

The Fortnightly Rant

Big, Bold, Bad Business—As Usual

The Republican Party has come under mounting criticism lately—not that there's anything wrong with that. In some quarters, this phenomenon is seen as overdue. However late, though, and however modest, it should be viewed as a welcome correction after decades of willful blindness.

This nation has always valued boldness, though. We would argue that the Party of Lincoln should be granted a little credit for that, if nothing else.

In this fractious time, when calls for unity are coming from every quarter—well, from many quarters—surely many Americans will agree: right or wrong, when Donald Trump called out to the mob, “bring me the head of Mike Pence,”* he was being every bit as bold as Caesar crossing the Rubicon.

There is, of course, no comparison between actually taking such an historic step, and merely condoning that behavior. No other party in living memory, though, has dared to say what Republicans are apparently about to: “The will of the people be damned, it's power we want and we're here to take it.”

Such naked authoritarianism is something to behold: dismaying, disturbing, worrisome...we could go on. When wielded by expert practitioners, the results can be quite impressive—just ask any former low-ranking member of our armed forces.

Discipline is the key. Unlike their frequently feckless adversaries in our time-honored if perhaps expiring duopoly, most Republicans are capable of exercising the most rigid sort of iron-clad discipline—regardless of however perverse and demeaning its demands may be.

Why should this be so? One can only speculate. We shall refrain; far be it from us to engage in lewd in-

nuendo. If Republicans had a railroad, though, you know their trains would run on time; you just wouldn't want to be on one.

That mania for order, though, is not always accompanied by competence. Take the former president's team of semi-literate lawyers, for example. They managed to address a legal brief, “To: The Honorable, the Members of the Unites [sic] States Senate.”

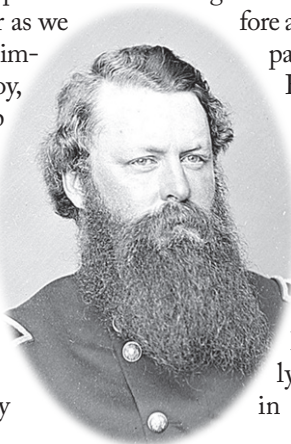
To be fair, any lawyer might be rattled, facing that Himalaya of damning evidence. The best this crew could do, knowing that their client is guilty, was to argue on procedural grounds: “if the perp don't sit [in the Oval Office] you must acquit.”

This argument is both fatuous and dangerous. To the latter, we shall return. First, for a little levity—we have been exercising for long enough our notorious capacity to blithely wade through sewers of bad news—let us enjoy a brief interlude in the Gilded Age.

Tragedy plus time equals comedy, they say; perhaps we can wring some relief out of the sad case of William Worth Belknap.[†]

The innovator, so far as we know, of the “you can't impeach me, I quit” ploy, William W. Belknap had a distinguished career as an officer in the Union Army, which led President Grant to name him Secretary of War. Among the perks was the power to license traders on military posts; succumbing to temptation, Belknap arranged a lucrative kickback scheme.

Formerly a Democrat, now a staunch Republican, Belknap suf-



William Worth Belknap



fered the indignity of being exposed by Rep. Heister Clymer[‡]—who was not just any old Democrat, but a Copperhead white supremacist.

Belknap tearfully submitted his resignation to Grant, just hours before articles of impeachment passed in the Democratic House. In the Senate, the trial went forward. Belknap was clearly guilty, but Republicans exonerated him. Let us leave now this flawed hero, mouldering beneath his grandiose and justly-earned tombstone in Arlington National Cemetery, and return to our unsettling present. Commander Bone Spur is about to receive a similarly undeserved exoneration, clearing him for another run in 2024.

[‡] Clymer's fiscal righteousness was unforgiving. He shot himself in 1884 over “financial embarrassment.”

If Republicans get their way, he could even win. According to a report released Monday by the Brennan Center for Justice, “this year, 33 states have introduced, prefiled, or carried over 165 bills to restrict voting access. These proposals primarily seek to: (1) limit mail voting access; (2) impose stricter voter ID requirements; (3) slash voter registration opportunities; and (4) enable more aggressive voter roll purges. These bills are an unmistakable response to the unfounded and dangerous lies about fraud that followed the 2020 election.”

Arizona is proposing 19 such restrictive bills. Pennsylvania is second, with 14. Georgia comes in third at 11. New Hampshire Republicans are proposing 10. Governor Sununu—veto-happy when Democrats rule the roost—will no doubt sign every one of them.

This is what makes the “too late to impeach” argument so dangerous: if the Senate fails to bar “Individual 1” from future office, he could end

his second term with a “Purge Fortnight.” Just imagine the bulletproof presidential limo careening around D.C., his short-fingered hand sticking out the window, grasping some gaudy, gold-plated *pistola*. Seriously—why would he go all the way to 5th Avenue, when Pennsylvania Avenue is right there?

There is one tiny glimmer of hope in this: a potential Democratic majority in the Senate. The Oath of Office for that body is as follows: “I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.”

After swearing that, any Senator who won't convict is giving evidence for their own impeachment.

* Readers who find this passage distasteful may be comforted to learn that we refrained from including a reference to flies.

[†] Yes, we did check. No, he is not related to the distinguished historian Jeremy Belknap, after whom our Belknap County is named.

The Alleged News®

Taking a Longer View of Land Stewardship

President Biden has nominated Rep. Deb Haaland [D-N.M.] to be Secretary of the Interior. If she's confirmed, that will be historic; Haaland would be the first Native American to serve in the Cabinet. Haaland is an enrolled citizen of the Pueblo of Laguna, and refers to herself as a 35th-generation New Mexican. The Puebloans, she said in an address to the 2020 DNC convention, migrated to the Rio Grande valley in the late 1200s.

Naturally, since Haaland is demonstrably not a white male Republican, there have been some objections. Senator Steve Daines [R-Mont.] released a statement saying, “After our conversation, I'm

deeply concerned with the Congresswoman's support on several radical issues that will hurt Montana, our way of life, our jobs and rural America, including her support for the Green New Deal and President Biden's oil and gas moratorium, as well as her opposition to the Keystone XL pipeline. I am also concerned by the responses I received about the role of the Department and lack of appreciation for issues that impact Montana such as wildlife management and hunting and sportsman access. I'm not convinced the Congresswoman can divorce her radical views and represent what's best for Montana and all stakeholders in the West. Unless my

concerns are addressed, I will block her confirmation.”

Daines had this to say in 2016, about Ryan Zinke, a white male Republican who was President Trump's first Secretary of the Interior: “Ryan Zinke protected us abroad and in combat and I know he will do the same for our treasured public lands as Secretary of the Interior. In Congress, I've seen Ryan stand up and fight to protect our way of life. As a westerner, Ryan understands the challenges of having the federal government as your largest neighbor and I couldn't think of a better fit for Secretary of the Interior.”

On his first day in office Zinke rescinded a ban on the use of lead

bullets, shot, and fishing tackle on public lands. He also required his staff, whenever he was in the building, to run the Department of the Interior flag up the pole. During his brief tenure he frequently voted in opposition to environmentalists on issues including coal extraction and oil and gas drilling, according to *Wikipedia*, receiving a four percent lifetime score from the League of Conservation Voters. He also came under scrutiny for allegations of improper use of government aircraft.

It was blocking casino licenses in Connecticut, after lobbying from MGM Resorts, that got him in the most lasting trouble. The Interior Department Office of Inspec-

tor General investigated him, and prosecutors for the Department of Justice convened a grand jury. Last November the *Washington Post* reported that in late 2019, “Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen deferred a bid from line prosecutors to move forward with possible criminal charges against former interior secretary Ryan Zinke, saying they needed to gather more evidence and refine the case....”

Daines also backed William Perry Pendley when President Trump nominated him to run the Department of the Interior's Bureau

The Alleged News®

from page one

of Land Management. Pendley is a white male Republican who apparently believes in privatizing all federal lands. Seriously. He wrote in the *National Review*, in 2019, "The Founding Fathers intended all lands owned by the federal government to be sold."

Data For Progress took a survey which asked voters whether they "support or oppose several of President Biden's policies that will be implemented by Haaland and the Department of the Interior." Julian Brave NoiseCat and Danielle Deiseroth "found that contrary to the opinions of Daines, Barrasso, and Stauber, these policies are all quite popular with voters across the political spectrum."

"All of the policies that Data for Progress tested enjoy net support among all voters, and all except two of the policies have net support among Republicans. In addition, every policy we surveyed enjoys net support among Democrats and independents."

Those policies were to 1) conserve and protect 30 percent of America's lands and waters by 2030, 2) increase protections for endangered plants and animals, 3) promote clean and renewable energy production on federal lands and waters, 4) strengthen methane emission standards on public lands, 5) taking steps to return stolen lands to Tribal Nations, and 6) pause new leasing for fossil fuel projects on federal lands and waters.

The writers note that "All of the policies tested enjoyed net support among all voters"—a sentence we wish we could drill into the heads of every reporter for NPR, and all the other other mainstream journalists who are chronically unable to break free from the framing that has been erected around these issues by paid shills for the Industrial Death Machine.

Broad support for sensible environmental policies—which all Republicans and not a few Democrats would call wildly radical—is about what we expected. Americans are not so crazy as the Trump era has led us to believe. The surprise was this:



A vandal's work is never done. Since Louis DeJoy's appointment as Postmaster General last June, the performance of the U.S. Postal Service has deteriorated to an alarming degree. True, most mail does still get through—eventually. For now, anyway. Give DeJoy time, though; he's not done yet. He has further plans, as yet unimplemented, which he claims will bring yet more "efficiency" and "savings." Tossing this mailbox on the scrap heap, perhaps? We have a piece on page six, by Common Dreams staff writer Jake Johnson, with all the sordid details.



