down to Fort Number 4 for help.

The lieutenant who carried the relief message was an Irish immigrant named Andrew McMullin, which was sometimes spelled McMillan. Two years after the raid he

retired to private life, starting a store in partnership with Timothy Walker on the corner of Pleasant Street and Main, in what became Concord. The Treaty of Paris ended the war and made northern New Hampshire safe for settlement, so the crown handed out grants of land there to former Ranger officers. Timothy Walker was awarded one at the northern end of a long lake that came to be called Walker's Pond.

Andrew McMillan took a grant on the east side of the Saco River. He built his house on the shelf of land at the foot of Sunset Hill, overlooking the intervale, just below what would become North Conway. He enjoyed great prosperity, making his living by farming, providing early lodging for travelers, and selling off his land—thereby representing in the last three decades of his life all three stages in the economic and moral decline of the town where he chose to die. Like all who chase off the original inhabitants, act as parasites to passersby, and profit from treating the land like an expendable commodity, he was regarded as extremely successful.

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your children and grandchildren, while parents and grandparents like my wife and I, are smeared with emotionalized trigger words. Old fashion ideas of Parental control were challenged at a DQSH at the Nashua Library recently and another event played at the Brookline, N.H. Library on, August 29, 2019. True public opinion has been walked over by the Orwellian Ministry of Truth for many years. But the jury is still out. It's coming to your town. Your testimony is needed. The buck stops with you.

Sincerely & Respectively [sic]
Russ Payne
Merrimack, N.H.



Russ:
Lordy, lordy, lordy...not just a challenger to Donald Erwing's role as most-outraged right winger on these pages, but another issue causing the Christian Right to hyperventilate, as well. Our cup runneth over; with what, we won't say.

Our advice would be to take this matter up via prayer with your Supreme Being. After all, by your lights, he made those whom you find so offensive. Granted, anyone taking spiritual advice from us is probably beyond hope....
The Editor

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On Censorship

Dear Editor,
I had an exchange on Twitter last night that was about as reasonable and civilized as one can get on social media. It was about censorship and freedom of speech. A woman I don't know personally but know of from her work has always unabashedly supported our rights under the Constitution, even going as far as starting a Facebook group to organize like-minded folks and those who are sitting on the fence for the 2016 election. I've noticed she often

sees things in black and white and in this case she spoke of the First Amendment like it had to apply to everything, defending the right of Stephen Miller to have his ideas in print and on broadcast media.

Someone commented, "Miller should not be allowed to take up space as we try to find solutions to the world's problems." She asked, maybe rhetorically, "Not be allowed to take up space?? What does that mean?" I responded, "TV radio air time and column inches?" She replied, "That would be censorship. Cannot imagine why we would

want to encourage that." And the battle was joined.

I did my best to explain how an editor can deny someone a platform, especially that of a news organization that holds itself out as practicing journalism, and choose not to print or air lies, misinformation, and incitement to discrimination or violence. She took umbrage that anyone, even an editor could decide what she should and should not know. A Twitter thread is a poor way to have such a conversation and she seemed quite appalled at what I said.

I am writing you because I wonder if you have ever composed a piece on journalistic ethics, editorial responsibility, censorship, and/or freedom of speech, or if you can

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Trump puts opponent of public lands in charge of public lands

by Jim Hightower

For generations, our country has been Mother Nature’s steward, setting aside and protecting important expanses of public lands for posterity. But what if these lands and natural resources suddenly got a “steward” who was a predator, rather than a protector?

Meet William Perry Pendley. For more than 40 years, he’s been a fringe political operative and lawyer

for a network of loopy, anti-environmental extremists intent on helping corporate predators grab and plunder our national assets for their private profit. And now—Holy Teddy Roosevelt!—developer-in-chief Donald Trump has named Pendley to be acting head of the Bureau of Land Management. Yes, a guy who favors the wholesale privatization of your and my public lands is to oversee the future of America’s public lands. Indeed, Pendley has been lost

in the ultra-right-wing weeds for years, screeching that the “Founding Fathers intended all lands owned by the federal government to be sold.”

