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Dead Woodchucks

by Phil Groce

When the Cold War was at its height many years ago, high schools were required to teach civics. In that course, one of the subjects was the elements of propaganda. They required the students to be able to identify Soviet propaganda when they encountered it. With the advent of the electronic age, the government of Russia has not sat on its heels, and with Putin at the head, they have become expert in propaganda. And now we are beginning to copy them. How so?

Propaganda always has a kernel of truth. The rest is false. If you, as a politician, tell a lie connected to a kernel of truth, you must never admit it, because if you do, then you are admitting to the possibility that you might lie again. Not to be trusted. If you tell a lie, then make it a habit to lie. And continually change the subject so that, even if you have told 7000 lies over time, no one can attain traction by investigating any one of them. That's old news. What really sticks, is what is first broadcasted. And keep broadcasting lies and overwhelm the press. They won't be able to keep up. Or if they try, they find they are faced with another lie the next day. Where to start? The liar then controls the narrative of the news.

But if the opposition tells a lie, or makes a mistake, then expose it. But do not drop it. Hang on to it like a bulldog shaking a woodchuck by the neck. Keep shaking it. Those who openly support the liar will shake right along, and never stop. If you keep saying something over and over again—all in unison—there exists a sizable segment of the populace who will eventually believe it and join along shaking the poor dead woodchuck. If ever that subject is brought up again, shake baby shake. The 7000 liar gets off without criticism, because you cannot expose 7000 dead woodchucks. Who wants to listen to that? Old news. Fake news.

Putin has taught us that if you can control the narrative, and you can surround yourself with rich and powerful individuals who know that if they say yes to you, they will profit. Thence you have oligarchy, and that deteriorates into fascism. Really? Just ask the Germans. They regret having to live through that with Hitler. They are looking at us in amazement. Don't we know? No, we don't. We don't require civics anymore, or if we do, is anyone listening? All we have is 7000 dead woodchucks to comfort us. Some comfort.

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Lance Lee, founder of the Apprenticeshop, at the Apprenticeshop dock getting Tremolino ready for the crossing to Greens Island where Lance maintains an eclectic campground of yurts and cabins built by and for adventurous Apprentices.

Also going to Greens is the nineteenth century fishing peapod Squidward, and an Apprenticeshop signature Susan skiff. These boats, all built at the Apprenticeshop, together with a mix of past and present Apprentices from around the world, will perform for a few days in a movie being made about Lance's career in experiential education.

Tremolino is a scaled down version of a Mediterranean smuggling vessel of that name that plays a part in *The Arrow of Gold*, a novel by Joseph Conrad that was an inspiration to Lance. Photo by David Long.

Business or Pleasure? Let's have both.

By Steve Carroll

Rockland, like so many other towns and cities across America, is looking to attract new residents.

When deciding where they want to live, people consider many factors. An oceanfront town with a beautiful harbor and thriving main street can certainly be attractive.

A quiet place with many outdoor recreational activities are also important points people consider.

Rockland like many other forward-thinking communities has the opportunity to have both housing and recreation. Developers have now discovered a way to incorporate recreation with-in their housing complexes. Now you will often find tennis courts, rec centers with a fitness room and outdoor areas for walking, biking or just relaxation. These enhancements go a long way to sell the community to potential buyers. Progressive town halls have discovered that by working with developers, they can have both the housing revenue and recreational opportunities they both desire.

For so long Rockland has looked at potential development as an either-or proposition. Recently an oceanfront condo and retail complex was squashed because it was decided business and housing do not go well together on Tilson Ave.

Another harbor project remains mired in the muck over a debate on public access to the inner harbor. It would be good if the City could understand that business development and public good can go hand in hand.

Now comes a proposal from the newly formed Rockland Parks and recreation Advisory committee. They are seeking the "blessing" of the City Council to raise money to acquire a large undeveloped parcel overlooking the community and Penobscot Bay.

This proposal has all the potential of removing 63 acres of prime land from the tax roles. Currently, this property generates over \$7,000 in taxes for the city. Now just imagine ten or more million-dollar homes and the taxes that would be generated annually. I suggest that the city work with a developer to design a housing complex that incorporates bike and walking trails for public access. The city could also work with Yachting solutions to create a public landing that incorporates an extended boardwalk, entertainment venues, expanded public access and facilities for the mega-yachts. Why not also look at a way to bring waterfront condo's to Tilson Avenue? The old Bicknell building would make a beautiful indoor market area. Rockland has so much potential. We could re-establish Main street to become more pedestrian-friendly with more off-street parking and expanded access behind Main street. People would love to live here, however, with poor schools and high taxes this city has become less competitive with other attractive coastal communities. So should our focus be on business or pleasure? Why not have both?



The Grace Bailey stranded on a ledge Aug. 15 in the Fox Island Thoroughfare. She is seen hauled out for repairs on the old marine railway at Rockland's North End Shipyard. This 123 foot coasting schooner was built in 1882 and sailed for many years carrying cargo before being restored in 1990 and fitted for passenger service. Photo by David Long.