HOME COOKING, G.O.P.-STYLE

"Even Republicans are on board with most of these proposals. A majority of Republicans support increasing protections for endangered plants and animals (58 percent support) and conserving and protecting 30 percent of America's lands and waters by 2030 (57 percent support), while a plurality support promoting clean and renewable energy production on public lands and waters (48 percent support) and taking steps to return stolen lands to Tribal Nations (44 percent support). The only policies Data for Progress tested that do not enjoy net support from Republicans are strengthening methane emissions standards and pausing fossil fuel leasing on federal lands and waters."

[Note: Some readers may be wondering about the name of one of the authors cited above, Julian Brave NoiseCat. Here is a biographical note: "Julian Brave NoiseCat is an enrolled member of the Canim Lake Band Tsq'ecen in British Columbia, where he was recently nominated to run for Chief.

Julian grew up in Oakland, California and studied history at Columbia University in the City of New York. He plans to shake the hand that shakes the world." That note is appended to an article published at Salon, headlined, "The Rhodes scholarship wasn't designed for my people—that's why I had to win. — The Ed.]

Out-of-State Union Busters Get Vaccines While Maine Health Workers Wait

Maine's largest health network is being condemned this week by organized labor leaders, a local editorial board, and elected officials after it vaccinated union-busters who traveled from Florida and New York to the Pine Tree state to undermine a unionization effort at a Portland hospital while the state's frontline workers and eligible residents in high-risk groups were forced to wait, according to *Common Dreams* staff writer Kenny Stancil.

"Every out-of-state consultant and lawyer that MaineHealth flew in as part of their intimidation

campaign got the vaccine instead of someone's grandparent or loved one," Maine Senate President Troy Jackson, a Democrat from Allagash, said in a statement Tuesday.

"It's concerning," Jackson added, "that MaineHealth would put their own anti-union agenda, and their own bottom line, ahead of the health and well-being of Maine people. At a time when Maine has only a limited supply of the Covid-19 vaccine and is still grappling with a public health crisis, this seems particularly cruel."

Portland Press Herald columnist Bill Nemitz on Sunday detailed how MaineHealth offered vaccines to all 22,000 of its employees, including those "who perform billing, scheduling, marketing, or other administrative tasks that involve no contact whatsoever with patients or frontline medical staff."

Even though inoculating remote staff violated Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention rules, MaineHealth CEO Bill Caron on

HUMAN speakers

"Music to Your Ears"

Supporting the *New Hampshire Gazette* and the radical notion of freedom of the press
I also build and repair speakers

How Powell

7 Kelsey Road, Lee NH - 603 659 5335

Death to Rats,
Mice, Roaches, Water-Bugs, Beetles, Ants and all vermin. Hotels, dwellings and granaries cleared in one night. Safe to have 'round. No arsenic. **Parson's**
Exterminator 15c. Mail 20c. WEEKS & POT-12R, Boston, Mass. tj23

VISIT NORTH HAMPTON'S HISTORIC CENTENNIAL HALL
A community center for the arts, club meeting place and host to many.
105 POST RD
NORTH HAMPTON, NH 03862
WWW.CENTENNIALHALL.ORG

The Music Hall
The arts are vital to our vibrant Seacoast community. Please consider supporting your many local arts and culture organizations in this time of crisis.
Gathering together to experience the arts is the heart and soul of what we do here at The Music Hall. We are ever grateful for the unwavering support of our community, and look forward to seeing you when our doors reopen.
f/MUSICHALL @MUSICHALL /MUSICHALLNH 603.436.2400 • THEMUSICHALL.ORG
B2W BOX OFFICE AT THE HISTORIC THEATER • 28 CHESTNUT ST • PORTSMOUTH NH

Sometimes Old is Good
The Fechheimer Building, one of the finest examples of a cast-iron facade in Portland, Oregon, was built in 1885. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, it was restored in 1981 by Russell Fellows Properties, the principals of which enjoy a subscription to this newspaper.
THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE
The Nation's Oldest Newspaper
1756

"Happy to Support Progressive Journalism and The New Hampshire Gazette"
— Joe Keefe

Sunday defended the hospital's decision to do so, claiming in a letter to the network's board of trustees that he was "protecting the valuable resource of healthcare infrastructure which has been entrusted to us."

Even harder to justify, however, was Caron's decision to vaccinate employees from two anti-union consulting firms who were brought in from out of state to crush a unionizing effort led by nurses at Maine Medical Center, MaineHealth's flagship hospital in Portland. Not that he didn't try to apologize.

In a statement released Monday, MaineHealth characterized the union-busters as a "small number of individuals from out of state who were brought into Maine Medical Center to provide support to nurses and managers in answering questions about the impact of joining a union."

National Nurses United and the Maine State Nurses Association filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board on January 12 to represent the 1,600 full-time,

regular part-time, and per diem nurses at Maine Medical Center.

"Within a few weeks, Maine Med hired Florida-based Reliant Labor Consultants to provide mandatory 'training' to the nurses 'to help them decide if they want a union to speak for them,'" Nemitz wrote. "Reliant Labor Consultants lists among its services 'avoiding a union' and 'fighting a union.'"

According to Nemitz: "Reliant Labor Consultants representatives, along with those from a New York City law firm that represents employers in labor organizing efforts, received Covid-19 vaccinations while in Maine. This despite a crystal-clear statement on the Maine CDC's website that Maine vaccines are for Maine residents only."

In response to Nemitz's column, MaineHealth said that "we understand that non-Maine residents are not eligible for any vaccine and acknowledge that we erred in vaccinating those individuals."

Maine Gov. Janet Mills (D) on Tuesday called MaineHealth's deci-



In an unusually purposeful display of initiative, our Wandering Photographer, aka W.P., moseyed over to the Foundry Place Parking Facility to conduct an experiment on Wednesday. Meanwhile, in the Capitol Building, in Washington, D.C., a former President—whose name will come to us shortly, we're sure—was on trial. Although the high crimes of the individual in question were exhaustively documented, it was a foregone conclusion, in mid-week, that the perp would be exonerated. W.P. claims that this image shows a slight degree of blurring in the vicinity of William Whipple's grave. This effect would be consistent, he claims, with the sort of vibrations which would be caused if the occupant were spinning.

sion to inoculate the anti-union consultants who traveled from Florida and New York an "inexcusable act."

"Vaccinating out-of-state contractors who came here to disrupt a union organizing effort," Mills said in a statement, "was an insult to the hardworking nurses trying to assert their rights and to those who are waiting patiently for their turn—the 80-year-old grandmother who hasn't seen her family in months, the man being treated for cancer, the teacher wanting to return to the classroom, the grocery clerks and delivery drivers who are exposed to the public and working to put food on the table."

The above was excerpted from a longer piece, <https://bit.ly/3qfNKMF> created by Common Dreams and licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 3.0 License.

—==—
"The only place where Negroes did not revolt is in the pages of capitalist historians."
— C.L.R. James

Oxford Takes Bill Gates' Advice, Reneges on Vaccine Deal

Oxford University pledged in April to give away rights to its coronavirus vaccine. "A few weeks later, Oxford—urged on by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation—reversed course," Kaiser Health News reported on August. The university "signed an exclusive vaccine deal with AstraZeneca that gave the pharmaceutical giant sole rights and no guarantee of low prices—with the less-publicized potential for Oxford to eventually make millions from the deal and win plenty of prestige."

Global Justice Now, February 11th: "AstraZeneca's bumper profits today show the company can easily afford to provide its Covid-19 vaccine at cost price during the pandemic and beyond. But despite this pledge, it has yet to address the question of why lower-income countries like South Africa and Uganda are paying several times more per dose than the European Union."

Jonesing for Newsprint

In our last few papers we've used this space to work on the editor's addiction issues. Here we are again: he's still jonesing for newsprint.

We don't mean to mock those with real substance abuse problems, but note the word choice above: "the last few papers...." What papers are those, Chief? In about a month, it will have been a year since we've seen any freshly-inked newsprint around here.

We thought about possibly curbing this impulse, on the theory that the space could be better used. Instead we've decided to just let him continue. It's otherwise harmless, and seems to have a placebo effect.

Also, it will serve as a notice to our online readers that we're still committed to breaking free of this nebulous digital space and getting back into the three-dimensional, oxygen-dependent real world, where our paper—on paper—can annoy unsuspecting people at random.

Murph's Fortnightly Quote

"The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom."

— Isaac Asimov (1920-1992)

"You can be the smartest person on the planet and still believe garbage. This is a moral dilemma, because he's a good person, doing bad things, because he thinks they are good things."

— Ghostofamerica.com

john@wordpraxis.com

North River Woodworks

Portsmouth, NH — (603) 682-4443

Local Craftsmanship

Ceres Bakery

51 Penhallow Street, Portsmouth, NH 603 436 6518
Check our website for today's specials! www.ceresbakery.com

Open 7 days!

RiverRun BOOKSTORE

A Constantly-Changing Selection of

New & Used Books

in both

Hard Cover & Paperback

Your Coffee, Ice Cream, Children & Pets Are All Welcome

Store Hours

Mon - Sat: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sun: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

32 Daniel St • (603) 431-2100

History In Progress



Raising awareness of New Hampshire's Black History to build inclusive communities today

Give the Gift of History – Come Shop with Us!

Visit blackheritagetrailnh.org

Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire

222 Court Street, Portsmouth NH 03801 | 603-570-8469

As soon as it's safe for them to do so, our volunteer distributors will resume bringing this newspaper to following locations:

Concord:

The State House Visitor's Center,
Gibson's Book Store, 45 S. Main St.
Concord COOP Grocery Store, 24 S. Main St.
Concord Public Library, 45 Green St.
Franklin Pierce Law School, 2 White St.

