

# **OPINION: “Hypocritical McCarthy, the ultra-Trumpist, was undone by pandering to Trump.”**

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“Kevin McCarthy’s loss of the House speakership came from the ultra right wing minority of the Republican caucus. For many Democrats this represents a just demotion for an incredibly hypocritical politician who has infuriated them with his pandering and enabling of Donald Trump.

It would be far more satisfying if his loss was attributable to centrist Republicans who publicly demonstrated that Trumpism is anathema to democracy, the U.S. Constitution and the rule of law. But that possibility is presently a remote pipe dream.

One can surmise that McCarthy’s last major concession to Donald Trump was the commencement of a seemingly bogus impeachment of Joe Biden. That maneuver and his ungracious speech after the Democrats had allied with him to pass the continuing resolution, blaming them for the problem instead of utilizing this opportunity to demonstrate that bipartisanship can be productive, was his undoing.

It is realistic to imagine that but for these two assaults upon the Democrats much of his previous self-serving actions would have been forgiven, if not forgotten, and some Democrats may have voted against the motion to vacate the speakership. This would have assured his remaining as speaker and finally silencing this small group of ultra Trumpists.

Now McCarthy's quest for power, prestige and and a positive legacy has ended in ignominy by the "sixteenth vote."-Betty Ussach, Dartmouth.

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## **OPINION: "Hunter Biden's case isn't equivalent to fomenting an insurrection!"**

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"It is bewildering and frightening that so many Americans, prodded by opportunistic politicians, are clamoring for the prosecution of Hunter Biden, as though this is the defining issue for this country.

For the moment the indictments refer to a gun issue and fraud regarding the veracity of the application for possession.

Additionally, even if Hunter Biden eventually is proven to have significantly enriched himself during his father's vice presidency and cashed in on his familial connections, that is condemnable but hardly an existential threat to democracy in this country.

And if it is proven that President Biden unethically, or criminally, benefitted from his son's connections to a Ukranian company, it is important that be exposed and disqualifying for a second term.

However, how is this equivalent to fomenting an insurrection at the United States Capitol, disseminating a completely fabricated claim that the 2020 election was rigged and retaining classified documents for bragging, or possibly nefarious reasons, and placing the country at risk for devolving into an autocracy? And on the subject of familial and self enrichment, while in office, Donald Trump's presidency is rife with glaring examples.

Deflection is obviously the intended objective of all these feverish attempts to discredit and disqualify Biden. So far it has been incredibly successful from a political and monetary perspective.

The more campaign donations to Donald Trump, even if questionably legal to be utilized for his defense, the longer the criminal cases will tie up state and federal courts without ultimate resolutions and with no end in sight, except perhaps to our democracy."-Betty Ussach, Dartmouth.

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# OPINION: “How about a lie detector test rather than a competency test for presidential candidates?”

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“Donald Trump has now advocated that all nominees for president be subjected to a competency examination. Bragging about his supposed competency exam test of several years ago, during his presidency, which he described as having “aced” he believes Biden will fail and disqualify him from a second term.

Naturally, Trump will forego such a test relying on his previous exam results, which he will either refuse to make public, expecting the electorate to trust him, or will flaunt as proof of his competency despite the bias of the examiner.

Clearly there is a competency question regarding both Trump and Biden that keeps surfacing after their public appearances. There is a great probability that neither would score in the high percentile as to present acuity.

But for the safety and security of the United States a much more important measure of fitness should be a lie detector test, and it is undeniable that Trump would never produce a

positive score. Biden may also fail on several questions, but Trump will undoubtedly be proven the far greater fabricator and would declare himself the winner.”-Betty Ussach, Dartmouth.

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## **OPINION: “Abuse of service animal ownership rules in greater New Bedford is getting out of hand”**

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“Things have been different since we came back from the pandemic. Listening to the kid’s speeches at my son’s Middle School Graduation recently really hit home how hard an experience it was for them, let alone the rest of us. It was a worldwide trauma and sadly many of us out there came back from it as people with less regard for citizenry and the common rules of society.

There is a selfishness that has washed over one particular group of people out there. Dog owners. Not all, but a sizable amount of them out there.

