

REES' Pieces

Has the pin been pulled on the grenade?

For several years we have been getting this uneasy feeling that some groups or individuals with lots of power and determination, for their own benefit, have been slowly plotting to reduce or, in some cases, eliminate totally individual or perhaps an entire society's rights.

For years, I have had then uneasy feeling pre-WWW II, similar thoughts against USA had been contemplated, or had been started. This past week my presumptions were confirmed. I'll explain in a moment.

Being a newsy, when I watch television, it is a news network. CNN and MSNBC are my favourites. One evening, Rachel Maddow, an American television news program host and political commentator. Maddow hosts The Rachel Maddow Show, a weekly television show on MSNBC. She announced publication of a new book, PREQUEL, Prequel: An American Fight Against Fascism. She revealed that in the 30's Germany was working with a group of congressmen, senators and prominent business people to overthrow the USA government. In fact, some politicians were kicked out of their party. Some of the culprits actually face jail time.

Remember the adage, what goes around comes around? Is it ironic that 80+ years later United States faced a similar situation on January 6th. That's not the worst of it. Learning what they did wrong in 2020, they are at it again with greater intensity to win in 2024.

The shame of it all, national polls in USA have Trump running neck-n-neck with Biden, even though Trump is facing four indictments, and many other legal battles. It's that because Biden is weaker than we thought, or is the USA not so lily white as the World's leader for democracy?

Add to that the Republican who controls Congress is heading towards three weeks of being leaderless, causing Congress to a halt.

Then on October 7th, Israel and Hamas, started firing thousands, upon thousands of rockets and killing almost 4,000 people. Yemen and Lebanon have started firing missals into Israel. The entire mid-East is like a time bomb with a very short fuse. Anything could happen in an hour or two.

Of course, we should not forget about Ukraine and its battle with Russia. Their battles have not been as much in the forefront since October 7th. But their war is still there, and they need the Republicans to chose a new speaker and quickly approve additional funding and armaments. Meanwhile, while the Republicans are in self-destruct mode, Biden is sending a request to Congress for \$Billion in funding for Ukraine Israel, southern border and other causes.

Here at home its not easy. India and Canada are honing their knives for a battle, and of course our relationship with China get worse every week.

So, we all know about grenades, I checked the dictionary. A grenade is an explosive weapon typically thrown by hand, but can also refer to a shell shot from the muzzle of a rifle or a grenade launcher.

The heading on this piece asked the question. Please help me decide, or assist to ensure the pin has not been pulled on the grenade. Or is it worse than that, maybe a bomb?

Now that my rant is over, it's time to focus on some very good news here at home. In this issue you will find citation on almost a dozen outstanding people or groups, who were recognized by the Lieutenant-Governor at the 2023 Provincial Volumeters recognitions. We published the successful municipal volunteers for the Funday region, comprising Cumberland, Colchester and East Hants. In this regional there are thousands of dedicated volunteers. All of them are winners and appreciated in their home community. Unfortunately, only a few get called to the podium.

The other group who were recognized were almost a dozen, who had extra reasons to celebrate Small Business Week. They received certificates and awards at the annual Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce Small Business Awards ceremony on Thursday, October 20th. The 2023 award ceremony was historical in two ways. It had the largest attendance of members in memory. The second and most important historical aspect involved being held in Legends located in the Millbrook Power Centre.

Have a good month, start getting ready for Christmas.

Maurice

Letters to the editor

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100-Year-Old Veteran Remembers the Fallen

Dear Editor,

I lost my right arm on October 18, 1944, while serving with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in Italy. I was staked at a farmhouse that had a children's treehouse located nearby. In the treehouse was a

sniper who kept shooting at our boys. A tank then came which shot out shells, the shrapnel hitting my right arm.

When I returned home from the war, I joined The War Amps and have been a member ever since. This Association

was started by First World War amputee veterans to help each other adapt to their new reality as amputees.