Hanover:

Hanover Public Library, 13 South St.

Keene:

Keene Public Library, 60 Winter St.

Lebanon:

Lebanon Public Library, 9 E. Park St.

Transparency Needed on
Sig Sauer Weapon Exports
To the Editor:

I am grateful to Arnie Alpert and John Lindsay-Poland for their recent OpEd* regarding the weapons exports into Mexico by Sig Sauer. In their piece they profile a number of Mexican civilians who have been the victims of corrupt law enforcement or illegal gangs and killed by Sig Sauer guns made in New Hampshire. Apparently, these weapons find their way into the hands of corrupt police, drug dealers and illegal paramilitary groups.

As the State Representative from the ward in Portsmouth which includes the New Hampshire headquarters of Sig Sauer, I have had concerns about the business practices of this company for some time now, every time a new revelation about the company has appeared in print. As someone who has lived in Germany for 17 years, it seemed to me that this company has been taking more business liberties here in the U.S.A., than it would be allowed to in its home country of Germany.

Let me be very clear: this company does have a genuine business purpose when it sells firearms to government agencies for legitimate law enforcement and military purposes. Also, New Hampshire employees rightfully should assume that the job they do at the company is above-board and complies with the laws of New Hampshire and other national and international laws. However, selling weapons into conflict zones or countries that cannot certify that the weapons stay under the legal control of the approved recipient, usually the Ministry of Defense, is a violation of weapons export laws.

That is why some of Sig Sauer's business cannot be performed in Germany, or in the European Union, since Germany restricts arms sales to many countries including Mexico. This was the reason why the CEO of Sig Sauer was convicted and fined in Germany for illegal weapons exportation to Columbia in 2019, because it funnels those sales through Sig Sauer in New Hampshire.

In addition, it appears that U.S. Sig

Sauer executives have been emboldened to use the good reputation of the State of New Hampshire to skirt the laws as they exist in the U.S.A. as well. A *Seacoastonline* report from November, 2018 highlighted the case of a former employee who accused Sig Sauer supervisors of sexual harassment while on the job. However, Sig used the argument that the employee's contract mandated a remediation process, and thereby was able to avoid a jury trial. In a previous case, Sig used the same argument to force a settlement on a Dover woman who claimed that she was fired from her job as Sig's compliance director after reporting an unlawful shipment of firearms to an end user described as "the Indonesian way of spelling the Ministry of Defense." She too was forced to settle after she filed a three-count lawsuit alleging violation of the whistleblower protection law, wrongful termination and Family Medical Leave Act retaliation.

Incidents such as these raise concerns regarding how Sig Sauer is operating in New Hampshire, and given the fact that the State of New Hampshire (that is, the taxpayers of New Hampshire) have provided financial assistance to this company, it seems only reasonable to require something in return. However, according to the OpEd, when Sig Sauer's Vice President for Operations, Ron Goslin, was asked if his company would be willing to publicly disclose the places where the made in New Hampshire armaments were being exported to, his reply was, "I don't think that it is something we want to do."

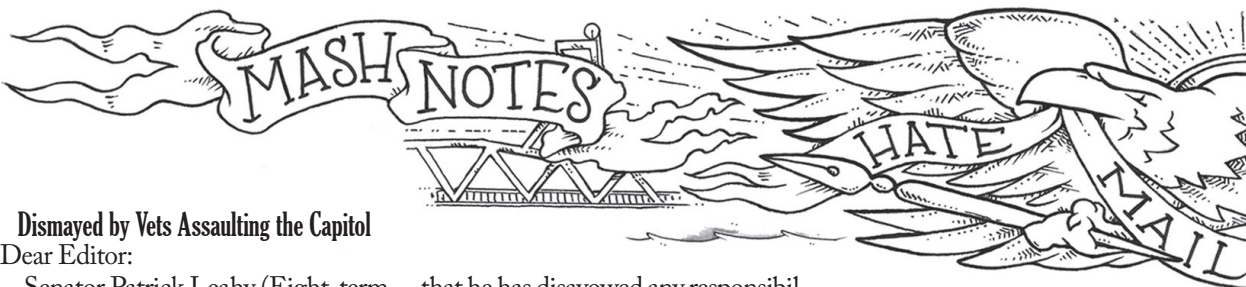
If that is an accurate quote, I would like to know why Sig Sauer would not want to disclose such information to the New Hampshire public? If they are complying with the law, there should be no concerns.

* <https://bit.ly/3qeVK0k>, *Seacoastonline*, January 16, 2021

Rep. Peter Somssich,
District 27 Portsmouth, N.H.

Peter:
But, but...but what about the jobs? Surely we can overlook minor consequences like fatalities, can't we?

The Editor



Dismayed by Vets Assaulting the Capitol
Dear Editor:

Senator Patrick Leahy (Eight-term Democratic Senator from Vermont) recently wrote a column charging former President Trump with a dozen... well, *transgressions*, you might say. I'll paraphrase for simplicity and space.

(1) Donald Trump failed to uphold his oath to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution,

(2) he emerged as the greatest threat to the Constitution and American democracy in a generation,

(3) he sparked the flames of sedition and fanned them relentlessly,

(4) he lied about the election in an effort to undermine Americans' faith in our democracy,

(5) he promoted division, disruption and violence,

(6) he attempted to thwart our nation's unbroken history of a constitutional and peaceful transfer of power, and

(7) he incited and promoted a riot that laid siege to our Capitol building - the very heart of our democracy,

(8) Insurrectionists chanting Trump's name viciously beat Capitol Police Officers protecting the building,

(9) Insurrectionists called for the death of the Vice President,

(10) Insurrectionists delayed Congress from fulfilling its constitutional duty of certifying the election of President-elect Joe Biden,

(11) they left a trail of destruction in their wake, including the deaths of five people, and

(12) the former President of the United States fueled and exploited the dark undercurrent of insurrection.

Senator Leahy also reminded us that even President Nixon understood he had to resign after his crimes were exposed; and that this former president's crimes are far worse.

Former President Trump bears accountability for this attack and the fact

that he has disavowed any responsibility for the violent assault on our democracy makes clear he was unworthy of the office he held and should have been removed.

That didn't happen and now it's once again up to the Senate to convict former President Trump and to prevent him from holding future office. And, as Senator Leahy so eloquently stated, "send a message across the ages; no authoritarians are welcome in the halls of the world's greatest democracy."

It pains me deeply, as a 20-year Navy veteran, that so many veterans clearly have forgotten what their uniform and oath stand for, and chose (so wrongly) to participate in the insurrection of January 6th, and that veterans organizations (the American Legion, VFW, DAV, and others) continue to remain deafeningly silent. These are not the veterans of WWI, WWII, or Korea.

Having failed to uphold his oath of office (which alone warrants impeachment) senators who vote to acquit former President Trump are irresponsible, derelict in their duty and, having put the interests of their party and their own self-serving welfare above that of the national interest are, in my opinion, accomplices in the wrongdoings for which former President Trump is charged.

David L. Snell
Franklin, N.C.

David:

You make an excellent point about the silence from our veteran service organizations, the Legion, VFW, &c. We could not imagine a more blatant violation of the Oath of Enlistment than to disrupt the Constitutional transfer of power out of misplaced allegiance to an individual—especially on behalf of the chickenhawk in question.

It would stand to reason that it's also a

violation of the United States Uniformed Services Oath of Office, which is taken by commissioned officers. Having no experience in those exalted ranks, however, we will refrain from making any such assertion.

The Editor

Manipulating the Map
To the Editor:

Last November, Republican and Democratic voters may not have understood the political influence of their votes in future elections will depend on the extent to which the Republican majority in 2021 utilizes the "art" of slicing and dicing political districts.

Current Executive Council District #2 is a heavily Democrat-leaning district created by Republicans in 2011, extending from the Seacoast to Vermont. With wings added, it mimics a dragon in shape, and intentionally sacrifices the value of the votes of tens of thousands of Republican voters in the 49 municipalities within the district. It enabled drawing of Republican-leaning districts elsewhere, which intentionally diminished the value of the votes of Democrats. This process of packing and cracking kept Republicans in power, and will be utilized again by Republicans in 2021, with the use of sophisticated software. Confident of success through gerrymandering, Steve Stepanek, Chair of the Republican State Party said recently "I can stand here today and guarantee you that we will send a conservative Republican to Washington, D.C. as a Congressperson in 2022."

This is not how Democracy works. This is how Democracy is manipulated and corrupted.

The 2021 legislative session is the last opportunity until 2031 for the creation of fair mapping. Protect the value

REWARD
FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE APPREHENSION OF —



JESUS CHRIST
WANTED - FOR SEDITION, CRIMINAL ANARCHY-VAGRANCY, AND CONSPIRING TO OVERTHROW THE ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT

DRESSES POORLY. SAID TO BE A CARPENTER BY TRADE, ILL-NOURISHED, HAS VISIONARY IDEAS, ASSOCIATES WITH COMMON WORKING PEOPLE THE UNEMPLOYED AND BUMS. ALIEN - BELIEVED TO BE A JEW ALIAS: 'PRINCE OF PEACE', SON OF MAN'-LIGHT OF THE WORLD' &c &c PROFESSIONAL AGITATOR. RED BEARD, MARKS ON HANDS AND FEET THE RESULT OF INJURIES INFLICTED BY AN ANGRY MOB LED BY RESPECTABLE CITIZENS AND LEGAL AUTHORITIES.

