

Letters & Opinion

Right Or Wrong

To the editor:

A former US President once said, "Men are not prisoners of fate, but only prisoners of their own minds." Our minds are certainly capable of exploring endless possibilities but we usually fail to consider universal absolute laws as we formulate our reality. We usually base our conclusions on any number of biases or false conclusions drawn from emotionally motivated beliefs, likes, dislikes, wants, don't wants or any other number of personal illusions. This creates this "prison of the mind" and always seems to fall very short of our intended conclusions so we call it fate. Being in scientific research for most of my adult life, it becomes obvious that we all agree and conform to natural laws since most will determine our safety and longevity. For example, if we jump out of a window, we can be absolutely sure that we will fall to earth because of gravity, and so on, but when dealing with the problems associated with the world today, we get a vast number of reasons and explanations by both qualified and unqualified individuals all serving to complicate the matter beyond anyone's true comprehension or so it seems. We are again prisoners of our minds but we like to call it fate. Albert Einstein once said, "Any intelligent fool can make things bigger and more complex... It takes a touch of genius - and a lot of courage to move in the opposite direction."

Our politicians have defined the reasons for our current predicament as a system that has failed. These false premises achieve reality through the media, the debates etc. adding more pseudo facts to our minds library to ensure the enslavement continues. This leads to the inevitable conclusion that we should consider more than one outcome to be correct. If we look at nature this is never the case. If we throw a ball in the air, it will most certainly come down, so why would we consider that if true facts are given there is more than one true and right answer?? In Wetherill's study he had coined the word humanetics, and the law is presented as nature's law of absolute right. It calls for thoughts and actions that are rational and honest. As Wetherill puts it, "People behave as if they had multiple choices, but natural law states just two: what is right or what is wrong. Right works; wrong cause's trouble." This would lead to the conclusion that the crisis occurring in this country and across the globe is caused by the lack of rational and honest thoughts and actions. Hence we live with the idea of being trapped by fate instead of moving in the opposite direction that simply states right action gets right results and vice versa. Pretty simple but exceedingly difficult since we tend to want to deny natural law and continue with inputs based on beliefs, emotions or half truths.

This is illustrated by the leader of the most successful political and economic country in the history of the world stating that the system has failed and has never worked. (Honest, rational???) In terms of the natural laws governing the universe as we know it, we are all humans and equal in our humanity as stated by Jefferson. Beyond that, the notion of equality is only an ideological fantasy. That doesn't stop some people from thinking we should all be the same (not rational or honest) and whine about the inequality of our situation relative to someone else. The notion of socialist envy, an emotional motivator, is a human frailty and should not be part of the discourse on rational and honest solutions to today's problems.

Don Bessler
Amherst

State Of New Hampshire Office Of The Governor

MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, Governor
August 22, 2014

Dear Citizens of New Hampshire,

In recent weeks, more than 45 people in New Hampshire, mostly in the Manchester area, have been seen by medical professionals with potentially serious medical reactions from ingesting a synthetic drug marketed as "Smacked." Due to the threat posed by these products to the health and safety of our citizens, I declared a State of Emergency on August 14th in order to quickly stop the sale of this dangerous substance and request the voluntary removal of other products commonly referred to as "spice." I am happy to say that most stores have voluntarily acted to remove "Smacked" from sale.

This synthetic drug, "Smacked," is only one of many synthetic drugs that pose a serious risk to public health and safety. Some of these synthetic drugs are sold as herbal incense, potpourri, and bath salts in colorful packaging and in a variety of retail settings. They are generally manufactured in small, clandestine laboratories by amateur chemists and are not tested by the FDA or approved for distribution or human consumption.

Synthetic drugs are ingested a number of ways, including smoking, brewing into a tea, swallowing or by injection. Some clinical signs and symptoms include anxiety and panic attacks, elevated blood pressure and heart rate, seizures, kidney failure, heart attack, and sudden death. Sleepiness, aggressive or violent behavior, agitation, and confusion have also been cited by emergency room physicians.

It is our responsibility to do whatever we can to combat the use of synthetic drugs and the threat that they pose to public health and safety. As a result, I asked the Department of Health and Human Services to spearhead a public awareness effort - in conjunction with their contracted regional public health networks - to educate Granite Staters about the serious threat and harm posed by the use of synthetic drugs. I want to thank you in advance for participating in this important effort.

