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"AND YET HE PERSISTS" - DORIAN WAS TO HIT ALABAMA

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The Criterati have been all over President Trump this week for claiming *again* yesterday that his September 1 assertion that hurricane Dorian was to have hit Alabama was accurate. Enlisting the assistance of acting head of the Department of Homeland Security, Kevin McAleenan, Trump pointed to his black Sharpie-doctored map (*below*) which extends the National Hurricane Center's "Cone of Uncertainty" so as to include part of Alabama.



Some of Trump's critics have accurately pointed out that altering a U. S. Weather Service forecast map is a crime imposing a fine and not more than 90 days in jail. (We wish.)

They can relax. Trump has been extending the Presidential Cone of Uncertainty since his inauguration. His oft-said "We will have to wait and see," his many rhetorical reversals of stated intent (often on the same day), and creative use of "alternative facts," have expanded his "governing" cone of uncertainty to a degree

that even the great Werner Heisenberg could not have predicted.¹

This time Trump's critics have missed the point *entirely*. The White House Press Secretary, Stephanie Grisham, steadfastly maintained that Trump's obviously hand-drawn hurricane map was simply the stable genius' way of marking the 50th anniversary of Monty Python's *Dead Parrot Sketch*, widely regarded as their very best.



In the sketch, "Mr. Praline (Cleese) enters the pet shop to register a complaint about the dead Norwegian Blue parrot (parrots are not endemic to Norway) just as the shopkeeper (Palin) is preparing to close the establishment for lunch. Despite being told that the bird is deceased and that it had been nailed to its perch, the proprietor insists that it is 'pining for the fjords' or simply 'stunned'. As the exasperated Praline attempts to wake up the parrot, the shop keeper tries to make the bird move by hitting the cage,

¹ Naturally. In 1927 Heisenberg wrote that the position and the velocity of an object cannot both be measured exactly, at the same time, even in theory.

And Praline erupts into a rage after banging 'Polly Parrot' on the counter. He then lists several euphemisms for death ('is no more', 'has ceased to be', 'bereft of life, it rests in peace', and 'this is an ex-parrot.') - *Wikipedia*

Intended as a satire of poor customer service, Trump's hurricane map in celebration of it, actually gives the sketch a new, rich, relevant life at age 50. "No it doesn't." "Yes it does!"



In 2014, a 50 ft. fiberglass, commemorative "Norwegian Blue" Dead Parrot was hung in Potters' Field, near the Tower of London. You can find the lyrics and sketch on YouTube and numerous in other locations.