Mr. Young

Acupuncture, Cranial Sacral Therapy,
& Shiatsu



Pam Bailey (603) 828-6759

EST. 2000



JUMPIN' JAY'S
FISH CAFE

THE FINEST IN FRESH SEAFOOD
FROM AROUND THE WORLD
AND AROUND THE CORNER

150 CONGRESS STREET
WWW.JUMPINJAYS.COM | 603.766.3474

We design.
We print.
We print your design.



■ phineasgraphics.com
603-436-4402 / 108 Penhallow
in historic downtown Portsmouth

CAFFE KILIM

Fresh Roasted Coffees • Espresso Bar
Rug Gallery & Unique Gifts

163 Islington St ~ 436-7330

Nancy W. Grossman
Editing & Book Design

has moved 18 miles down the road to Exeter
USER FRIENDLY!
nancygrossmanbooks.com

Portsmouth Community Radio
WSCA-LP 106.1 FM

BOB'S.
BROILED CHICKEN

Restaurant, Takeout, & Delivery
We Fill Large Orders
801 Islington St., Gallagher's Pl.
(603) 433-6355
Mon. - Fri 11:30 - 3 & 4:30 - 9
Sat. 11:30 - 9, Closed Sun.

Spreading Truth, Humor, and Love

The Devil's Post

On your laptop at:
TheDevilsPost.org

HERE'S A WAY YOU CAN HELP VETERANS STAY HOUSED

The Veterans Affairs Supported Housing (VASH) program provides permanent housing and ongoing case management treatment services for homeless veterans who would not be able to live independently without the support of case management.

VASH cannot provide furniture, household appliances, pots and pans, or other household goods.

VASH can accept these items, and distribute them to veterans who need them.

Call or e-mail Tracey Noonan, VASH Program Manager, at (603) 657-5612 or email tracey.noonan@va.gov



of your vote: demand real Democracy from your Representatives, Senators and Governor.

Bob Perry
Strafford, N.H.

Bob:
Perhaps Mr. Stepanek intends to revive the career of former Congressman Frank Guinta.

The Editor

=====
Why Support Monopoly?

To the Editor:
What does “the New Hampshire way” mean? Ingenuity, self-reliance, local control, frugality, community, loving the land.

These values are under attack from House Bill 315, which could aptly be renamed “The Monopoly Protection Act.”

Last year Governor Sununu signed the Community Power Law, allowing cities and towns to choose where their electricity comes from. Here was “the New Hampshire way.”

Community Power promotes Yankee ingenuity: Nashua would create power from its multiple hydro-electric dams; Lebanon would turn landfill gas into energy. Communities deciding for themselves how to meet their electricity needs? That’s local control and self-reliance! As technologies advance, each town or city could determine the services they want to offer their citizens—and get the best price possible.

Speaking of price, what New Hampshire municipality would ignore savings of \$\$\$ on power bills? Those reduced rates wouldn’t just be for town operations; that reduced-price power would be available for all their citizens. Citizens would decide together how they want their Community Power plan to work. And as more communities opt for renewable energy sources,

we protect our precious environment.

That may be a short-lived dream. Eversource requested HB 315, requiring all New Hampshire to get their power only from our traditional utility companies. Our fuel would come from out-of-state. Remember when King George insisted the 13 colonies only buy their tea from England? This is the same kind of monopoly. Don’t grant Eversource their monopoly wish. Support local control, local energy, local jobs, local savings. Urge your representatives to defeat HB 315.

Susan Richman
Durham, N.H.

=====
A Better State and a Better World

Dear Editor:
One of the Super Bowl ads included this line of thought: “Ask a good question, get a good answer, get a better world.”

The day after the Buccaneers won over Kansas City, and the winners got a \$150,000 bonus per team member while the losers got half that, Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro [D-Conn.] was interviewed on NPR. Her topic: money and child poverty. The upcoming pandemic relief bill coming out of President Biden’s White House—hopefully supported with Senate votes—includes money that Congresswoman DeLauro says, “could cut child poverty in half” in the U.S. She asks, “Why not cut child poverty [numbers affected] in half?” Good question. Good answer coming? Better world?

Speaking of good questions: Why haven’t we ended gerrymandering—the drawing of voting districts with political gains the goal—in New Hampshire? Having a fair, nonpartisan and transparent redistricting process that uses public meetings and doesn’t favor one party over the other

is a worthy goal, is it not?

Ask a good question, get a good answer. That’s a worthy goal. That’s the winning formula to a better state, and a better world.

Lynn Rudmin Chong
Sanbornton, N.H.

=====
A Counterfactual View From San Antone

Dear Mr. Fowle,

For nearly three and one half years, President Trump created a series of pure economics successes while Democrats showed extremely weak performances. On Trump’s first day of work Democrats were so angry that they started to use various illegal methods in hope putting him out of office. Their most evil method was done by conveniently using the perfect timing of the new virus from China just before the Democratic 2020 election. Trump never planned to create a popularity contest (unlike most presidents of the past). Instead, he used unique methods to solve American problems for the purpose of making a better America for American citizens. For the next four years, the new but but extremely backward President will give special favors as usual for other countries, especially China. It appears that a large percentage of the young but naïve voters were not willing to listen [to] older but wiser American citizens. Democrats that are starting to open the border gate for multi-million immigrants [sic] (many criminals) and, at the same time, weakening our police forces might put an end to our beautiful America. As result, we have just begun to repeat mistakes of the past.

Ken Senkow
San Antonio, Texas
Ken:

You predict with great assurance what Biden will do as President. Do you claim the power of clairvoyance? From the evidence we have at hand—your letter—it seems clear that your grasp of even the recent past is, to be charitable about it,

unreliable.

We’re also more than a little perplexed at the way you denigrate young Americans who embrace a multi-cultural future, while blaming them, in advance, for what you admit are mistakes of the past.

The Editor

=====
Ewing, Condensed

To the Editor:

[Note: We got another letter from Don Ewing. In an effort to avoid the usual tedium, and keep the peace with the 100 Proof Department, we’ve decided to try a new approach. We have summarized, as accurately as we could, the first nine paragraphs. In the spirit of fairness, we’ve given Don the last word by leaving his final paragraph untouched. – The Ed.]

[An ungrounded 36-word assertion that Joe Biden wants to destroy jobs, lower incomes, raise the cost of living, and endanger personal safety.]

[A gullible, 36-word repetition of Big Oil talking points.]

[A 56-word expansion on the previous fiction.]

[A willfully shortsighted—indeed, suicidal—59-word repudiation of the Paris Climate Accords.]

[A 39-word outburst of paranoid xenophobia.]

[A blithe 60-word dismissal of the January 6th assault on democracy, coupled with another blast of xenophobia.]

[A 45-word amalgamation of climate change dismissal, “China virus” paranoia, and demonstrable misunderstanding of demographics.]

[A weird, highly specific, 40-word charge that Biden has a scheme to destroy the U.S. power grid.]

[A preposterous 38-word claim that Biden is doing nothing Trump wasn’t already doing to fight the coronavirus—“except for his plan to vaccinate terrorists in Guantanamo before vulnerable Americans.”

Reversing Trump’s priorities, Biden’s administration is sacrificing the well-being of middle and lower income Americans to benefit Washington special interests, his billionaire supporters, and leftist elites.

Don Ewing
Meredith, N.H.

Why Jeff Bezos Stinks

[Note: Mr. William Cooper was kind enough to offer, unsolicited, the following assessment of the mind of the world’s richest man. We have some experience with that exalted strata of humankind, having relieved the world’s ninth richest man of this newspaper in 1989. Before Mr. Cooper takes the floor, we want to advise readers—who may momentarily be confused at finding a pirate of the worst sort praised in the pages of this paper—that our rebuttal follows. — The Ed.]

How Jeff Bezos Thinks, by William Cooper

Jeff Bezos announced last week that he is stepping down as Amazon’s CEO. He built Amazon from scratch. He also built Blue Origin—a path-breaking spacecraft company—on the side. In the process, Bezos became the richest person of all time.

How did he do it?

The key to Bezos’s success is an unyielding commitment to three principles. First among them: think long term. Bezos focuses on big, long-term goals and ignores the short-term trivialities that distract others.

As Bezos put it in 1997: “We believe that a fundamental measure of our success will be the shareholder value we create over the long term.” Since then, Amazon’s market capitalization has grown by over \$1.6 trillion.

Bezos’s second principle is to be ferocious. He speaks endlessly about “customer obsession.” He proudly tells job applicants that Amazon employees (“Amazonians”) work long and hard. His motto for Blue Origin is *Gradatim Ferociter*, which is latin for “step by step ferociously.” And he says “it’s always Day 1” at Amazon—a demand that Amazonians sustain the wide-eyed enthusiasm of their first day on the job. “Day 2,” according to Bezos, “is stasis. Followed by irrelevance. Followed by excruciating, painful decline. Followed by death.”

Importantly, however, this ferocity does not dilute the hard logic that undergirds everything Amazon does. Bezos’s formula combines ambitious

Mash Notes, Hate Mail, &c.

to page six

Davies TIRE COMPANY
Call us for a liberal dose of service
93 Islington Street - 433-1328

What do we choose to remember with memorial markers, buildings and community projects?

Open Door
Soldiers &
Sailors
Origins Story
Citizen
Diplomacy

To learn more about memorials and what else we choose to remember go to
PortsmouthGenome.org
Join the conversation.
A Portsmouth Peace Treaty Forum project.

HOWLE'S PILE AND HUMOR CURE

Join Us and Stand Up For Your Civil Rights!

Social Justice • Economic Equality

Market Square, Portsmouth, N.H.
Every Sunday 3 to 4 p.m.
OCCUPYNHSEACOAST@gmail.com

The Climate Hour with Josh Denton

WScA 106.1
★ PORTSMOUTH ★

Fourth Friday of Every Month at Noon.