With every good wish,
Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor

Town Employees Bring Professionalism and Dedication to Their Jobs

To the editor:

Several weeks ago, Brian Gleason, resigned from his position as Amherst's Director of Emergency Services.

Brian served the Town of Amherst with pride and distinction for over 14 years. He was well respected by colleagues from around the state. He brought a level of professionalism and dedication not only to EMS but also to the Town he worked for. No town could ask for a better employee and Amherst and the squad were lucky to have had him.

Brian's dedication to his job and to the Town of Amherst should not go unnoticed or unappreciated. He like other Town employees throughout the years were part of the Amherst family. No matter where they called home, the Town became part of their DNA and the citizens their friends.

As a former Selectman, I knew that without these folks, our Town could not function as it does. They often went above and beyond their job descriptions. They were and are a group of people that should be recognized and thanked and always treated kindly by the people that also call Amherst home.

Sincerely
Marilyn Peterman

Lawrence Lessig: We The People Can End the Corporate Corruption of Congress

To the editor:

Lawrence Lessig is coming to town on September 24. The time: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The place: The Amato Center in Milford. Lessig is the brilliant Harvard Law School Professor who is working to get money out of politics and corruption out of Washington, DC. Founder of The New Hampshire Rebellion and Mayday PAC, Lessig presents his plan to elect legislators who will commit to legislating for campaign finance reform. Granny D was his inspiration; Aaron Swartz was too. Lessig and supporters walked from Dixville Notch to Nashua in the middle of our record-cold winter, starting and ending on the birthdays of these two inspirational people. The movement begun by Granny D is now called The Coalition for Open Democracy, and this coalition now includes The New Hampshire Rebellion. It's a great joining of forces.

Wadleigh Library is sponsoring this event. It is free and open to the public on a first-come, first-seated basis. You will want to put this event in ink on your calendars. You will want to bring your young adults.

And one more thing, Lessig has already endorsed two candidates from New Hampshire, one from each party: Republican, Jim Rubens, is running for the Senate; Democrat, Carol Shea-Porter, is running for the House of Representatives. Lessig's endorsement indicates he believes these are candidates who will work hard in Washington for campaign finance reform. This is a bipartisan movement we can all support.

Pete and Nan Stearns
Amherst

Amherst Recycling Task Force

The Task Force meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at the Office of DPW – residents are welcome. Visit: www.amherst-nh.gov/publicworks/transfer.html for complete details.

Amherst Recycling Center

Hours: Tuesday: 12 noon to 8 p.m.
Thursday: 12 noon to 8 p.m.
Friday: 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Saturday: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fee Structure (PAID AT THE SCALE HOUSE)

Appliances with Freon: Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, Freezers, \$10.00
Brush over 6" diameter: \$0.10/lb.
Demolition & Construction material (No asbestos or asbestos shingles): \$0.10/lb.
Propane Gas Cylinders: Check at Scale House for price based on size.
Car Tires: \$2.50 each. Truck Tires: \$10.00 each.
TVs, Computer Monitors, CRTs: \$5.00 each.

Aluminum Cans

Recycle on aluminum can sorting table; rinse and squash.

Batteries-Alkaline

Put in trash compactors.

Batteries-Rechargeable

Take to Radio Shack, Nashua Hazardous Waste Center, or place in special battery container in recycling area.

Batteries-Car

Stack At Designated Area.

Books

Put in Book Shed or recycle soft cover books in mixed paper compactor. Take covers off hard cover book and recycle in mixed paper compactor; put covers in trash.

Brush-up to 6"

Put in brush pile at top of hill.

Brush – over 6"

Pay at Scale House, then put in brush pile at top of hill.

Yard Waste

Put in compost pile: Grass clippings, leaves, pine needles, garden waste and COLD fireplace ashes; no brush, rocks, food products, flower pots, or plastic bags.

Cell Phones & PDAs

Recycle at Scale House, or with Peabody Mill Environmental Center at the Library, Town Hall, or Wilkins School.

Clean, untreated lumber

Dispose of at top of hill: Not painted or stained, no pressure treated items, no plywood, no wood-like composite material.

Clothing/Textiles

Must be clean, dry, and in plastic bags—clothing, bedding, rags, or towels. No pillows or sleeping bags. Place in collection container.