I'll bet if you're reading this you've probably seen people wandering around stores and supermarkets with their dogs recently. They clearly don't appear to need a service animal, the dog itself is obviously just the family pet.

Dog owners all over the country since the end of the pandemic have embraced a loophole in service animal ownership rules and they use it to bring their dogs into any store or public building they like.

It is against the law to ask to see proof that a service animal is actually a service animal. You can ask if the animal is a service animal and the owner can lie and say yes, after that there's nothing you can do. It is also not a law that the animal wear a vest to identify itself as a service animal.

Countless dog owners have learned this trick, I'm seeing more and more frequent complaint comments from all over the country on sites like Reddit bemoaning the same abuse of these rules and it's happening here in the New Bedford area as well.

Just yesterday in Stop and Stop, South Dartmouth I saw a man shopping who clearly was not in need of a service animal, wandering around with his medium to large size dog on a leash. It was clearly just the family pet and wasn't a service animal. This person knows full well the staff can't stop them bringing the dog in so they say F you to common decency and decorum and do whatever they like.

This abuse by dog owners puts workers in stores in the position where they are powerless to enforce the actual rules that animals should be left outside. It's selfish, unbearably rude to everyone else and potentially dangerous. Everyone thinks they know their dog inside out until it bites someone. Sooner or later, someone is going to get bitten or mauled on company property and then they've got a big legal mess to deal with.

The staff and businesses of New Bedford and elsewhere have

their hands tied in this matter and these people know it. They are getting away with obnoxious societal selfishness and risking public safety.

I believe their needs to be a change in service animal ownership. The animal should have to wear a supplied vest in public clearly signaling the dog as a service animal and the owner of the animal should be supplied with an ID card that identifies them as someone allowed to own a service animal.

We can clearly see who actually needs a service animal in this world. Of course, some animals are for emotional support rather than physical but the vest would be enough of a signal for people not to enquire and let's be honest, no one would care about showing the card if asked because it proves them right.

Until the rules are changed to stop them, these dog owners are going to continue to give the rest of us the metaphorical finger and take their animals wherever they like.

To our fellow citizens out there who are abusing these rules to bring your animals into stores and public buildings, you are the lowest of us, selfish and rude. Up your standards, leave your animal outside." -Anonymous.

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## **New Bedford woman bitten by pit bull shocked over owner's callous response**

"To the person with the grey pitbull that was walking their dog on Brigham street at 11am Tuesday morning, this is what

your dog did to me.

You walked right by my with your dog on the leash and you saw the thing bite me and all you did was pull him off of me and just said 'Sorry.' You didn't even bother to ask if I was OK or if I needed any help or anything.

I was so in shock about what happened that by the time I paid attention to where you went, you were walking up the stairs to a house where I couldn't see which house it was. A decent person what have stopped and asked if I was OK after their dog bit me, but you just kept on walking.

Well honey, this is what YOUR DOG DID TO ME! So thanks."- Alicia Mae French.

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## **New Bedford tenant frustrated with no options to deal with bad landlord**

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"Landlords are allowed to just walk into homes now with no call, no warning?

This is the second time in 3 weeks he's done it. The first time he went through the basement window! An NBPD Officer



showed up and said he'd talk to him but can't make a report because there's 'Nothing going on.' The officer did nothing and wouldn't even give my wife a report while I was stuck at work.

The owner bought the house and I still have not received a re-occupancy letter from all the lead work that didn't get done properly.

This (photos and video) is some of the lead work that was done I got moved back in. The old owner sold the house while the city refused to give a reoccupancy letter because things weren't done still.

And my house almost caught fire last month! Half my house still has no electricity in the outlets. And there's much much, more than these things. I've been here 6 years.

These landlords are out of hand! Any help out there?"-Branden Andrade Sr.

**All photos by Branden Andrade Sr.:**



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## **“Boston man is profiting off New Bedford residents with exorbitant parking fees!”**

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"A guy from Boston bought the empty lot on Rodney French at the bottom of George St. and he's charging \$70 for us to park there for 1 month which is crazy for the south end never mind #NewBedford.

I wanna know what the community thinks about people from #Boston trying to profit off of us especially residents who live in a not-rich neighborhood.