NEW HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE SUBSCRIPTIONS

✉ 26 FORTNIGHTLY ISSUES, NOW MAILED FIRST CLASS ✉

Mail this form with your check for \$25 to:
New Hampshire Gazette, PO Box 756, Portsmouth, NH 03802.
Please print clearly. Offer good in U.S. only.

Supporting Subscribers Only: Please Check Box at Right:
(Supporting Subscribers pay the standard \$25/yr, but make their money go twice as far for us by picking up their own papers at one of our many convenient locations.)

☐ Supporting
☐ Subscriber

FIRST NAME: _____

LAST NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

TOWN, CITY, OR BURG: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ + 4: _____

GIFT OF: (WHERE APPLICABLE) _____

As DeJoy Readies New Assault on Postal Service, Pressure Grows for Biden to “Clean House”

by Jake Johnson, staff writer
Common Dreams

With Postmaster General Louis DeJoy reportedly preparing to unveil plans for another round of service cuts and operational changes as soon as this week, President Joe Biden is facing growing calls from lawmakers, mail carriers, and others to take urgent steps to protect the U.S. Postal Service from further damage, pave the way for DeJoy’s removal, and shore up the agency’s finances for the near and distant future.

The *Washington Post* reported over the weekend that DeJoy—a Republican megadonor to former President Donald Trump—soon intends to “outline a new vision for the agency, one that includes more service cuts, higher and region-specific pricing, and lower delivery expectations.”

Meanwhile, the *Post* noted, “congressional Democrats are pressing President Biden to install new board members, creating a majority bloc that could oust DeJoy, a Trump loyalist whose aggressive cost-cutting over the summer has been singled out for much of the performance decline.”

Appointed unanimously by the

Trump-appointed-dominated Postal Service Board of Governors in May despite his complete lack of experience with the Postal Service, DeJoy wasted no time imposing sweeping operational changes at the mail agency that resulted in precipitous drops in performance in the weeks ahead of, during, and after the November presidential election—prompting accusations of politically motivated sabotage of the nation’s most popular government institution.

While DeJoy was forced to temporarily suspend some of his operational changes last year in the face of a nationwide uproar and numerous court injunctions, the postmaster general now appears intent on moving forward with his plan to cripple the agency—a plan that has Democratic lawmakers and postal workers clamoring for action from the Biden administration.

Because Biden is prohibited by statute from firing DeJoy directly, congressional Democrats are urging the president to terminate every sitting postal governor—including those who publicly cheered on the postmaster general’s changes as they produced major package backlogs nationwide and slowed delivery of prescription medicines and mail-in

ballots—and replace them with officials willing to remove the postmaster general and protect the agency.

“My solution starts at the top: firing the whole board who presided over Trump and DeJoy’s wrecking of U.S.P.S. Clean house,” Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-N.J.) tweeted Sunday.

Late last month, as *Common Dreams* reported, Pascrell became the first congressional Democrat to call on Biden to remove the sitting members of the Board of Governors, which currently consists of four Republicans and one Democrat—all appointed by Trump. Under federal law, the president has the authority to remove postal governors “for cause.”

“The board members’ refusal to oppose the worst destruction ever inflicted on the Postal Service was a betrayal of their duties and unquestionably constitutes good cause for their removal,” argued Pascrell.

Days later, Rep. Tim Ryan (D-Ohio.) echoed Pascrell’s demand, accusing the board members of complicity in “unprecedented sabotage” of the mail service.

“The response from the leadership of the U.S.P.S. to the unconscionable delays we are experiencing with the mail is beyond unacceptable,” Ryan wrote in a January 29 letter to Biden.

“We must do right by the American people, and we must do right by our postal workers and letter carriers.”

Last week, *USA Today’s* editorial board joined the growing chorus demanding that Biden remove the sitting postal governors, pointing out that “beyond the hiring of DeJoy, the Board of Governors is led by a former Republican National Committee chairman tapped by Trump.”

The U.S.P.S. board is set to meet Tuesday for the first time since Biden’s electoral victory. As the *Post* reported Saturday, “DeJoy has told mail industry officials he intends to remain in office to roll out an agency reorganization.... The plan, parts of which were outlined to a Senate panel in August, includes geographic pricing and longer delivery windows. He’s entertained leasing out Postal Service properties and offering non-mailing services, such as private financial services.”

Short of terminating the sitting governors, Biden could instead move to fill the three remaining vacancies on the postal board—a step that would give Democrats a majority and potentially the number of votes needed to oust DeJoy. Nominees to the postal board must be confirmed by the Senate.

In the interest of protecting

U.S.P.S. from DeJoy and strengthening the mail agency as a public service, American Postal Workers Union (APWU) president Mark Dimondstein is urging Biden to make “bold appointments” to the Board of Governors.

“We want a Board of Governors that understands fundamentally this is not called the United States Postal Business,” Dimondstein told the Associated Press on Sunday. “It’s not a profit-making business. It’s here to serve the people.”

Democratic lawmakers and the APWU are also demanding swift passage of the U.S.P.S. Fairness Act, legislation that would scrap the onerous mandate requiring the Postal Service to prefund retiree benefits decades in advance. The House passed the bill last year but then-Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) refused to allow a vote on the measure in the upper chamber.

“Congress needs to pass the U.S.P.S. Fairness Act again,” Pascrell tweeted Sunday. “We did last year and McConnell blocked it for 333 days. Let’s enact it again.”

This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 3.0 License. Feel free to republish and share widely.

from page five

goals with a diligent devotion to detail. If you get the details wrong, you won’t achieve the goals. As Bezos likes to say, borrowing an old military training proverb, “slow is smooth and smooth is fast.”

The last of Bezos’s key principles is to make lots of large bets, knowing that many will fail. Bezos’s journey with Amazon has included big losses. He invested in Pets.com—which crashed spectacularly. He tried to compete with Apple and Android in smartphones. He tried to compete with Google in search.

But his willingness to take risks



was the soil for stunning successes, too. First among them was Amazon Web Services. His long-term bet on AWS was unprecedented: An online retail company selling books, soap and electronics sought to transform the basic structure of the internet.

It worked. Last year AWS generated \$45 billion in revenue. Warren Buffett said that “I have never,” before Bezos, “seen any person develop two really important industries at the same time and really be the operational guy in both.”

As Bezos understands, without Pets.com there would have been no AWS. He explained: “We all know that if you swing for the fences, you’re going to strike out a lot, but you’re also going to hit some home runs. The difference between baseball and business, however, is that baseball has a truncated outcome distribution. When you swing, no matter how well you connect with the ball, the most runs you can get is four. In business, every once in a

while, when you step up to the plate, you can score 1,000 runs.”

Jeff Bezos transformed commerce. But his principles apply far beyond business. Long-term thinking, ferocious obsession and intelligent risk-taking are a potent formula that can fuel success in many walks of life. And Bezos will no doubt carry this mindset into his post-Amazon-CEO life, which begins July 1 of this year. For Bezos, every day thereafter will also be Day 1.

William Cooper has written for *The Wall Street Journal*, *New York Daily News*, *Baltimore Sun* and *USA Today*, among others.

=====

How Bezos Got Away With It

Cooper asks, “How did Bezos do it?” A more apt question would be, “How did he get away with it?”

Bezos began by making special deals with book publishers, so he could undercut the prices of independent bookstores. He profited at the expense of the nation—financially and intellectually.

Having successfully attacked one sector of the economy, he metastasized his business into others. As his

The New Hampshire Gazette

The Nation’s Oldest Newspaper™

Published Fortnightly on Alternate Fridays

Founder: Daniel Fowle (1715 – 1787)
Enslaved Pressman: Primus X (ca. 1700 – 1793)

PO Box 756, Portsmouth, NH 03802

www.nhgazette.com • editors@nhgazette.com
(603) 433-9898

Subscriptions:
\$25 per year for 26 issues
Mailed First Class
See Page Five for Subscription Form

Editor: Steven Fowle • Starving Artiste: Michael Dater
Business (Such As It Is) Manager: Rose Eppard
Columnist: William Marvel • 100 Proof Department:
Rose Eppard, Marcia Jebb, and Allen McGee; Jane Porter,
Emerita • Freelance Instigator & Unindicted Co-conspirators:
Win Rhoades & Jack Cleary • Distributor: New England
Distribution Network • Downtown Distribution Volunteers:
Megan “Moonbeam” Stelzer, Murph, Jon Wyckoff, David
Drymon, & Bob Halperin • Subscription Fulfillment:
Sally Strazdins, Gail Drobnyk, Rose Eppard,
Sharon Churchill, Jan Marx, & Allen McGee

THE ARTS MATTER.

TICKETS & INFO 603.436.2400 • THEMUSICHALL.ORG

THE ARTS ARE GOOD FOR BUSINESS.
They bring \$58 Million per year to Portsmouth.

THE ARTS ARE GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY.
People come together to share an experience that lasts long after the curtain falls.

THE ARTS ARE GOOD FOR THE SOUL.
They break you free from the confinements of your day-to-day.

THE ARTS NEED YOU.
We are proud to be part of an arts-rich community, but we are all being hit hard during this crisis.

Help us ensure that our vibrant arts community is still thriving when all of our doors are open again.

Please consider supporting the arts today.