Commingles

Recycle plastic and metal containers on commingle sorting table

Corrugated Cardboard

Recycle in cardboard compactor; flattened, clean, dry, no pizza boxes.

Electronics

Check at the Scale House – VCRs, radios, electronic equipment; computer equipment. - Place "intact" CPU box (all components including hard drive) and laptops into the container dedicated to CPU's. TVs/computer monitors – pay at Scale House.

Fluorescent Lights

Recycle in covered plastic containers near trash compactors.

Glass

Recycle on glass sorting table; bottles, drinking glasses, ceramic coffee cups, plate glass, and window panes.

Kitty Litter

MUST be disposed of in trash. Cannot be Recycled.

Visit transfer station website or ask attendants on duty.

Magazines, Newspapers

Recycle in newspaper & magazine recycle container; newspapers with inserts, magazines, direct mail catalogs.

Mixed Paper

Recycle in mixed paper compactor (details below).

Motor Oil

Dispose of in oil collection tank; no antifreeze or synthetic oil. Dispose of antifreeze in antifreeze collection tank.

Paint

Latex paint thoroughly dried – put in trash; Oil based paints, stains, thinners – take to Hazardous Waste Center in Nashua.

Scrap Metal

Put in Metal Pile. All large and small metal items. Appliances that do not contain Freon. Metal frames from Hide-abeds.

Still Good Shed

Games, household items, toys, sporting goods, and manageable furniture (see attendant first). The volume of items deposited often gets out of hand and after a period of time the building is

Department of Public Works

Amherst Transfer Station Hours

Tuesdays: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursdays: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Saturdays: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Hot Tub Repairs

Fast, professional repairs for all major brands.

www.SeasonalStores.com

Open all year. Click on Sales/Specials for weekly specials, or Hours for this month's store hours. Swimming Pools, Patio Furniture, Hot Tubs, Pool Tables, Bars & Stools, Grills & Smokers.



120 Route 101A
Amherst, NH
(603) 880-8471



Letters To the editor:

The Amherst Citizen is eager to serve as a community forum. We welcome your letters, opinions, and commentaries and make every effort to run them in their entirety. We do reserve the right to edit. The views and opinions expressed do not necessarily represent the position of the staff of The Amherst Citizen.

Please direct your letters, views and commentary to the Editor, The Amherst Citizen, P.O. Box 291, Amherst, NH 03031-0291, or e-mail your submission to: news@amherstcitizen.com. We will attempt to run your letter as submitted (space permitting) providing it is signed and phone number is included.

The AMHERST CITIZEN

Cliff Ann Wales
Publisher & Editor

Jim Wales
Advertising & Production

Published 22 times a year on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each Month, on the last Tuesday July and August, and the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in December. (Dates may vary near Holidays or elections.)

Subscriptions: \$17.50 per year (prepaid)
P.O. Box 291, Amherst, NH 03031-0291
Phone: 672-9444 Fax: 672-8153 e-Mail: news@amherstcitizen.com



THE AMHERST CITIZEN Schedule of Issues

— 2014 —

September 9 November 11
September 23 November 25
October 14 December 2
October 28 December 16

— 2015 —

January 13 February 24
January 27 March 5
February 10 March 24

Issue dates may be subject to change.
Watch future issues for schedule updates.
Phone: 672-9444 Fax: 672-8153
e-Mail: news@amherstcitizen.com

NEXT ISSUE:

Tues., September 23, 2014

Deadline: 5 p.m.

Wednesday, September 17

How to contact us:

Phone: 603-672-9444

Fax: 603-672-8153

Mail: PO Box 291
Amherst, NH 03031

eMail:

News: news@amherstcitizen.com

Ads: ads@amherstcitizen.com

on the World Wide Web:
www.amherstcitizen.com



© 2014 The Amherst Citizen. All rights reserved.

The Amherst Citizen assumes no financial responsibility for errors in advertisements except as produced by the newspaper and provided it is notified within 48 hours of publication, then which the newspaper will reprint that portion of the ad where the error occurs in the next issue. Photographs or artwork submitted become our property and will not be returned unless requested in advance. The Amherst Citizen reserves the right to reject and not to print any advertisement or article it believes to be offensive, defamatory or in otherwise bad taste, and not in keeping with the focus of this newspaper. Articles, ads, photographs, artwork, and any other material herein, may not be reproduced by any means without the written permission of the publisher.