

We Are A Nation of Laws... Or Are We?

Law means that we must abide by the judicial and legislative processes. None of us is wise enough, experienced enough, or knowledgeable enough to decide what is just law! We are imperfect vessels and we must rely upon the accumulated wisdom of legal precedents and legislative, judicial, and jury deliberations!

We must always fear the dictatorship of the individual having power over us who thinks that he or she knows best! President Obama, for example, fundamentally changed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act without Congressional legislation!

President Obama, as an even more egregious example, also without Congressional legislation, disregarded federal law making unauthorized immigration a federal crime. He did so through Article II, Section 3 of the United States Constitution states that he "shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed!"

* United States Code Section 1227 (a)(1)(B) concerning "Inadmissible Aliens" provides, "Any alien who is present in the United States in violation of this chapter or any other law of the United States, or whose non-immigrant visa (or other documentation authorizing admission into the United States as a non-immigrant) has been revoked under section 1201 of this title, is deportable."

* United States Code Section 1325 (a) (3) concerning "Improper entry by alien" provides that such person "shall, for the first commission of any such offense, be fined under title 18 or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both, and for a subsequent commission of any such offense, be fined under title 18, or imprisoned for not more than two years, or both."

None of us, including the President of the United States, has the right to obey only the laws we like lest we have lawlessness, anarchy, and political instability. Witness the tragic absence of the rule of law in dozens of countries around the world.

No foreign adversary can endanger our beloved country as can disregard of the law!

Disregard of the law brings uncertainty! Sir Edward Coke (1552-1634) the eminent English barrister and judge opined, "The known certainty of the law is the safety of all."

We do not have certainty when the President, disregarding the legislative and judicial processes, changes or disregards settled law. For then we do not know what other settled law he

will change or disregard!

United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Say O'Connor put it best when she said in an interview in 2009 with Marianne Schnall of The Huffington Post, "The law provides necessary continuity amidst our constantly shifting political landscape. Commitment to the law provides a basic assurance that people can know what to expect whether what they do is popular or unpopular at the time. It allows people to order their lives in important ways. It also provides important benefits to society as a whole."

One of the grievances against King George III in the Declaration of Independence was his "abuses and usurpations" in "fatiguing" legislative bodies "into compliance with his measures." That is, he made the legislative bodies subservient to him and irrelevant!

Neither king nor President may be legislator! The Congress has "all the legislative powers" under Article I Section 1 and the President has "the executive power" under Article III, Section 1 of the United States Constitution.

Or shall we return to the days of George III?

Stephen Schoeman
Westfield

Philae

@ESA_Rosetta

CNN... It flew for 10 years, crossed millions of miles of space, bounced over the surface of a comet and returned heaps of data ... and then quietly faded away. The little spacecraft Philae that has captured the imagination of thousands with endearing tweets to the comet-chasing mother ship Rosetta stopped transmitting when its batteries drained.

"@ESA_Rosetta I'm feeling a bit tired did you get all my data? I might take a nap ..."

The forlorn message was picked up by followers of @Philae2014 shortly before it fell silent.

Countdown

Obama's last day as president will be January 20, 2017, which is a Friday. Obama's last full day in the White House will be on Jan. 19, 2017, which is a Thursday.

Time remaining until Obama is gone:

25.8 mths or 785 days.

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Letters to the Editor

Newark Communities for Accountable Policing Responds to Ferguson Crisis

Following the decision of a grand jury in Ferguson, Missouri, not to indict police officer Darren Wilson in the death of Michael Brown, Newark Communities for Accountable Policing (N-CAP) issues the following statement:

Today's announcement reminds all Americans of the troubling reality of the treatment by police of communities of color in the United States. When black, teenage males are 21 times more likely to be shot and killed by police than their white peers, we must acknowledge that we face a national policing crisis.

Ferguson may be a thousand miles away, but Newark communities also suffer from an absence of police accountability that has led to countless incidents of misconduct and abuse, including the use of excessive force, unconstitutional stop-and-frisk practices, and racially disparate enforcement. We too have a policing crisis in Newark. As our work to build a respectful, accountable, and transparent

police department continues, we join in solidarity with the people of Ferguson and communities all across the United States fighting for justice and equality.