That’s nuts, but nuttier yet is Pendley’s listing of a sextet of demons he believes are “at war” with western civilization: Radical environmentalists, federal bureaucrats, the media, academia, Hollywood, and “ignorant” Americans who are “easily panicked” into believing in things like climate change. But

this caped corporate crusader saves most of his manic fury for the environmental movement, bizarrely proclaiming that its millions of adherents “don’t believe in human beings.” Also, with funding from the Koch brothers and Big Oil, Pendley has been a fanatical fossil fuel proselytizer, even declaring in a moment of rapture that fracking is “an energy, economic, **and** environmental miracle!”

Don’t just keep an eye on this cor-

porate extremist—don’t even blink! For updates, contact Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility at peer.org.

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Populist author, public speaker, and radio commentator Jim Hightower writes The Hightower Lowdown, a monthly newsletter chronicling the ongoing fights by America’s ordinary people against rule by plutocratic elites. Sign up at HightowerLowdown.org.

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refer me to another source.

I woke up this morning, feeling discouraged and disheartened. I was a journalist once, a very long time ago and I feel like I’ve let someone down.

Monique Yaptenco
Boston, Mass.

Monique:

That’s a problem with any theoretical discussion: the farther one gets from specifics, the vaguer the definitions get. Before long two perfectly good principles can seem in conflict.

We live in a mediascape which includes an astonishing array of “news” sources. At one end of the spectrum you have TV behemoths which produce top-down, one-way blasts of...stuff, the composition of which is determined by obscure but powerful individuals—Mark Burnett, for example, who turned failed businessman Donald Trump into a marketable commodity. On the other end you have us. In between are all and sundry.

It’s too much to ask any single definition of censorship to fit all these models. This strikes us as a less-than-satisfactory answer, but our deadline insists that we leave off here. We’ll just add two final thoughts: the big outfits censor the left by omission every hour of every day. Meanwhile, big money subsidizes right wing propaganda in volume to constitute censorship of the left by drowning it out.

The Editor

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Discounted Parking for City Residents
To the Editor:

I applaud Councilor Becksted’s creative idea of offering discounted parking for the employees of

downtown businesses. As long as the Foundry Place parking garage is relatively empty, any additional revenue is welcome. On the other hand, I hope that the cost of the discounted parking is paid for, either directly or indirectly, by the employers and not just subsidized by city residents. It has been my observation, that city officials are too willing to accommodate business interests and those of tourists, before thinking of the city’s residents. That is why I would like to suggest doing something for residents.

Until the use of the Foundry Place picks up significantly, I would like to request that the city enable city residents to buy a discounted parking card at the price of \$12 per year.

This would provide encouragement for resident to visit the downtown more often and it would provide the city with some additional revenue.

Peter Somssich
Portsmouth, N.H.

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Pappas and the Palestinians

To the Editor:

Our Representative in Congress is Chris Pappas. It appears the pro-Israel Lobby has convinced him that Israel is a democracy. Palestinians make up 20 percent of legitimate Israel but are victims of racism with over 50 laws and restrictions targeting them. One Zionist says that Israeli is a state for Jews only, shades of the Nuremberg laws in Nazi Germany!

Rep. Pappas just returned from a

trip to Israel. House Majority leader Steny Hoyer, one of the biggest campaign recipients of pro-Israel organizations and individuals, led the delegation. J-Street found that Pappas had taken two previous “tours” of Israel. The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), through its tax-exempt partner, AIEF, financed the trip. JFK once said that AIPAC qualified as a foreign lobby! He was correct, but then was killed and his recommendation was forgotten. Prior to this third trip, Rep. Pappas spoke at the AIPAC Conference in March. We asked for a transcript of his remarks. No response.

We asked the Congressman to sign onto H.R. 2407, “Promoting Human Rights for Palestinian Children Living under Israeli Military Occupation Act.” No response. We asked Pappas not to vote for H. Res. 246, the anti-BDS bill. No response (he voted for it). This bill limits citizens’ right to criticize the policies of Israel such as annexing Palestinian land for Jewish-only settlements, a violation of international law.

As members of N.H.’s Palestine Education Network, we have asked multiple times to meet with Rep. Pappas. No response.