LOFT • 131 CONGRESS ST // /MUSICHALL @MUSICHALL /MUSICHALLNH
B2W BOX OFFICE AT THE HISTORIC THEATER • 28 CHESTNUT ST • PORTSMOUTH NH

Anthony’s Home Services LLC

*Repair & Maintenance
Residential & Commercial
Fully Insured*

(775) 984-5054 ~ Durham
anthonyshsllc@gmail.com

**MIKE DATER’S
CARTOON ORIGINALS**

AND OTHER DRAWINGS BY
THE NEW HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE’S
VERY OWN

STARVING ARTISTE

WWW.MIKEDATER.COM

**Visit
www.jimhightower.com**

✓ **Personally autographed copies of Jim Hightower’s best-selling books**

✓ **Subscriptions to the monthly “Hightower Lowdown” newsletter**

✓ **CD’s** ✓ **Tapes**

✓ **Videos** ✓ **Pamphlets**

We Have a Choice

by Jean Stimmell

Our lives seem to be fragmenting in the face of spiraling polarization and civil unrest. How do we find what's authentic in this splintered world of wildly different truths? And what if authenticity, in the traditional sense, no longer exists?

I muse on this question as I meditate on an exquisite, little waterfall near my house. The countless, disparate rivulets within it, rushing pell-mell in every direction, remind me of the incessant deluge of information pelting down on us each day—and the multiple realities they imply.

In Mother Nature's world, none of these individual rivulets represent the truth: it is only when they are incorporated into a whole that they become what they really are: A waterfall.

It occurs to me that it is the same with us: We can either define our lives like a single rivulet, blocking out and opposing all who are different; or stay flexible, accessing and acknowledging all the rivulets, and then constructing them into a coherent whole, as nature has done with her waterfall.

My friend and mentor, Peter

Baldwin, psychologist and retired Antioch professor, likes my comparison of my waterfall with the human personality. As he asserts in his book *Four and Twenty Blackbirds*,¹ the notion of a single, unchanging personality is a myth. Instead each of us have multiple personalities, some conscious, some not, each behaving much like a rivulet in the waterfall.

These sub-personalities come to life in various guises in response to particular situations. We can see these contrasting personas play out in everyday life by observing how a person acts differently interacting with her child than her lover or differently with his big boss than with his drinking buddies.

Another example is how the holier-than-thou preacher, who by denying the existence of his sexual persona, ends up acting out his erotic urges by sleeping with members of his congregation.

Just as the waterfall integrates countless, disparate parts into a unitary whole, Professor Baldwin's book does the same for the human personality: It is a primer on how to identify our various parts, negative as well as positive, and then integrate them into a smoothly functioning whole, a prerequisite for becoming

self-actualized and fully conscious.

Society, like the individual, is composed of ever-changing components that must work together to be successful. Robert Lifton, a psychiatrist and big-thinker, wrote a prescient book, back in 1993, on this subject: *The Protean Self: Human Resilience In An Age Of Fragmentation*.

In it, he writes, "we are becoming fluid and many sided. Without quite realizing it, we have been evolving a sense of self appropriate to the restlessness and flux of our time. This mode of being differs radically from that of the past, and enables us to engage in continuous exploration and personal experiment. I have named it the 'protean self' after Proteus, the Greek sea god of many forms."²

Lifton believes that the protean self's flexibility and buoyancy are essential qualities to cope with the stress of ever-quickenening social change, the media revolution, and the looming threat of human extinction. He sees our protean ability to evolve as a positive development, allowing us to find meaning and form in the tumultuous age in which we find ourselves.

The opposite of the protean self, according to Lifton, is the fundamental self, who, as a result of his



attempting to wrap up the truth in a simple package." Instead, it says, the protean self "honors plurality and multiplicity, delighting in the partial and inconsistent meanings revealed by disparate forms and alternative ways of life."⁴

Looked at this way, especially after Trump, what's not to like about having more empathy and compassion for those different from ourselves, whether they are our fellow humans or Mother Earth herself?

====

1 - *Four and Twenty Blackbirds: Personae Theory and the Understanding of Our Multiple Selves*, by Peter Baldwin, Ph.D : 1997.

2 - *The Protean Self: Human Resilience in an Age of Fragmentation*, by Robert Jay Lifton. Basic Books, New York, N.Y., page 1

3 - <https://www.nytimes.com/1994/02/20/books/keep-your-mind-open.html>

4 - *ibid*.

====

Photo: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Sihl_waterfall_20200212.jpg Daniel Kraft, CC BY-SA 3.0 <<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0/>>, via *Wikimedia Commons*.

====

from page six

business grew he crushed innumerable small businesses across the country. Taking advantage of Congress's pro-business, anti-worker policies, he was able, in effect, to force states and municipalities to pay him subsidies as his workers relied on public assistance.

Amazon workers in Bessemer, Alabama are trying to form a union. Amazon is fighting back—with all the finesse and subtlety one might expect. It has long been known that due to unreasonable "fulfillment demands," employees of the company have resorted to urinating in bottles. Those who do use restrooms are confronted with anti-union propaganda.

To some degree, Bezos has gotten away with this because *The Wall Street Journal*, *New York Daily News*,

Baltimore Sun and *USA Today* always have room to let apologists like Cooper praise the wealthy who prey on the rest of us.

====

Flotsam & Jetsam

"We must face the hard fact that many Americans would like to have a nation which is a democracy for white Americans but simultaneously a dictatorship over Black Americans."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

====

"Many a man that couldn't direct you to the drugstore on the corner when he was 30 will get a respectful hearing when age has further impaired his mind."

—Finley Peter Dunne

====

"A body of men holding themselves accountable to nobody ought not to be trusted by anybody."

—Thomas Paine

Why Billionaires are Detested

by Jim Hightower

The renowned Western Swing bandleader Bob Wills would joyously call out in mid-song, "Take it away, Leon," bringing on a crowd-pleasing instrumental solo by steel guitar maestro, Leon McAuliffe.

But now comes another Leon who's such an off-key, screechy, Wall Street billionaire that crowds are shouting: "Go away, Leon!" He is hedge-fund huckster Leon Cooperman, who first gained public notoriety when he compared Barack Obama's election to Hitler's rise to power, and he later was dubbed "Crybaby Cooperman" after he got all teary-eyed during a TV interview in which he decried "the vilification

of billionaires." The sad rich man was weeping about Sen. Elizabeth Warren's proposal to make the uber-rich pay a modest surtax on the excessive fortunes of money manipulators like him.

For a while, Leon did go away. But this January the whiner was back on TV, blaming stock market gyrations on manipulations by people "sitting at home, getting their [pandemic] checks from the government." Then he plunged again into deep self-pity, deploring the likelihood that Biden will join Sen. Warren's call for the rich to pay their fair share of taxes. "This fair share is a bulls#!t concept," he wailed. "It's just a way of attacking wealthy people." Then he appealed to the real victims of the pandemic to rally behind billionaires like him.

We make the world "a substantially better place" with our donations to charity, he asserted, pleading for public gratitude, and exclaiming: "We all got to work together."

Together? While working class and poor have been knocked down, cut off, and stomped on in the past year, America's 651 billionaires—including Cooperman—have collectively jacked up their wealth by a trillion bucks – an average of \$1.5 billion each.

Shall we take up a collection and buy this guy a clue? Do yourself a favor Leon—go away for good.

====

Copyright 2021 by Jim Hightower & Associates. Contact Melody Byrd (melody@jimhightower.com) for more information.

ASE Master Techs, Free Loaners
3 mins. from downtown Portsmouth

AUTOWORKS
All Makes & Models

 (603) 436-4500  Approved Auto Repair

appt@auto-works.com
107 Government St. Kittery


STRAWBERRY BANKE PORTSMOUTH NEW HAMPSHIRE

Timetravel through 300+ years of history: 38 historic buildings, heirloom gardens, costumed role-players, traditional crafts.
7 days 10 am to 5 pm
14 Hancock St. Portsmouth
603.433.1100
StrawberyBanke.org

North River Woodworks
Portsmouth, NH — (603) 682-4443
Local Craftsmanship

Colin A. McGee
Enrolled Agent
Expert tax preparation, consultation and representation for businesses and individuals
(603) 436-0707 • Colin@kdmcgee.biz

City Brewery, 1850-1880, For Sale


418 Spring St.
Galena, IL 61036
call (815) 238-2939

For Sale: English Wintech Saddle
Brand new condition, never used on a horse. Comes with stirrups and girth.
Asking \$600 - (603) 812-3745

First Café Kilim... then Identity... now...

WE'VE MOVED!
Come visit us at our new facility in "WEPO" (West End of Portsmouth).
124 Bartlett St.

black sheep
design company

screenprinting embroidery graphic design
603-431-6801

HAPPY TRAILS
Until We Meet Again...


Water Monkey
Alternative Clothing & Goods
33 Vaughan Mall • Portsmouth, NH 03801 • (603) 431-2243



Granite State Independent Living

Tools for Living
Life Independently

Pay is \$10.25 - \$10.75/hr.
Please contact Ashley at (603) 568-4930 or atruong@gsil.org for more information.

Granite State Independent Living is looking to add caring and compassionate individuals who are interested in making a difference in people's lives as a Personal Care Attendant. Duties include: personal care, housekeeping, lifting, transfers, errand and grocery shopping. We offer a flexible schedule and paid training.

