

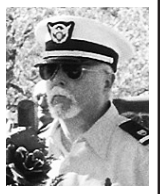
DEDICATED TO THE PROMOTION OF TOWNS COUNTY

OPINIONS & COMMENTARY

Semper Fi, Dick Metzler!

After serving in the USMC and the other jobs I started working in the "Merchant Marine field", not knowing a thing about the Merchant Marine...

The Veterans' Corner Scott Drummond USCG Veteran



During WW II the Merchant Marine was under the command of the USCG that was responsible for building of thousands of commercial vessels and training of Merchant Marine personnel...

The Merchant Marine continues to serve and support most of the US Military supplies, 7 to 15 tons per soldier per year; through the Military Sea Transportation Service (MSTS).

The Merchant Marine is one of the services that has its own academy. The MMA is located at Kings Point, NY, and serves to train Merchant Marine Officers.

R. Metzler (Capt.)

An Attitude of Exceptionalism

We often give our institutions and our intentions more credit than they deserve for how history unfolds.

The Middle Path

By: Don Perry

From the very beginnings of this nation there has been a struggle to hunt and gather the resources that allowed us to prosper.

This country has been at war for all but a handful of the years since 1776, and the clear majority of those wars have been either to expand our borders or beyond our borders.

Today we have numerous military bases outside of our borders. The exact number is argued, but it is reported to be around 200 bases.

From the years leading up to WWI, our affluence has depended heavily on one thing: oil.

One clear indicator of a healthy economy is the economic virtuous cycle. A simple, "back of the napkin" description of that self-propagating cycle is that investment leads to growth in production...

EROI is an acronym for "energy return on investment." Some economists argue that when you chart EROI against wage growth, there is a correlation.

That situation is changing. Energy is more expensive to find, extract, convert to usable forms and distribute.

What if the relative peace and prosperity that have learned to expect as given - was a black swan event. What if human nature only allows the hard-fought freedoms and privileges we have enjoyed to flourish when the economy is expanding...

More evidence for the "EROI theory of history" can be found in our uncomfortable alliance with Saudi Arabia, a nation whose beliefs and customs are almost anathema to our own.

Here in our peaceful valleys, isolated from so many of the troubles of the world, it has been easy to judge the decisions of empire builders. We stand by our opinion that greed and lust for power motivate much of what happens in the world.

Korea, Vietnam, The Balkans, Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Syria - These are holes that we dug and backfilled with "nation building" and "spreading democracy."

It is easy to judge the people who think they are defending a "way of life," but if we accept that way of life without question (and often without gratitude), we are complicit in the decisions that created it.

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

Hemlocks are an integral part of our forest ecosystems. They provide shelter for animals in the winter, keep streams cool, and aid in maintaining unique plant communities.

UGA extension From the Ground Up Melissa Mattee



HWA was first detected in the eastern part of the United States in 1951, though it had been on the West Coast since the 1920s. It is native to Asia, and it is thought it was introduced on an imported Asian hemlock tree.

This insect has a unique and complex life cycle with six stages: one egg, four nymphal (immature) phases, and one adult. Adult females that overwinter are oval-shaped, soft-bodied and black, but have a characteristic "woolly" appearance.

HWA is found most often on the newest growth because this is where the tree directs the most nutrients. However, as they feed, the tree senses the attack and blocks off affected area.

The best way to treat HWA problems is to prevent them. You can do this by treating your hemlocks with an insecticide (usually imidacloprid) that is injected into the soil.

In addition to pesticides, a powerful means of controlling these insects is releasing their natural predators. Several species of predatory beetles which specialize on HWA have been imported and evaluated for their ability to control these populations.

Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor: Mind control from Towns County to Wall St: The Southern Baptist option or the Roman Catholic option. These are just two recent examples of how our minds are being manipulated by the media...

Sincerely, Lance G. Jobson

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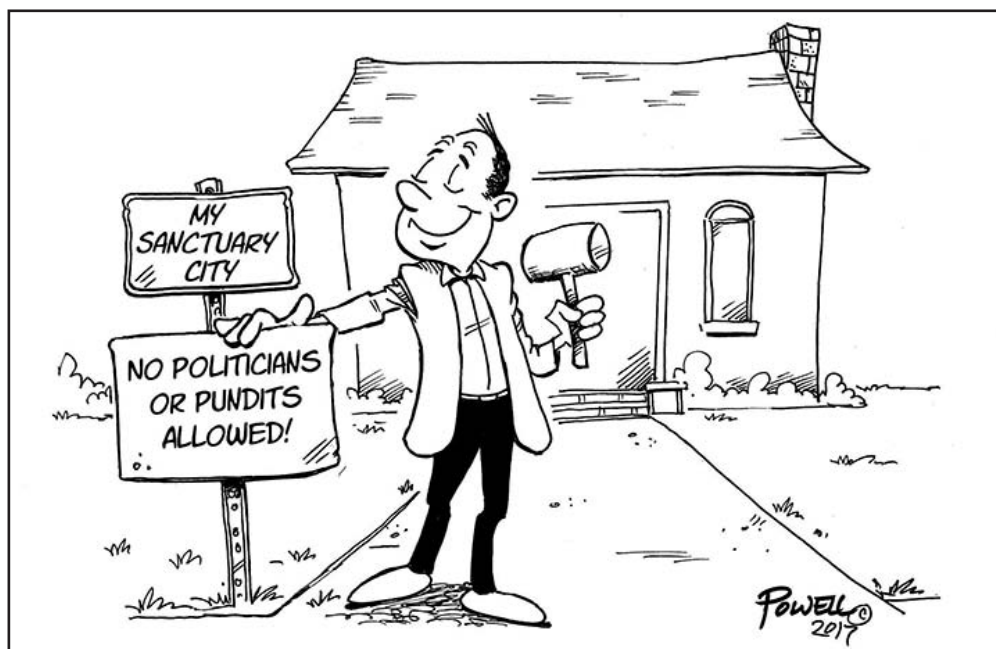
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