New Bedford Whaling Museum — thanks to the preservation efforts of the Marion Town House, funding a renovation to the Marion Town House, which was serving several arrest warrants to Mann, which police are not releasing the details about at this time. 

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“Grand Panorama of a Whaling Voyage ‘Round the World” — the 1846 oil painting which has seen more than 1,000 visitors a day at the New Bedford Whaling Museum — is about to be presented as it’s never been seen before when Kilburn Mills Studios in New Bedford’s South End hosts “A Spectacle in Motion.” The event will have the painting, seating by viewers via digital Spyjays, while the original will also be displayed in its entirety. Both the actual and digital exhibits will also feature new, original artwork commissioned by the museum, special performances at various times and more over the course of the summer exhibit. 

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Trump Jr. unfaezed by questioning on Russia meeting

Questioned intently by a Senate committee, President Donald Trump’s son acknowledged his eagerness to meet a Russian lawyer at Trump Tower in hopes of election-season dirt on Hillary Clinton, according to transcripts released Wednesday. Asked if he had been confronted by the idea that the meeting in June 2016 was part of a Russian government effort to help his father in the presidential race, Donald Trump Jr. said he didn’t give it much thought. Meanwhile on Wednesday, the Senate intelligence committee said it plans behind a 2017 assessment by U.S. intelligence agencies that Russia interfered in the election to hurt Clinton and help Trump. 

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NEW BEDFORD WHALING MUSEUM TO DISPLAY ‘GRAND PANORAMA’ AT KILBURN MILL 6

Thursday, May 17, 2018
Whaling Museum to exhibit historic ‘Grand Panorama’ in South End mill

Whaling Museum staffers review the Grand Panorama. The historic, and massive, painting will be displayed in its entirety for the first time in decades this summer as the imminent exhibition of "A Spectacle in Motion." The museum chanced to find the panoramic painting on Pope's Island, New Bedford, before Rodman was built in 1849. The Boston Armory Intrigue Christina Connett. The triangle that is one of only a few surviving American moving panoramas -- a popular and entertainment form that reached its peak in the mid-19th century. The Grand Panorama at Kilburn. The last time the panorama was displayed in its entirety was in 1969 on Pope's Island, New Bedford, before Rodman was built in 1849. (MCN Photo)

The Grand Panorama of a Whaling Voyage 'Round the World

Without hyperbole, it's accurate to write that The Grand Panorama of a Whaling Voyage 'Round the World is a national treasure. It is a 1.25-foot-long painting on canvas that depicts a whaling voyage -- originating in New Bedford, of course. It is no surprise, since it was painted in 1849 by New Bedford artists Benjamin Russell and Caleb Porrington, when the city was secure in its position as the world's top whaling port.

Museum materials state that it is a unique work of art because it is one of only a few surviving American moving panoramas -- a popular and entertainment form that reached its peak in the mid-19th century. Panoramas were very much the movies of the time period. In its time, and accompanied by narration, music and costumed interpreters, this Grand Panorama ran a hour and a half. All panoramas were "pyrotechnic effects"

Restoring the Grand Panorama

It’s nice to imagine that anyone can see the Grand Panorama at all -- let alone back in the city where it was created and on view through October 8, 2018.

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