ADMIRAL FOWLE’S PISCATAQUA RIVER TIDAL GUIDE (NOT FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES)

Portsmouth, arguably the first town in this country not founded by religious extremists, is bounded on the north and east by the Piscataqua River, the second, third, or fourth fastest-flowing navigable river in the country, depending on

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20
2016—A cargo jet linked to the CIA lands in Harare, Zimbabwe carrying 67 tons of South African currency and the decomposing body of a Black man. 2016—With wind blowing 20 m.p.h., and the thermometer at -13°, the wind chill in Portsmouth falls to -38°. 2015—Another 18 inches of snow fall on Portsmouth, making nearly eight feet in under three weeks. 2004—The White House releases some of George W.[MD] Bush’s military records, but they fail to prove he was present for duty. 1973—The first American POWs released from North Vietnam arrive at Travis AFB, Calif. [See tomorrow.] 1971—Nixon’s secret taping system is installed in the White House. 1950—A U.S. bomber crew jettisons a Mark IV nuke off British Columbia before bailing out of their burning B-36. A non-nuclear explosion ensues. 1945—Forty U.S. B-17s intending to firebomb Dresden miss by 90 miles and hit Prague instead. Death toll: 701. Bomb weight per death: 433 lbs. 1929—On St. Valentine’s Day in Chicago, a cop asks Frank “Tight Lips” Gusenberg who shot him. “Nobody,” he says, then dies. 1884—Typhoid fever kills Teddy Roosevelt’s mother. Hours later his wife dies, two days after giving birth. 1873—Erie Co. Sheriff and future President Grover Cleveland personally hangs Jack Gaffney in Buffalo, N.Y., thus retaining his deputy’s \$10 fee.	2000—“We ought to make the pie higher,” says G.W.[MD] Bush. 1989—After just a little over nine years in-country, quick-thinking Soviets pull out of Afghanistan. 1988—Environmentalists, supporting striking workers, storm Int’l. Paper’s Jay, Maine plant, 10 days after scabs create a huge chlorine leak. 1978—His first day at the Hillsboro, N.H. <i>Messenger</i>, our current editor is told, “Get over to Henniker; last night the cop shop was fire-bombed.” 1973—Nixon to Joint Chiefs: POWs’ return is “an invaluable opportunity to revise the history of this War.” 1967—<i>Ramparts</i> says the CIA funds the National Student Association. 1966—In place of Senate hearings on the Vietnam War, CBS shows reruns of “I Love Lucy.” Fred Friendly, President of CBS News, quits in disgust. 1962—“I support [JFK] to the hilt [in Vietnam],” says R. Nixon. “I only hope he will step up the build-up...” 1944—Mistakenly believing that it’s full of Nazis, Allies bomb the 6th c. monastery at Monte Cassino. Its historic treasures are OK, though, having been moved to the Vatican by Nazis, in 100 trucks accompanied by monks. 1798—After Congress fails to reprimand Rep. Matthew Lyon (R-Vt.) for having spit tobacco juice in his eye, Rep. Roger Griswold (Fed.-Conn.) thrashes the ex-newspaper editor with his cane on the floor of the House. Lyon defends himself with fire tongs.	1982—Nancy Reagan says, via an aide, she’ll no longer accept “loaned” threads from big name designers because she’s “really...tired of people misinterpreting what she was doing.” 1978—The first computer bulletin board goes online in Chicago. 1976—The <i>Village Voice</i> publishes excerpts from the House-suppressed Pike Report; among other sins, the CIA, the FBI, and the NSA have been illegally spying on U.S. citizens. 1964—A week after security in Saigon is “tightened,” a Viet Cong bomb in an American movie theater kills 3 U.S. soldiers and wounds another 50. 1962—A two-day anti-nuclear march on Washington begins. 1959—Fidel Castro becomes Premier of Cuba. 1938—Guy Stewart Callendar publishes a scientific paper (drawing in part on the work of F.E. Fowle) showing that mankind’s carbon dioxide emissions are warming the planet. 1916—Emma Goldman is busted for lecturing on birth control. 1899—French President Félix Faure has a fatal stroke while being fellated in his office in the Élysée Palace. 1868—“The Jolly Gorks” change their name to “The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.” 1848—The Women’s Rights Convention is held at Seneca Falls, N.Y. 1818—Charles W. Brewster begins his 50-year career as a Portsmouth, N.H. newspaperman.	2017—President Trump declares the press to be the enemy of the people. 2015—A study finds that previous tallies of lynchings in the U.S. had under-counted by at least 800. 2009—Donald Trump files his fourth petition for bankruptcy. 2006—Six days after Dick “Dick” Cheney shot him in the face, Harry Whittington apologizes to the Veep for “all that he had to deal with.” 2003—Covert CIA agents grab Abu Omar in Milan, ruining an Italian surveillance program and leaving evidence that gets 23 agents convicted of kidnapping. 2000—“I hate the g_ks,” Sen. John McCain tells reporters. “I will hate them as long as I live.” 1985—General William Westmoreland drops his libel suit against CBS. Apparently the network was right: he <i>had</i> covered up VC troop strength. 1979—China invades Vietnam—again. Some countries never learn. 1974—Army PFC Robert Preston steals a Huey from Fort Meade for a pre-dawn tour of D.C. He lands in a hail of bullets on the White House’s South Lawn; superficially wounded, he’s taken to Walter Reed smiling and laughing. 1971—The U.S. Army’s top enlisted man is indicted for conspiracy to defraud enlisted men’s clubs. 1864—The <i>U.S.S. Housatonic</i> becomes the first ship to be sunk by a submarine, the Confederate <i>H.L. Hunley</i>, which also sinks.	2012—Rep. Bob Morris [R-Ind.] says Girl Scouts use “feminists, lesbians, and Communists” as role models to promote a “homosexual lifestyle.” 2001—Robert Hanssen, a devout Catholic, exhibitionist, patron of strippers, and ex-FBI Special Agent, is arrested for selling U.S. secrets to the U.S.S.R., then to the Russians. 1976—Jerry Ford accepts the CIA’s word: if it breaks the law, it’ll confess. 1970—All of the Chicago 7 are found innocent of conspiring to incite riots; five are found guilty of crossing state lines to incite riots anyway. 1962—“We are going to win in Vietnam,” says RFK in Saigon. “We will remain here until we do win.” 1954—Ike’s A.G. OKs a memo saying the CIA need not report criminal activity by its employees. 1930—A majority of Congressmen are forced onto the wagon: their bootlegger, George Cassiday, aka “The Man in the Green Hat,” is busted in a Prohibition Bureau sting. 1916—Oscar Comery, who expected life in prison after confessing he’d poisoned his wife, is hanged in Concord, N.H. The jury changed its mind on learning he’d molested a child, too. 1915—Pres. W. Wilson watches his first movie, also the first ever shown in the White House: <i>Birth of a Nation</i>. 1820—“If you have a message you want to send to hell,” screams Lavinia Fisher from Charleston, S.C.’s gallows, “give it to me, and I’ll carry it!”	2009—Outraged that the government might assist mere homeowners, CNBC’s Rick Santelli has a fit on the floor of the Chicago Board of Trade. His convulsions spawn a Tea Party. 2000—“I understand small business growth,” says George W.[MD] Bush, “I was one.” A growth, we presume. 1988—Prosecutors in Passaic County, N.J. drop the bogus case against Rubin “Hurricane” Carter after he’d been imprisoned for decades. 1986—After due deliberation—37 years—Congress ratifies a UN treaty outlawing genocide. 1975—Watergate burglar James W. McCord, Jr. admits that “basically, Martha [Mitchell]’s story is true”—she was abducted and drugged to cover up the break-in. Her abductor, Steve King, is later made ambassador to the Czech Republic by Donald Trump. 1965—Protests against the Vietnam War are held in 30 U.S. cities. 1964—The CIA informs the State and Defense departments that South Vietnam is making little progress against the Viet Cong. 1948—Sen. Harry Byrd [D-Va.] says Truman is like Hitler and Stalin—because he supports civil rights. 1945—In a Burmese mangrove swamp, several hundred Japanese soldiers are killed by crocodiles. 1942—FDR puts 120,000 Americans into concentration camps. 1847—Rescuers reach the leftovers of the Donner Party.	1950—Joe McCarthy delivers a five-hour, fact-free rant in the Senate; a four-month investigation ensues. 1945—At Iwo Jima, Jacklyn “Jack” Lucas, 17, dives onto one live grenade and pulls another under him. One goes off, one doesn’t. He sets off metal detectors until dying at 80. 1943—Hollywood embraces Office of War Information censorship. 1939—Fritz Kuhn, a German veteran of WWI and naturalized U.S. citizen, leads 22,000 people in a pro-Nazi rally at Madison Square Garden. 1933—At least 20 top German industrialists meet secretly at Reichstag President H. Göring’s official residence and conspire—yes, we said it—to raise funds to get Nazis elected. 1893—After the Reading Railroad fails, the free hand of the self-regulating market reaches for the economy’s throat and nearly chokes it to death. 1815—Almost two months after the Treaty of Ghent ends the War of 1812, the <i>U.S.S. Constitution</i> captures two British sloops off the coast of Portugal. 1792—The United States Post Office Department is established! Yay! 1725—Captain John Lovewell’s soldiers take 10 Indian scalps in Wakefield, N.H., which they later redeem in Boston for £100 each. 1524—In Germany, Count von Iggleheim is stoned to death by a mob angry at his refusal to let them board a three-story ark he had built to escape a predicted apocalyptic flood.
12:45	12:57					
6:41	7:09					
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27