Carolyn Cicciu, Goffstown, N.H.
Will Thomas, Auburn, N.H.
N.H. Palestine Education Network

Carolyn and Will:

With our Congress so clearly divided, and with one party so asymmetrically

devoted, apparently, to profiteering and the erasure of the distinction between church and state, it’s all too easy to forget that Democrats can err. Thanks for this concise reminder.

The Editor

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Oops – Plus...

To the Editor:

Hey, in the August 30th *New Hampshire Gazette*, for Friday, Sept. 6th you wrote, “1901-William McKinley is assassinated by anarchist Leon Czolgosz.” Nope—W.M. was shot that day; he died on the 13th of gangrenous infection from the wound.

P.S. (Remember that one?) My son retired from the Portsmouth (Maine) Naval Yard last week. For over two decades I visited him in Kittery. What wonderful memories—it’s a photo haven. I will miss the “lobstah,” the many trips, the Shoals, the maritime history and especially walking over the bridge(s) to Portsmouth for numerous delights.

Dr. J.K. Folmar I
California, Pa.

Dr. J.K.:

We’re sure you’re still welcome to visit Kittery, even if your son has retired.

Please allow us to explain our thinking regarding that entry: it depends upon what the meaning of “assassinate” is. Czolgosz was definitely the assassin. He pulled the trigger on the 6th. In our



book, that act constitutes the assassination. Yes, McKinley lingered for a week before dying—one could hardly say, though, that Czolgosz assassinated him on the 13th.

If you still feel we’re in error, please feel free to rebut. Next to Rochester’s redoubtable Paul Fischler, you are probably our second most prolific page eight fact-checker. We very much appreciate your close reading, and taking the time to write.

The Editor

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“As to any other laws that slave-holders may make among themselves, as respecting slaves, they can be of no better kind, nor give them any better character, than what is implied in the common report—that there may be some honesty among thieves.”