Tomorrow, November 25th, N-CAP will join with the People's Organization for Progress at a rally to call for justice in Ferguson and in Newark. The rally will be held at the Lincoln Memorial Statue in Newark on West Market Street at 5 p.m.

Newark Communities for Accountable Policing (N-CAP) is a new movement to build a respectful, accountable, and transparent Newark Police Department. The steering committee of N-CAP includes: 1199SEIU Healthcare Workers East, American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey, Ironbound Community Corporation, NAACP of New Jersey State Conference, New Jersey Communities United, Newark LGBTQ Community Center, and People's Organization for Progress.

Rashawn Davis
ACLU-NJ Organizer

Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Mo.: Is Time to Learn About The Disease

Did you know Alzheimer's Disease — the most common form of Dementia — is also the sixth leading cause of death in the United States? According to the latest facts and figures listed on the Alzheimer's Association Website, "every 67 seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's." As an Alzheimer's care manager, I provide support for caregivers who spend countless hours caring for someone living with Alzheimer's Disease. Though each case is different, almost all caregivers can identify a time or place in retrospect where they first noticed signs of Alzheimer's Disease in loved ones but weren't sure of where to go for help or what to do next. With time, the disease can become stressful, sometimes escalate rapidly, or have a negative impact on caregiver's health.

November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness month, and as a caregiver it is important to spend time learning about the disease, common behaviors, and most importantly, how to communicate and provide care for someone who is diagnosed or living with the disease. What causes Alzheimer's and how to cure it remains a mystery, but we know counseling caregivers and their families results in greater caregiver well-being. As evidenced by over 20 years of scientific trial led and created by epidemiologist and researcher Dr. Mary Mittelman, the New York University Caregiver Intervention (NYUCI)—available and offered at our agency — provides caregivers with education and coun-

seling specifically for spousal caregivers, helping to create a framework for care. In turn, caregivers and their families feel better equipped to face the challenges and strains brought on by what can become an unpredictable, tumultuous, and life changing disease. To raise your awareness or to find out more about the NYUCI intervention, Alzheimer's Disease, or other services and programs offered by Jewish Family Service of Central NJ, call Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey at (908)352-8375 or via e-mail MLopes@jfscentralnj.org.

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Reader Thinks Greyhound and Pet Expo Photo Choice Was Brain Dead

I've been a subscriber for many years and enjoy reading *The [Westfield] Leader*. But what brain dead photographer took the front page photo (November 20) of a woman with small terrier dogs (clearly not greyhounds and probably bought from a breeder) as an example for the caption "Adopt Me - The Greyhound Friends of NJ Craft Show and Pet

Expo adoption event held Saturday (and Sunday) at the Westfield Armory?"

There were plenty of greyhounds in the Armory that the photographer should have used for the front page photo to save retired racers' lives and promote adoption.

Jean Power
Westfield



EDITOR'S NOTE...The photographer took several photos at the Greyhound Friends of New Jersey Craft Show and Pet Expo. The editors selected one to publish. The writer believes the above photo would have been a better choice.

That's a Terrific Photo!

Maybe you could include it on the front page of the November 27th edition, to promote adoption! Did you know that before the greyhound rescue groups got involved, that race track owners paid farmers to shoot retired racers (4 yr. old and older) at \$10 per dog?

Jean Power
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Dear Doctors,

I can hear! I can hear!

I just wanted to drop a quick note to thank you all for your help in bringing my left ear back to "life". As I was driving to work after getting fitted for the hearing aid, I put on my directional to make a turn and began to hear a "click,click,click". For a second I was puzzled as to what that noise was... until I realized it was the clicking from the turn signal, which I haven't heard in ages!!!

Working on the phone is certainly less of a strain and watching TV, without having to adjust the volume back and forth, is much more enjoyable.

With warm regards,
Tom M.

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