2012—Caught by the Piscataqua’s mighty current during construction of the New Memorial Bridge, the tugboat <i>Miss Stacy</i> nearly sinks. 1975—“Original Dick” Nixon’s three top goons, John Mitchell [ex-AG!], Bob Haldeman, and John Erlichman, each get 2 ½ years in the slammer for conspiring—yes, we used that C-word again—to do more than will fit here. 1965—A week after his home was firebombed, assassins come for Malcolm X; his last words: “Brothers! Brothers! This is a house of peace.” The FBI knew it was coming but didn’t tell the NYPD which didn’t care anyway. One assailant, not the killer, is jailed, along with two innocent men. 1934—The U.S.-backed Nicaraguan National Guard assassinates rebel leader Augusto Sandino. Legend says his head is then delivered to D.C. 1931—In Arequipa, Peruvian revolutionaries make Pan Am’s Byron Rickards the first pilot ever hijacked; 30 years later he’s hijacked a second time. 1930—Witnesses faint and Arizona abandons hanging after “Cheerful Eva” Dugan’s accidentally-decapitated head rolls across the floor. 1922—The U.S. Army airship <i>Roma</i> crashes in Norfolk, Va.; 34 die in the nation’s worst air crash so far. 1437—King James I of Scotland, fleeing assassins, enters a sewer under his tennis court. Blocked by a grate he had installed days earlier to prevent tennis ball loss, he’s stabbed to death.	2006—Clarence Thomas asks a question—the last one for 10 years. 2004—A Pentagon document leaks: climate change may spell doom. 1994—The FBI arrests a spy: CIA officer Aldrich Ames. 1974—Samuel Byck, planning to crash an airliner into the White House, carelessly shoots the pilot before takeoff. He’s then shot dead, too. 1967—Operation Junction City begins in Vietnam—largest U.S. offensive operation of the War. 1966—Barry Bondhus dumps human digestive byproduct on draft files in Elk River, Minn. He gets 14 months. 1965—<i>The New York Times</i> calls the late Malcolm X “an extraordinary and twisted man [who turned] many true gifts to evil purposes.” 1965—Gen. Westmoreland asks LBJ for Marines to protect the Danang airbase. Despite Ambassador Taylor’s qualms, LBJ says “OK.” 1965—Sam Lovejoy cuts down a weather tower for a proposed nuke plant in Montague, Mass. 1945—Rep. John Rankin [D-Miss.] calls Rep. Frank Hook [D-Mich.] a Communist, whereupon Hook calls Rankin a “God damned liar.” Rankin, 63 and 140 lbs., attempts to punch out Hook, 52 and 195 lbs., to little effect. 1838—Penn. amends its Constitution to take the vote from free Black men. 1837—In the White House, Andy Jackson celebrates Washington’s Birthday with a 1,400 pound cheese.	2016—GOP Senators deny Obama’s Supreme Court nominee a hearing. 2008—Because one maintenance crew fails to warn another that humid air confuses its sensors, a \$1.4 billion B-2 bomber crashes in Guam. 2004—Rod Paige, U.S. Sec. of Education, calls the nation’s largest teachers union a “terrorist organization.” 1974—Days after presiding over his paper’s 100th birthday, and owing mobsters thousands, <i>Oakland Tribune</i> owner and ex-Sen. William Knowland (R-Calif.) shoots himself dead. 1971—Lt. William Calley confesses to mass murder, and says his CO, Capt. Ernest Medina, ordered it. 1942—The huge [356-foot] Japanese submarine <i>I-17</i> fires more than a dozen 5.5 inch rounds at the Richmond oil refinery near Santa Barbara, Calif. 1922—Henri Landru is executed in France for having 11 wives. (Hadn’t he suffered enough?) 1915—The First Amendment doesn’t apply to movies, say the Supremes. 1868—In Great Barrington, Mass., W.E.B. Du Bois is born. 1836—The siege of the Alamo begins. 1775—“Give me liberty, or give me death,” says Patrick Henry—maybe. 1669—Diarist Samuel Pepys, visiting Westminster Abbey with his family, kisses and fondles Katherine of Valois, interred more than 200 years earlier. 1455—In Mainz, Germany, Johannes Gutenberg gets started on the world’s first big print job. It’s a Bible.	2001—“My plan reduces the national debt, and fast,” says G.W.[MD] Bush, “...economists worry that we’re going to run out of debt to retire.” 1989—On United Airlines Flight 811 from Honolulu to New Zealand, nine are sucked out a hole in the plane. 1988—Larry Flynt’s right to portray Jerry Falwell losing his virginity to his mother in an outhouse while intoxicated is upheld by SCOTUS. 1988—At 1:17 a.m., Capitol police carry Sen. Robert Packwood (R-Ore.) into the Senate chamber feet first to make up a quorum. 1942—Turned away from Istanbul, <i>MV Struma</i>, a decrepit hulk carrying 791 Jewish refugees, is torpedoed by a Soviet sub. Sole survivor David Stoller, 19, lives to be 91. 1942—Anti-aircraft guns in Los Angeles fire 1,400 rounds at a weather balloon. Three are trampled to death in the resulting panic and dozens more are injured. 1922—Lewis Vernon Harcourt, 1st Viscount Harcourt and former British Secretary of State for the Colonies, commits suicide rather than face exposure as a pederast. 1912—On orders from mill owners, Lawrence, Mass. cops beat the hell out of women and children for trying to get on a train to Philadelphia. 1836—Rep. and N.H. native Jonathan Cilley [D-Maine], is killed in the 3rd volley of a rifle duel by Rep. William Graves [Whig-Ky.].	2011—[A]ny future Defense Secretary who advises the President to again send a big American land army into Asia or into the Middle East or Africa should have his head examined,” says Defense Sec. Gates. 2003—Army Chief of Staff Eric Shinseki warns that Donald Rumsfeld’s plan to occupy Iraq dramatically underestimates troop requirements. 1968—“I do not believe Hanoi can hold up under a long war,” says Gen. William Westmoreland. 1953—Ike advises vigilance, lest communist teachers sneak propaganda into math problems. 1913—The IWW’s Paterson, N.J. strike begins; Concord, N.H.’s Elizabeth Gurley Flynn helps organize. 1899—Londoner Edwin Sewell, 31, is the first driver to die in a wreck. 1870—Erstwhile minister Hiram Rhodes Revels (R-Miss.) becomes the first Black U.S. Senator. 1837—In Vermont, Thomas Davenport is granted the first patent for an electric printing press. 1836—Colt patents the six gun. 1836—Joice Heth, formerly exhibited by P.T. Barnum as George Washington’s 162 year-old “Mammy,” is autopsied in New York City at Barnum’s behest before 1,500 paying spectators. 1643—Under orders from the Governor of New Netherlands, 120 Weequaesgeek Indians are murdered in their sleep at Pavonia, near present-day Hackensack.	2020—“Within a couple of days, it’s going to be down to close to zero. That’s a pretty good job we’ve done.” 2019—Wawarsing, N.Y. cop Harold Nunuvero leaps a fence to escape a charging fox, trips, falls, and shoots himself in the bulletproof vest. 2015—Sen. James Inhofe [R-Okla.] proves global warming is a hoax—or perhaps something else—by brandishing a snowball in the Senate. 2003—Saddam Hussein tells interviewer Dan Rather he would like to debate George W.[MD] Bush on TV. 1993—A truck bomb explodes beneath the World Trade Center in NYC; 6 are dead, 1,000 injured. 1991—George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush admits the U.S. has been supporting the Khmer Rouge. 1974—A Senate report finds close ties between Ford Motor Co. and Nazis. 1972—Pittston Coal’s cheap-jack dam on Buffalo Creek in West Virginia collapses killing 118, injuring 1,121, and leaving 5,000 homeless. The company ends up paying less than \$15,000 per casualty. 1970—NPR incorporates. 1954—Buzzing the courthouse in Huntingdon, Tenn., U.S.A.F. Lieut. Jack Jenkins pulls up too hard. The wings of his C-119 fall off; four on board die, two on the ground are hurt. 1860—Egged on by the local paper, whites massacre about 150 Wiyot Indians, mostly old men, women, and children, in Humboldt County, Calif.	2019—“I fear that if [Trump] loses the election in 2020,” says his ex-lawyer Michael Cohen, “there will never be a peaceful transition of power.” 2014—Senate Republicans block a bill to fund veterans health care because it would cost too much. 2001—Rep. David Vitter [R-La.] skips a House vote honoring 28 Desert Storm KIA’s to take a call from the D.C. Madam. 1975—The FDA recalls a batch of 1,241 GE pacemakers—after they’ve all been implanted. 1973—The American Indian Movement occupies Wounded Knee. 1970—<i>The New York Times</i> reports that the U.S. Army no longer conducts illegal domestic surveillance; untrue then, and now. 1968—Walter Cronkite says on the <i>CBS Nightly News</i> that “we are mired in stalemate” in Vietnam. 1962—Renegade South Vietnamese pilots use U.S. planes to bomb Saigon’s Presidential Palace. 1938—Britain and France grant diplomatic recognition to General Francisco Franco’s fascist government. 1933—Nazis burn the Reichstag and blame the Communies. 1902—Australian Lieutenant Harry “Breaker” Morant says to his firing squad, “Shoot straight, you bastards.” 1859—Rep. Dan Sickles [D-N.Y.] shoots his wife’s lover, D.C. District Attorney Philip Barton Key II, son of Francis Scott Key, in Lafayette Park.
6:08	6:54					
12:33	12:38	1:32				



LA MAISON NAVARRE
Macarons Paris ●●●



French Pastry - Bistro - Wine Bar
121 Congress Street, Portsmouth
603.373.8401

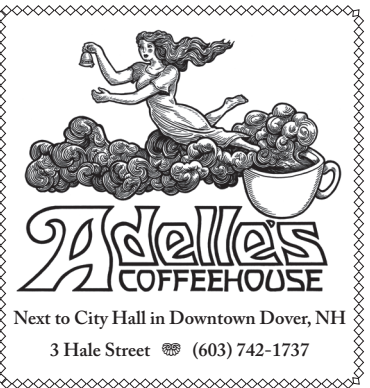
Madore
Electric

Residential & Commercial
Wiring Service

Serving the Seacoast since 1980

Licensed in Maine, Massachusetts, & New Hampshire

Sid Madore (603) 234-9996



“NO MAN IS WORTH HIS SALT WHO IS NOT READY AT ALL TIMES TO RISK HIS BODY, TO RISK HIS WELL-BEING, TO RISK HIS LIFE, IN A GREAT CAUSE.”
— THEODORE ROOSEVELT



7 COMMERCIAL ALLEY • 766-1616
WWW.PORTSMOUTHSALTCELLAR.COM