Maybe get the community to text this guy and let him know \$70 a month to park in the south end is way too much? I could understand \$20-30 but \$70 is way too much that's \$840 a year to park!"

# NOTICE

Effective October 1, parking will be available only for authorized vehicles. All others will be towed at owner's expense.

If you are interested in monthly parking rentals, please text **617-657-1757** or email **NewBedParking@gmail.com**

Rates starting at \$70 per month. Thank you.

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# **New Bedford mom frustrated with bullying of daughter for 4 years, lack of help from schools**

"I want to give you a summary of what happened at Gómez School. My daughter is suffering from bullying by another girl since the third grade. She has ADHD, IPE, and a little bit of autism.

Now the kids are at Roosevelt School and the same bully is continuing to bully my daughter. It has now been going on for 4 years. My daughter experiences bullying every time she is at school and the bully has convinced her girlfriends to bully my daughter too. If she defends herself, they suspend her from school.

I've looked for help so that they can take that bully out of school and put her in another school. My daughter is tired of bullying and I, as a mother, am afraid that my daughter will take her life because of the bullying.

I want to know how you can help me make this public so that you can help me. My daughter is 13 years old now."-Daniela Quiñones.



*Facebook photo.*

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“Todo empezó en la escuela Gómez en el grado 3.

Quiero darle un resumen de los que está pasando desde la Gómez school mi niña está sufriendo el bullying con otra niña ahora están en la Roosevelt school y siguen con el mismo bullying con mi hija ya son 4 años mi niña viviendo el bullying cada vez que ella se defiende me la suspenden de la escuela eh buscado ayuda para que saquen a esa niña de la escuela y la pongan en otra escuela ya mi niña está cansada del bullying y el miedo mío como madre que soy que mi niña se quite la vida por el bullying que le tienen a ella quiero saber cómo ustedes me pueden ayudar hacer esto público para que me ayuden mi hija tiene 13 años de edad ella tiene ADHD IPE y un poquito de autismo.. y ella usa a otras niñas también para que le agan el bullying a mi niña también.”





*Daniela Quiñones photo.*

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**New Bedford resident  
disgusted as people film  
instead of helping trapped**

# women screaming for help

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Unfortunately, this is the day and age we live in. People would prefer to pull out their cell phones and record so they can get social media cred.

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"These poor girls were yelling for their lives to try to get out of the car while it was smoking and no one did anything. My sons helped pull out the two women in this rollover while bystanders watched with their phones instead of doing something.

My son is 21 years old and his brothers are 18 and 16. Two of them had to be brought to the hospital because of lacerations due to the broken glass. This is highly disgusting and the community should be disgusted as well. These girls were in need of help and people just watched with their phones!