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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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2008—Lehman Bros. drops 90 percent; the Dow is down 500 points. 2004—A 911 call brings D.C. cops to the bathroom of Rep. Don Sherwood (R-Pa.), 63. His mistress, Cynthia Ore, 28, says he choked her. 1982—Israeli Defense Forces surround Palestinian refugee camps Sabra and Shatila and let Christian Phalangist militiamen slaughter 3,500. 1980—A nuclear-armed B-52 burns for hours at Grand Forks AFB, N.D., but hey—nothing exploded! 1963—Two Klansmen bomb Birmingham’s 16th St. Baptist Church, killing four girls and injuring 22. One bomber is convicted 14 years later, despite the FBI withholding evidence. 1940—RAF pilot Ray Holmes, his Hurricane out of ammo, sees a Dornier heading for Buckingham Palace. He rams it and parachutes to safety. 1921—The War Department removes the names of 17 men from its list of “slackers.” One was unfit, the rest were in uniform; one died in service. 1915—The Portsmouth-built <i>U.S.S. Portsmouth</i>, which took San Francisco (then Yerba Buena) from Mexico in 1846, helped Britain take Canton in the Second Opium War, and blockaded Texas during the Civil War, is torched as part of a festival in Boston. 1830—At the opening of the Liverpool and Manchester Railway, the first steam railroad, William Huskisson, M.P., becomes the first person killed by a train.	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. 2001—Dick “Dick” Cheney vows to work on “the dark side”—duh. 1976—Unelected Vice President Nelson Rockefeller is photographed giving “the finger” to students at SUNY Binghamton, N.Y. 1975—After winning by 355 votes, losing a recount by ten votes, and winning a ballot appeal by two votes, notorious Red-baiter Louis Wyman [R]—an appointed but not-seated Senator for three days—loses a special election to the droll John Durkin [D]. 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,” which, eventually, they do. 1964—UC Berkeley bans free speech. 1942—Piloting a B-24 over the Atlantic, J.D Harden spots <i>U-506</i> with a Red Cross flag across its deck, carrying survivors of the <i>Laconia</i> sinking: soldiers, POWs, civilians, women, and children. He bombs <i>506</i>, which submerges and sets survivors adrift. 1940—A prescient FDR signs the first peacetime draft into law. 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.	2011—Hundreds of fed-up protestors finally Occupy Wall Street. 2002—President George W.[MD] Bush says, “ ... fool me once, shame on—shame on you. Fool me ... you can’t get fooled again.” 2001—President George W.[MD] Bush gives the CIA secret authority to...do stuff. It’s secret. 1980—A Sandinista hit squad pulls off “Operation Reptile,” whacking Anastasio Somoza with an RPG. 1967—The Mt. Washington cog railway train derails; eight die. 1955—A U.S. Air Force B-36 with a live nuclear reactor on board begins test flights. In case of a crash, paratroops follow in another plane. 1948—Count Folke Bernadotte, in Jerusalem to mediate the Arab-Israeli conflict for the UN, is assassinated by the Zionist Stern Gang. 1942—B-24 pilot J.D. Hardin tries again to sink <i>U-506</i>. The survivors aboard survive again. 1908—Lt. Thomas Selfridge becomes the first plane crash fatality in a Wright Flyer piloted by Wilbur. 1862—At Antietam, in Maryland, 113,000 men clash; 3,654 are killed and 17,292 are wounded—bloodiest day in U.S. military history. 1787—Having signed the Constitution, its authors head to a tavern. 1665—Charles II, three, is crowned King of Spain. Since his papa was his mama’s uncle, he’s also his mama’s first cousin and his papa’s grand-nephew.	2001—Five anthrax-laced letters are mailed to news media by a person or persons still un-apprehended. Five people die. 2001—EPA Chief Christine Todd Whitman, complying with a White House request, says the air at “Ground Zero” is safe to breathe. 1987—The <i>N.Y. Times</i> reports the FBI’s been spying on public library patrons. 1980—Cuban Arnoldo Tamayo becomes the first black person in space, thanks to the The Soviet Union 1980—A dropped 30-pound socket wrench hits a Titan II missile fuel tank in Damascus, Ark. The tank springs a leak; the leaking fuel catches fire. 1975—The FBI catches “Tanya,” press baron Wm. Randolph Hearst’s bank-robbing granddaughter. 1961—UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld and 15 others are murdered when their DC-6 is brought down in Northern Rhodesia. 1947—The CIA’s fell meddling starts. 1931—Japanese troops blow up their own railroad at Mukden, Manchuria, blaming it on the Chinese to justify an attack on Chinese Nationalists. 1873—Railroad baron Jay Cooke goes bust, sparking the Panic of 1873. A five-year depression ensues. 1755—Mark and Phillis, enslaved blacks, are executed in Charlestown, Mass. for poisoning Captain John Codman, their “owner.” She is burned at the stake; he is hanged. His gibbeted body is displayed for 20 years.	2014—Iraq vet Omar J. Gonzalez jumps the fence and runs into the East Room of the White House. 2001—George W.[MD] Bush tells CIA chief George Tenet to look for links between S. Hussein and al Qaeda and recommends Dick “Dick” Cheney as a source. 2001—The U.S. goes to war against Afghanistan—what could go wrong? 1991—Alpine tourists discover 5,300 year-old Ötzi the Iceman. 1980—After eight hours of fire, a missile silo in Arkansas explodes, hurling a nuclear weapon 600 feet. Somehow only one person is killed. 1964—The first gay rights demonstration is held at the Whitehall Army Induction Center in New York City. 1961—Betty and Barney Hill of Portsmouth, N.H. find their trip back home from a vacation takes two hours longer than expected. 1957—After 25 atmospheric blasts in 111 days, the U.S. goes underground. 1952—Nixon’s Veep, McCarthy’s a Senator, but Chaplin can’t enter the U.S.—his moral character is dubious. 1945—William “Lord Haw-Haw” Joyce, U.S.-born fascist of Irish descent, is sentenced to death in England for broadcasting German propaganda. 1944—William of Orange, a pigeon sent loose by Brits surrounded at Arnheim, arrives in Blighty, saving 2,000. 1692—After spending two days being crushed by huge rocks, suspected warlock Giles Corey, 80, dies in Salem.	2009—A Robinson R22 goes “bang” over Forest Grove, Ore. and tumbles to the ground; two die in an inferno. 2001—George W.[MD] Bush declares a War on a noun, <i>viz.</i>, Terror, before a joint session of Congress, which somehow takes him seriously. 1968—A U.S. military spokesman in Saigon says Agent Orange has no harmful effects on human health. 1958—A deranged woman stabs Martin Luther King, Jr. while he’s autographing books in Harlem. 1945—Ex-Nazi, former SS member, and rocket scientist Werner von Braun begins working for the U.S. 1830—In Philadelphia, 38 free blacks form the National Negro Convention to abolish slavery. 1797—The frigate <i>Constitution</i> is launched in Boston. 1797—Captain Pigot of <i>HMS Herminie</i> orders that the bodies of three sailors who died trying to fulfill his orders be thrown overboard. 1777—British troops conduct a surprise nighttime bayonet attack near present-day Malvern, Pa. The Paoli Massacre leaves 272 dead, wounded, or missing. 1565—Spanish forces slaughter 135 Frenchmen in Florida, “for heresy.” It’s the first clash of European colonialists in the New World. 1378—French cardinals elect Robert of Geneva, aka “The Butcher of Cesena,” to be Pope Clement VII, bringing the number of sitting Popes to two.	2014—A spokesman for the Islamic State calls U.S. Sec. of State John Kerry an “uncircumcised old geezer.” 2008—A family of five in Kenosha, Wisc. wakes at 5:38 a.m. when a Robinson R44 helicopter crashes through the roof, exiting out the front door. They all live; the intruders don’t. 1989—The Chase Manhattan Bank accepts for deposit a check sent as a prank by <i>Spy Magazine</i>. Endorsed by “short-fingered vulgarian” Donald J. Trump, it’s for \$0.13. 1982—Edward Lee Howard, a CIA agent suspected of spying for the U.S.S.R., eludes FBI surveillance in Santa Fe and splits for Helsinki. 1976—Ex-Chilean Ambassador to the U.S., Orlando Letelier, and an assistant are assassinated by car bomb in Washington, D.C. 1956—T.W. Attridge, Jr., testing a Grumman F11, hits the afterburner. Its jets ingest just-fired 20mm rounds. He shoots himself down—but lives. 1956—Loathsome Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza García is assassinated by Rigoberto López, poet. 1938—A nameless 183 m.p.h hurricane kills 700 in New England. 1915—Cecil Chubb buys Stonehenge at auction for £6,600. 1897—A <i>New York Sun</i> editorial lies to a girl named Virginia, telling her a mythical “Santa Claus” is real. 1797—The crew of <i>HMS Herminie</i> slaughters eight officers and hands the ship over to the Spanish.
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2003—“A year from now,” Richard Perle says, “I’ll be very surprised if there is not some grand square in Baghdad that is named after President Bush.”