- Farmers' Markets:** Camden Saturday Market: 9 a.m. to noon at Tannery Park... Rockland Thursday Market: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Harbor Park Union Friday Market: 3-6 p.m. on Union Common. The August 23 market will feature music by D.W. Gill. Waldoboro Saturday Market: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the town office.
- New Schedule for Rockland Public Library: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. •

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23:

- Friday Tours in Downtown Camden, meet at 4 p.m. at Camden Public Library Children's Garden, wend through the downtown with a guide who will drop historical tidbits, and end on the Village Green. Tours run to September 13.
- Holly Clough at Saint George River Cafe, Warren village, at 6 p.m. She sings folk. No cover.
- Nora Cavin at Rock City Cafe in Rockland, 7 p.m. She'll sing classics from the Great American Songbook and tunes by Duke Ellington, George and Ira Gershwin, Fats Waller and Bob Dylan, accompanied by Lincoln Blake on keys.
- "Interrupted Melody," 7 p.m., Friday Night Film Series at Thomaston Public Library. An opera star stricken with polio makes a comeback with the help of her physician husband and by singing for soldiers who are also wheelchair bound.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24:

- Book Festival in Thomaston at Maine Authors Publishing, 12 High Street, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thirty-one Maine writers will be there to sign and sell their books. With refreshments, talks, live music by Castlebay and an area for kids. Admission is free.
- "Sal's Birthday Bash," 5 p.m. at St. George Town Office. Sally Robinson Long turns 96 this year and everybody's invited to celebrate at her party with a country, gospel and folk jam and public supper. Her wish is to raise donations for the St. George Volunteer Ambulance Service.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25:

- Bay Winds North Ensemble Playing in Camden Library Amphitheatre, at 2 p.m. The community concert band with players of all ages from here and away perform. Bring a chair or blanket.
- Rosey Gerry and Camie Rogues in Warren, 2 p.m. at Old Woolen Mill Park's gazebo in the village. They'll play an eclectic program, from Hank Williams tunes to gospel. Bring a chair.
- Sunday Jams in Rockland, Sail, Power, & Steam Museum, 75 Mechanic Street, 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26:

- Free Adult Art Classes at Rockland Public Library, 11 a.m. Catinka Knoth leads the free Monday classes, with all materials provided. August themes include sailboats and lighthouses
- Monday Jams at St. George Grange, at Wiley's Corner, 7 to 9 p.m. through October. Country, gospel, folk, bluegrass.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27:

- Free Children's Drawing Classes at Rockland Public Library, 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday. Catinka Knoth leads the Let's Draw Together! series for kids 6-plus (under 11 with an adult – adults invited to join in). All materials provided.
- Tuesday Jams in Thomaston, Federated Church, 8 Hyler Street, at 7 p.m. Folk, country, blues, gospel. FMI: 273-2914.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28:

- "Living Monuments," 6:30 p.m. at Maine Coastal Islands National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, 9 Water Street, Rockland. Discover the diversity of the planet's marine national monuments, then meet Brian Benedict who will preview four live-streamed dives this September.
- "Star Wars Science!" at Rockland Public Library, 3:45 p.m. on the

lawn. Miss Katie and Ms. Jessie host the free STEM workshop featuring four projects: painting the sidewalk with X-Wings, using origami to make a Millennium Falcon, rescuing Han Solo from "carbonite," and blowing up the Death Star. Kids under 10 must be with an adult.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29:

- Harvest Celebration and Gleaning Party at Erickson Fields Preserve, 164 West Street, Rockport, 2 to 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to join Maine Coast Heritage Trust's Teen Ag Crew to harvest produce that will be donated to food pantries. Check out the crew's four-acre garden, sample the harvest, and do some good. Kids are invited, and must be with an adult. For more info, call 236-2739 or email jalbury@mcht.org.
- Thursday Jams in Warren, Saint George River Cafe, 310 Main Street, 6 p.m. and Friday Open Mics, second and fourth Fridays, at 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30:

- Friday Tours at Aldermere Farm in Rockport, at 10 a.m. in August. Meet the Belted Galloway herd and stroll the farm's trails through pasture and wood.
- Apprenticeshop Community Sailing, 655 Main Street, Rockland. Summer youth sailing runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays to Fridays. Ask about sibling and multi-week discounts and financial aid: Apprenticeshop.org or 594-1800.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31:

- Megunticook Rowing, community rowing on Megunticook Lake, offering Learn-to-Row classes weekly and on weekends all summer. No experience needed: MegunticookRowing.org.

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Good Chow, with Eric Gabrielsen



Where to get your 'Za, on...

I am straying a little outside my self-proscribed gastronomic boundaries, but fear not faithful reader, it is worth the small transgression. Pizza is a personal and fundamentally geographic foodstuff, but for me there is only one type—New York Style. Thin crust, if you want chewy get a calzone, when you bite it you should hear a crunch, and it should be stiff enough to be folded in half lengthwise and still support itself while being held.

Sauce, sweet, not too heavy, if you want a lot of sauce get a bowl of penne and drown it in marinara. Cheese? Of course, but that shouldn't be all you taste, a note in a symphony. If you got a cheese jones—order some manicotti.

Rocco's Pizza on 4 W Grand Ave in Old Orchard Beach is reliably the best pizza I have had since I have since I lived in New York. To me it tastes like summer and is well worth the two hour drive. So if you get a hankering for top notch 'Za, Rocco's is your destination.

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