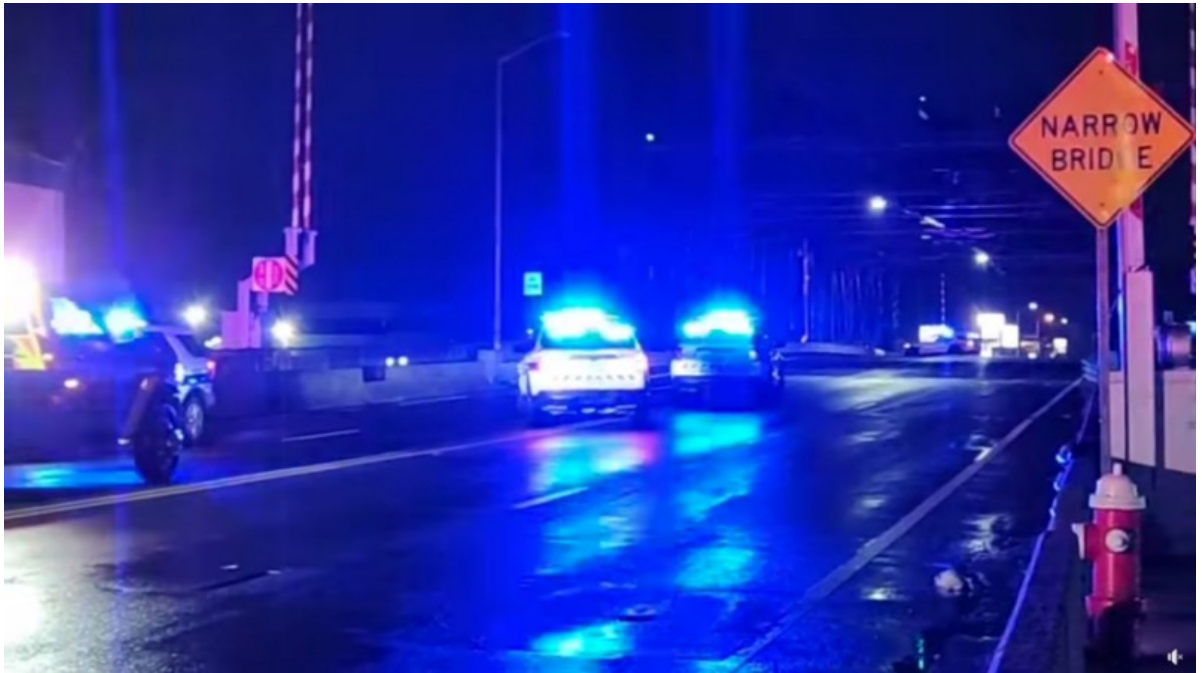
What if this was your loved one or someone you cared about? If this was someone who was about to be burned by flames would you not care? Or would your phone be too important to you?

You had to watch you had to get it on record. We need to end this. We need more heroes like my 21-year-old son and his brothers who ended up in the hospital from cuts where they were bleeding and we couldn't get it to stop. They were

brought by ambulance to the hospital.” -Danielle Tremblay.

You can read about the details of the accident, read the discussion and, see photos here.

**Videos and photos by Carlos Pimental Felix:**



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**OPINION: “Is a mild, cognitively impaired president less of a threat than a vindictive narcissist,**



# Trump?"

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"Unfortunately for the United States it seems more than likely that the 2024 presidential election will feature Biden versus Trump, as all competitors will have been eliminated.

With so much talent, experience, and in some cases actual integrity, available at the national and state level it is disheartening to witness a campaign with a mild cognitively impaired president squaring off with the most vindictive narcissistic ex-president to have ever filled that office.

Biden is not above receiving counsel from his advisors should he falter intellectually, unlike Trump who only accumulates opinions to be discarded while he follows his distorted beliefs and inflated sense of invincibility.

Trump's actions before, during and after his presidency, have caused more harm to democracy, the rule of law and respect for the truth that will undoubtedly continue through a second presidency.

The political landscape is littered with his supportive, hypocritical opportunistic legislators and officials, who have bargained away their souls for power, prestige and hoped for monetary gains, and will always shy away from speaking truth to power.

Some remain umbilically attached to Trump, ever hopeful of a

return to the gravy train. And then there are those who are only recently and publicly denouncing their formerly adored icon. Betting against a second Trump election they are attempting to resurrect their reputations and perhaps find employment, an elected position or ride the campaign circuit at supporters' expense.

Despite all accusations against the Bidens, even if some were verified, do not compare to the corroborated iniquities, legal and constitutional violations of Trump, his cronies and family.

There are no legitimate claims of treasonous actions by Joe Biden, unlike Trump who instigated the most severe attack upon our democratic system since the Civil War.

Though Biden is exhibiting some concerning words and physical deterioration, his democratic instincts are still intact. And he is surrounded by advisors and in contact with supporters who will remind him of his commitments to the working classes and disenfranchised who are still suffering.

Donald Trump, other than blowing kisses, giving the thumbs up and pronouncing his great love of his MAGA supporters, has done virtually nothing for them of any substance. And any ally who dares to utter criticism or suggestions contrary to his warped instincts is fired, called names and consigned to oblivion.

So facing the unfortunate inevitability of these two presidential candidates, reasonable people will vote for Biden and the loyal Trumpists will remain forever enamored and deceived by this self-absorbed vindictive charlatan. Hopefully, the latter group will be an ever diminishing constituency and electorally insufficient for Trump to make a comeback."-Betty Ussach.Dartmouth.