1992—Rollen Stewart, who held up a “John 3:16” sign at sporting events while wearing a rainbow wig, kidnaps three people to spread the word of God.

1987—Navy Reserve Capt. Timothy J. Dorsey shoots down a Navy plane during a training exercise. Its crew survives with injuries. Dorsey’s career is unscathed: daddy’s an Admiral.

1975—Disabled ‘Nam vet Oliver Sipple deflects Sarah Jane Moore’s shot, saving President Gerald Ford.

1970—President Nixon requests more FBI spies for college campuses.

1959—Fire Commissioner Robert J. Quinn sounds the air-raid sirens to celebrate the White Sox’s pennant win. Many Chicagoans assume it’s war with the Russians.

1922—Right Wing American capitalists form “Sentinels of the Republic,” one of several front groups for the fascist American Liberty Lobby. Eleven years later many of them will plot to overthrow FDR.

1906—Following a gubernatorial campaign in which the candidates—both Democratic newspapermen—run on their racism, 10,000 whites use unsubstantiated newspaper stories as an excuse to attack blacks in Atlanta. Death toll: 25 blacks and two whites.

1862—Abraham Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation.

1999—The \$328 million Mars Climate Orbiter burns on landing because Lockheed Martin forgot to use the metric system.

1998—The New York Fed bails out broke hedge fund LTCM, establishing a suicidal precedent.

1974—Fort Knox opens for inspection to quell a tabloid rumor.

1960—Alan Ginsberg, Peter Orlovsky, and LeRoi Jones meet in Manhattan with Fidel Castro.

1957—Nine Black students enter Little Rock High School, but are escorted out again by police to pacify a howling mob of white segregationists.

1955—A white male jury which believes they’re guilty finds Emmett Till’s murderers “not guilty.”

