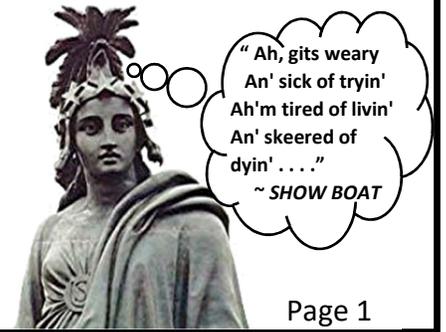


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Show Boating Trump Blows Comey Out of Water

President and Family Take Mother's Day Cruise on Show Boat

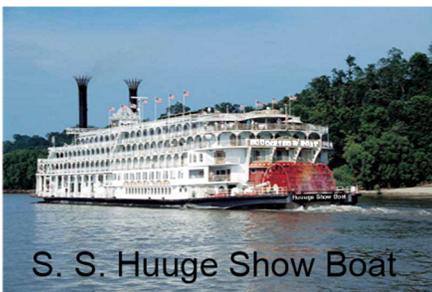
January 14, 2017

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After his firing of FBI Director James B. Comey, the Unpredictable-Tremendously-Huge-Extraordinary-Disrupter-in-Chief (U-THE-DICK), sought relief from the subsequent political fallout, joining his family for a Potomac River cruise today on his newly renovated craft, the S. S. Huuge Show Boat.¹

(Pictured at bottom)

At their mid-morning boarding, the Marine Band struck up "Hail to the Chief." Its sternwheel turned the muddy Potomac River into a root beer float-colored froth, as the band segued into "Anchors Aweigh." At the nearby Capitol Reflecting Pool, a 21-gun salute was fired. From the fantail of the S. S. Huuge Show Boat, a single, 32-pounder brass demi-cannon fired a single "thank you" salute.



¹ Editor's Note: The "S. S." prefix indicates a Steam Ship or Screw Steamer and distinguishes it from a Paddle Steamer, which would be designated as a "P. S." Although appearing to be a Paddle Steamer, that is just a Fake News prop. The S. S. Huuge Show Boat is, very much like its owner-captain: thoroughly screwed from stem to stern. You're welcome.

No immediate casualties amongst the picnickers on adjoining Haines Point were reported, although the shot *did* severely damage a willow tree there.

After their noontime lunch, the President and his family posed for a photo inside his restored 19th century Mississippi River show boat.



(Pictured above: Melania, the President, Ivanka and Jared Kushner.)

Testing out his contemplated new policy of "banning mean-stream media reporters from many events,"² he spoke briefly with Fox News' Tucker Carlson about the Comey firing. Once again, he accused Comey of "grandstanding and showboating," saying that someone as "erratic and uneven" as Comey couldn't be trusted with matters of the highest national importance: grave issues such as investigating and "plugging" the sources of so many White House leaks to the press. (POTUS later dispatched an aide to San Clemente to enquire about any still-functioning phone numbers for Nixon's 1971 White House Plumbers Unit.)

² The President's interesting phrase, not ours.

Our Beat About the Bushes

May 13, 2017

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Fruitlessly disguising himself as Birnam Wood, Sean Spicer emerged from a bush on the White House lawn and took reporters' questions about the firing of James B. Comey. In the near-total darkness he demanded, from a nearby bush Kellyanne Conway could be heard repeatedly urging Spicer to credit her for creating the pretext for the firing: it was all about Comey's being unfair to poor (but still lying) Hillary nearly a year earlier. Spicer refused her petitions, assuming the press would know that such an incredibly lame-brained political fig leaf could *only* have come from her. Having no credible, consistent script, an agitated Spicer referred most of the questions to others. From yet another bush came an old song, *soto voce*:

"First you say you do
And then you don't.
Then you say you will
And then you won't.
You're undecided now
So what are you going to do?"
You've been sitting on a fence
And you sure don't make much sense
Cause you keep us in suspense
And you know it!"

Spicer was subsequently rushed to Sibley Hospital, suffering from Exploded Head Syndrome. He was attended to by all the King's Horses and all the King's Men.

The GOP's American Health Care Act: *Déjà Vu* All Over Again?

Newly Discovered Early, Rough Mark-up Draft of Emancipation Proclamation: Not As Lofty and Definitive as Final Version.

May 13, 2017

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Recent discoveries suggest that the GOP-dominated House of Representatives' efforts at repealing and replacing Obamacare are marked by the same sort of craven horse-trading that occurred 155 years ago in another Republican administration.

Documentarians at the National Archives have discovered what appears to be a mark-up draft of what would later become President Abraham Lincoln's historic January 1, 1863 Emancipation Proclamation which provided the legal rationale to free nearly 4 million slaves.

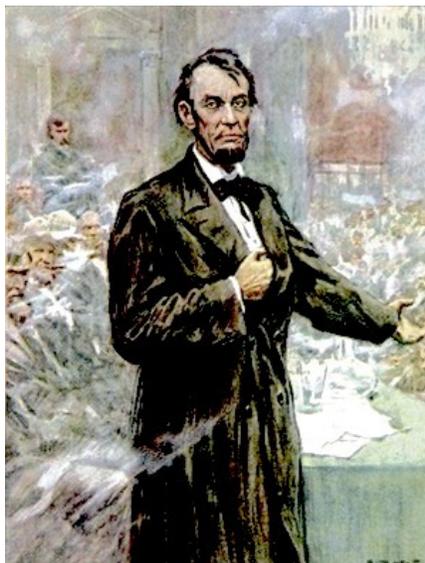
At its heart are Lincoln's clear words: "I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforward shall be free; and that the Executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons."

The document's marginal notations by members of his cabinet show just how frightened they were of the controversy his edict might (and eventually *did*) create.

For example, one notation suggested appending to Lincoln's words a section saying that "only those slaves that can find their way to Union states

States will be set free." Another went even further, saying "only those slaves who can get to Union states by March 1, 1863 will be set free." One senator suggested "an age-based tax-credit provision for southern plantation owners which would grant relief in proportion to the age of the slaves they had lost to the Union States, the youngest fetching the greatest credit."

Yet another, citing the slaves' "preexisting condition of servitude" wanted to "change the slaves' new status from 'freedmen' to that of 'permanently indentured.'"



"The Great Emancipator"

by A. C. Michael, in *This Country of Ours The Story of the United States*

In one marginal note, Lincoln objects, observing that "freedom is a basic benefit." A cabinet member's notation then suggests: "the states shall reserve the right to define the exact meaning of 'freedom' and to whom, for how much, and for how long – if at all – it will be granted."

Lastly, there is the notation that says "states may themselves confer 'freedom' but will receive less federal military and other support in proportion to the number of slaves to whom they extend this alleged 'benefit.'"

When the time came for the cabinet to vote on whether to sign the Emancipation Proclamation, all the cabinet secretaries, to a man, voted 'nay!' At this point, Lincoln raised his right hand declaring, "Aye! The 'ayes' have it!"

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In related news, President Trump just sent to Congress his *Health Plan for a New Leech on Life*. "Leeches were used by the Founding Fathers to treat disease. Benjamin Franklin said their use was 'bleeding genius!' Everybody knows that. In order to make America great again in the Founders' eyes, it's our patriotic duty to reinstate their use. Leeches are readily available and will save the country billions of dollars over a very short period of time."



"The Great Prevaricator"

By Ralph Wolf Cowan, in Mar-a-Lago, surreptitiously hung there by Trump