Having just recently turned 100, I am reflecting this Remembrance Day upon all those who served in my regiment and never returned home. Their absence weighs on me and it is essential that we keep their memory alive. I take comfort in knowing that The War Amps and its young members will continue to keep spreading the message long into the future.

The sacrifices of those who served (and continue to serve) deserve to be remembered and honoured. Each Remembrance Day serves as a poignant reminder of the tremendous price paid by these brave individuals. Their

selflessness and courage continue to resonate, and it is our duty to ensure that their legacy endures.

Lloyd Brown, 100
Member of The War Amps



Second World War amputee veteran Lloyd Brown in 1943 and today. (War Amps Photo)

Dear Media and Colleagues:

The Pugwash District High School (PDHS), 192 Church Street, will declare at 2:30pm, Friday, October 20th that it is a Nuclear Weapon Free Zone. The declaration resulted from a petition which was signed by the students and faculty.

A plaque will be installed in the high school with the following wording:

The threat of nuclear weapons harming all life on Earth is simply too great to ignore and

due to this, the students, faculty, and school community of Pugwash District High School hereby declare our school as a nuclear-weapon-free zone. We collectively oppose the use of nuclear weapons and call for total disarmament.

The Pugwash High School may be the first school in Canada to make this declaration.

Robert Cervelli, Executive Director
Centre for Local Prosperity

Homeowner Ordered Off Her Property

Submitted by Kelly Sanderson

On the afternoon of Wednesday, October 11, lifelong Truro resident and homeowner Karin Irving, was ordered off of her own property by a member of the Truro Police Service. Irving had rented out her home for the months of August and September. The tenants had not paid rent since August.

They brought a large dog into the home in violation of the lease. And they changed the locks. In accordance with the Notice to Quit issued by Irving, the tenants were supposed to have vacated the premises no later than October 8. After providing the requisite 24 hours notice, Irving, along with several family members, a local real estate agent, and four Truro Police officers, visited the property on October 11 in order to enable the realtor to assess the property for sale, which is within their rights under the terms of the Nova Scotia Residential Tenancies Act.

When the tenants refused them entry, the police officer ordered Irving and her entire party off her property, saying this wasn't a police matter but a civil matter. They could not

allow her to escalate the encounter for the safety of the current occupants - the squatters - to gain access to her property and instead issued the verbal trespass in response.

Irving, who rented her small home to earn some money to get her through the coming winter, is now homeless and living on her parents' sofa while her former tenants, now squatters, Shane Meinema and Ryan Becker, both from Ontario, enjoy her home, along with, Marissa Renaud who has moved in full time with the 2 original lessees. Irving has reason to believe damage has been done inside the home.

"I've worked hard all my life to afford to buy a home. I pay my mortgage. I pay my taxes. And I'm literally homeless," said Irving. "I can't even get my winter coat from my garage because they changed the locks."

And neither the police nor the Tenancies Board will do anything to help me. Aren't these folks supposed to uphold the law? A frustrated Irving added, "These people are now trespassing in my home. But I'm the one who got kicked off my property!"

Irving had a hearing sched-

uled with the Nova Scotia Residential Tenancies Board on November 29th. But

in the meantime, she submitted for a formal Notice to Quit, which the Board's representative said is invalid due to a small mistake in filling out the form requiring her to start over.

"With the current housing crisis, it is understandable that no public officials want to be responsible for putting people out in the street," said Kelly Sanderson, Irving's sister. "But my sister is currently in the hospital because of the stress this has caused her. This is just so wrong. And it's made worse by the complete absence of support from the authorities who are supposed to protect us."

Several local officials have taken up the cause, but all get the same story from the police, that it isn't a police matter. Exasperating the issue is the difficulty accessing the tenancy board as in Truro this handled through Access Nova Scotia.

The head of Nova Scotia Residential Tenancies Board has reached out and confirmed that the initial Notice to quit was rejected to an error on the form.

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