1953—The U.S. Army says its libraries in Europe wouldn’t carry Dr. Kinsey’s *Sexual Behavior in the Human Female* because it “was not thought to be of general interest to G.I.s.”

1952—R. Nixon uses his daughter’s pet dog to deflect corruption charges.

1945—French forces overthrow the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. The U.S. acquiesces.

1848—John Curtis, of Bangor, begins making “State of Maine Pure Spruce Gum,” the first chewing gum.

1806—Lewis, Clark, and nearly all the rest of their gang make it back to St. Louis, Mo.

1779—John Paul Jones takes the British ship *Scrapis* as the *Bonhomme Richard* sinks under him.

2007—A plane previously used for “rendition” flights carrying alleged terrorists to Gitmo crashes in the Yucatan carrying 3.3 tons of cocaine.

2006—The *New York Times* publishes a leaked intelligence document concluding that the Iraq War has increased the threat of radical Islamic terrorism.

2006—George W.[MD] Bush says, “When the final history is written on Iraq, it will look just like a comma.”

2005—Human Rights Watch reports that U.S. troops routinely beat and tortured detained Iraqis.

1981—CIA Director William Casey urges that intelligence agencies be exempted from the Freedom of Information Act.

1978—On his yacht in Chesapeake Bay, right-handed CIA spook John Paisley takes a shotgun blast behind his left ear. It’s ruled suicide.

1968—Protestors destroy 10,000 draft files in Milwaukee, Wis.

1957—The 101st Airborne arrives in Little Rock, Arkansas and establishes a perimeter around Little Rock High.

1957—The Dodgers play their last game at Ebbetts Field.

1911—Portsmouth native Ensign Charles Emerson Hovey, 26, is shot and killed by natives on the island of Basilan in the Philippines.

1869—Black Friday; Jay Gould and Jim Fisk try to corner the gold market, precipitating national financial collapse.

2008—Somali pirates capture the *MV Faina*, a 500-foot freighter with a cargo of 33 Soviet tanks.

2007—Texas kills Michael Richard on schedule because Judge Sharon Keller refused to work overtime.

2003—An early draft of an interim report from weapons inspectors in Iraq says no WMD have been found.

2002—George W.[MD] Bush says nonsensically, “You can’t distinguish between al Qaeda and Saddam when you talk about the war on terror.”

1966—The smallest crowd in the history of Yankee Stadium—413—watches the White Sox beat the Yankees 4-1.

1962—While listening to the first Liston/Patterson fight, Vivian Stan-shall and Rodey Slater form the Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah Band.

1959—The U.S. Navy loses a nuclear depth charge, minus its fissile core, in Puget Sound.

1957—Nine Black kids get to enter Little Rock High School, courtesy of the President and the 101st Airborne.

1926—Henry Ford announces the eight-hour, five-day workweek.

1915—At Loos, France, British forces release 150 tons of chlorine gas towards German troops. Then, to their chagrin, the wind shifts.

1911—Ground is broken at Fenway.

1789—The Bill of Rights passes.

1662—Portsmouth adopts a bounty: £5 for every wolf killed whose head is “nayle[d] upon the meeting house.”

2011—Dick “Dick” Cheney is stuck in a Vancouver building while police clear an angry mob.

2002—George W.[MD] Bush claims that “the Iraqi regime possesses biological and chemical weapons.”

1991—The House bank announces that, after covering 8,331 rubber checks written by Congressmen over the past year, it will stop.

1983—Lieutenant Colonel Stanislav Petrov disregards Red Army computers showing attacking American nuclear missiles. For thus averting World War III, Col. Petrov is reimpranded.

1960—Kennedy and Nixon hold the first televised presidential debate.

1945—American OSS officer Lieutenant Colonel A. Peter Dewey is killed in Saigon by Viet Minh guerrillas who have mistaken him for a French officer. Before his death, Dewey filed a report saying the U.S. “ought to clear out of Southeast Asia.”

1933—The same day G-Men arrest Machine Gun Kelly, ten men escape from an Indiana prison using guns smuggled in by John Dillinger.

1918—The Battle of the Meuse-Argonne begins, the last great battle of the War to End All Wars.

1908—Józef Piłsudski, Poland’s future Chief of State, loots a Russian mail train to fund a revolution.

