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Live Free or Die!

The Motto of the State of New Hampshire

On the occasion of the birthday of this representative democracy, we thought it might be a good time to share the political philosophy of your beloved editor. As many attentive readers know your beloved ed. is a registered Republican, he is also that most common of all capitalist, a small business owner, he is a veteran of the US Navy, and a member in good standing of his local American Legion. He also has worked for Nader's folks at OSPiRG, spent three decades playing music, booking music, tending bar, and being a janitor in what they call the beverage service industry. He considers himself a fiscal conservative, a civil rights activist, an environmental advocate, and a libertarian constitutionalist. (we made that last one up.) who is all in all proud of his country. America's form of government was based on the systems of nature, as observed and practiced by the Iroquois Nations, and carefully studied, and accredited by Benj. Franklin in forming his feelings on the governing of the separate states under a federal system. We are also quite fond of the bunch of folks who organized themselves under these principals and practiced a new experiment in freedom. Sam Adams has always been our favorite, he owned a tavern. He also wouldn't ride horses. We are thinking of making him the patron saint of our radical anti-automobile group FEET FIRST! He was obviously way ahead of his time. He explained that you couldn't talk to people, and look them in the eye from a horse, and Sam talked a lot. Jefferson, the other Adams, Hamilton, even Washington were all, shall we say, individuals. None qualify for sainthood, but they managed to do something never done before or since. They formed a government of the people, for the people and by the people.

It still works. Some say it works better than they dreamed, some say it's going to hell in a hand basket. The fact that we know that and you are reading this is proof it still works. Oh, it's a beat up old system, corrupt as ever, clumsy slow and bureaucratic, petty and zealous, pretentious and pompous, but is still the best one out there. In the last few years there have appeared militant patriotic, sometimes racist, sometimes fascist groups, who call for the blood of patriots and tyrants to fertilized the tree of liberty, quoting Mr. Jefferson. Well, this is a government of the people, so the idea is to have the patriotic people kill the tyrant people, as a patriotic act? Who are the tyrant people, ATF, FBI, CIA, ITT, EXXON, GMC, SONY, M-O-U-S-E, or you and me?

How do we balance the opportunities of the capitalist system with the responsibilities to the natural systems it is based on, and the peoples rights to those natural systems profits. We know it's a scary world, but it's always been. The point is that we can all talk about it, argue it out, make decisions on what is going to be done about it. Oklahomocide is not an option. All of the people in this country pretty much have access to telephones and television, some to the internet, they have the tools to receive information and communicate their opinion of that information. What we appear to lack is energy and focus. Those were so common in the Sixties. We have all the tools and no idea what we want to build. May we suggest we as a people, and certainly as Americans, try to build a world where everyone comes into the world with a pretty good chance to have a family and contribute to the discussion. At the end of one era of the cold war, and the beginning of a new century, there is a window of opportunity for the conversation to be widened, we suggest on the occasion of the 221st birthday of freedom that our readers set their minds and hearts to the task of freedom. What can you do? Be creative, e-mail the Gov. & Mrs. K. congratulations. Call Elizabeth Furse and tell her thanks. Write Bill Sizeless suggest he get a life. Write to a militant racist group, being careful to leave no fingerprints or return address, and try to explain that they are within their rights to be pissed, but that their dogma has a basic flaw, and even given that we can still talk. It's in the First Amendment. We have often in an impaired state called the 800 numbers for Pat Robertson's TV show, and spent a pleasant 30 to 45 minutes in theological discussions with obviously young & zealous, but under trained, volunteers. "My oh, my", they are wont to exclaim, "can I let you talk to my supervisor?" To which we always reply, "No, it's more your personal feelings on prayer in school, flag burning, and gays that is interesting."



JULY - High Tides

AVERAGE HIGH TIDE (LOCAL TIME)				AVERAGE LOW TIDE (LOCAL TIME)			
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1 Tue			12:07 6.7	1 Tue	5:58 -0.5	5:36	2.0
1 -			11:43 9.0	2 Wed	6:50 -1.0	6:29	2.2
2 Wed			1:02 6.9	3 Thu	7:37 -1.2	7:20	2.2
3 Thu	0:29	9.0	1:52 7.1	4 Fri	8:20 -1.2	8:07	2.3
4 Fri	1:12	8.9	2:38 7.3	5 Sat	9:00 -1.1	8:52	2.3
5 Sat	1:54	8.7	3:21 7.3	6 Sun	9:38 -0.9	9:35	2.3
6 Sun	2:34	8.4	4:00 7.4	7 Mon	10:12 -0.7	10:17	2.3
7 Mon	3:13	8.2	4:37 7.4	8 Tue	10:45 -0.3	10:59	2.3
8 Tue	3:52	7.8	5:13 7.4	9 Wed	11:17 0.0	11:43	2.3
9 Wed	4:33	7.4	5:48 7.3	10 Thu	11:51 0.5		
10 Thu	5:17	7.0	6:24 7.3	11 Fri	0:31 2.2	12:27	1.0
11 Fri	6:08	6.5	7:02 7.4	12 Sat	1:26 2.1	1:10	1.4
12 Sat	7:09	6.0	7:45 7.5	13 Sun	2:28 1.8	2:01	1.9
13 Sun	8:22	5.6	8:33 7.6	14 Mon	3:33 1.4	2:59	2.3
14 Mon	9:37	5.6	9:23 7.8	15 Tue	4:35 0.8	4:01	2.5
15 Tue	10:46	5.7	10:15 8.1	16 Wed	5:31 0.2	5:02	2.6
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17 Thu			12:41 6.5	18 Fri	7:09 -1.0	6:52	2.3
18 Fri			11:55 8.7	19 Sat	7:55 -1.4	7:45	2.1
19 Sat	0:44	9.0	1:31 6.9	20 Sun	8:39 -1.6	8:36	1.8
20 Sun	1:34	9.1	2:18 7.2	21 Mon	9:22 -1.7	9:27	1.5
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22 Tue	3:15	9.0	3:45 7.9	23 Wed	10:48 -1.2	11:14	1.0
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The point is that America is a nation of laws, not of men, nor women of shared beliefs, as in; God said it, Jesus did it, I believe it, That settles it."

Laws are made by agreements of peoples with different beliefs and agendas that find a workable solution to the current problems, that is in the best interests of those effected by the problems, while not carelessly damaging the rights and well being of the rest of the people. It's a little more complicated, always messy, and, strangely enough, demands a greater leap of faith.

William Maxwell Mather-Young

March 14, 1977 - May 27, 1997



Will at his high school graduation in 1995 thanking Robin for her love and support in his life.

*Flying dreams freedom
Radiates from you
Wisdom to know what is worth doing
And what is not
Courage to speak the truth
Integrity to be still when truth is silence*
Lewis Holland

It is one of the tasks of a newspaper to let the community know when one of their own passes to that different plane. The Edge doesn't do this very often, but William Maxwell Mather Young made that passage, at age 20, through no fault of his own. And we know his family. His parents Robin and George, and his aunts & uncles, his God parents Phillis Brown and Larry Pershin, and so many folks that loved him want to thank the community for their support and love. That love is continuing to be shared by the creation of the "I Will" Foundation fund at the Portland Teachers Credit Union. The fund will provide experiences and adventures for young people. This is good.

BASEBALL

Baseball, what is becoming of it? Rupert Murdock is buying the Dodgers, Disney owns Anaheim, The Trib still owns the Cubs, but who owns the Trib? Seattle will get a new stadium, Interleague play is a big hit with the media and money boys. There is a woman pitching in the minors. The only thing constant is the Cubbies occupy the basement in their division.



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