1901—Lincoln’s body is viewed before being covered with two tons of concrete. Among 23 present is Fleetwood Linley, 13, who lives until 1963.

2018—Brett Kavanaugh whines, weeps, shouts, and badgers the Senate Judiciary Committee.

2002—Donald Rumsfeld calls the alleged link between al Qaeda and Iraq “accurate and not debatable.”

2000—Frank Wills, the guard who discovered of the Watergate burglary, dies at 52, of a brain tumor, in poverty.

1994—On the Capitol steps, 350 GOP candidates take out a Contract on America.

1989—To show kids there are more constructive things to do than take drugs, Jeffrey Petkovitch and Peter DeBernardi climb into a barrel and go over Niagara’s Horseshoe Falls.

1986—The United Way of Cleveland holds a fundraiser, releasing 1,429,643 helium balloons. Rain and a cold front bring them down, where they clog the harbor, halt a Coast Guard search, close an airport, and spook horses.

1964—The Warren Commission reports that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, killed JFK.

1944—A group of 35 U.S. B-24s, isolated over Germany by a navigational error, are jumped by 100 enemy fighters; four survive.

1864—William T. “Bloody Bill” Anderson and his 80 guerrillas, including Jesse James, massacre 150 Union soldiers in Centralia, Mo.

1854—*S.S. Arctic*, holed in a collision off Newfoundland, sinks. Her lifeboats are commandeered by the crew, who leave 300 passengers to drown.

2014—Future President DJ. Trump tweets, “Every time I speak of the haters and losers I do so with great love and affection. They cannot help the fact that they were born fucked up!”

2001—To avoid further scorn in these pages, Fleet Bank removes its 18-foot tall green, illuminated sign from the middle of Pleasant Street’s sidewalk.

1994—A Robinson R22 spontaneously disassembles over Knightdale, N.C. & crashes; the pilot dies by fire.

1964—UC Berkeley students protest free speech restrictions.

1960—Ted Williams takes the plate at Fenway for his last at bat and hits his 521st home run.

1938—At Munich, British and French diplomats give Hitler the Sudetenland, and the GOP a bludgeon.

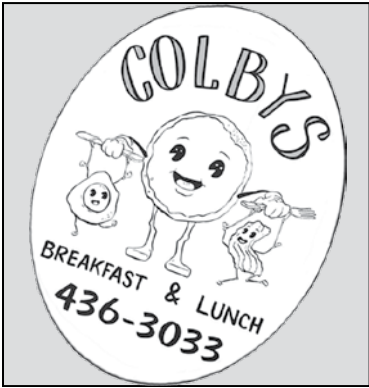
1919—Thousands of rioting whites storm the Omaha courthouse, drag out Will Brown, and lynch him.

1918—In Philadelphia, Pa., 200,000 people gather to watch a Liberty Bond parade—and spread influenza. In weeks it kills 12,000 of them.

1891—In New York, 72 year-old Herman Melville dies in obscurity.

1868—Knights of the White Camelia massacre between 25 and a few hundred blacks in Opelousas, Miss.

1859—Fifty loggers, farmers, and laborers, irate over the damage it causes, try but fail to destroy the dam controlling the outflow of Lake Winnepesaukee. They’re crushed in court by Boston-based capitalists.



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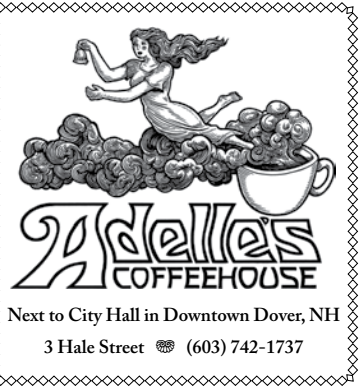
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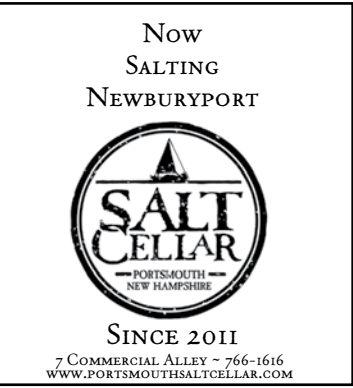
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