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From the Captain's Log Of Planes and Sportfishing Boats

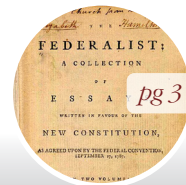
One of my grandchildren graduated from High School this year so his father, one of my sons, decided to reward him with a fishing trip. This grandson, like his dad, and granddad, is an avid fisherman, but has never caught a billfish. Research indicated that Cabo San Lucas, Mexico would be an ideal spot so contact with local captains found an available sportfishing boat and airline tics were purchased. Getting to Cabo San Lucas is not an easy task as there are no direct flights from Boston so a layover was required in Texas for each way, Houston TX going down with an overnight layover and Dallas coming back, with a 4-hour layover. You can get to Europe easier.

Arriving at Cabo on a Thursday morning, once we got to the resort condo we grabbed some food at the resort and after paying over \$200.00 for what was a glorified Waffle House breakfast bar we opted to get an Uber into town to buy some groceries as the condo had a full kitchen. While searching for downtown shopping options we elected to also check out the marina, and our reserved boat, which required us to pass through the marina's boardwalk along the harbor, which also doubles as the offloading dock for quests from the visiting cruise ships that are too big to come to the docks so shuttle the tourists back and forth. This turned out to be quite the spectacle as the local Mexican economy pays workers around \$10 US a day, and having flush US and European tourists spill out from the cruise ships onto the boardwalk creates a "pigeon on the french-fry" game of "senor, do you want a watch, cheap", "senor, do you want a T-Shirt, cheap", "senor, do you want a blanket, cheap". It was annoying on one hand and amusing to watch on the other.

The following day we met our captain at 6:00 am at the boat for a briefing and then onto the fishing grounds. It was a pleasant day on the water and a bit slow as we were only targeting billfish, and they can be random. After about 5 hours of nothing, Spanish chatter began over the VHF and our captain said that a large pod of feeding dolphins had been sighted, so we quickly repositioned to that spot and immediately spotted busting dolphin and birds working the water, under that would be game fish feeding off the bait fish that were being hunted by the dolphin and birds. Within minutes one of the lines spooled off the reel and my grandson was in the fighting chair working the fishing rod and landing his first billfish. After a quick picture and "catch and release", lines dropped back into the water and another rod erupted and in came a larger billfish. My grandson had landed (2) billfish in less than 30-minutes and was all smiles. We trolled a bit more but then had to "head back to the barn", but the mission was accomplished and a lifetime of memories made. ●



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Guarding Lives in the Water

Many drownings and water-related injuries occur at home and in private pools; others at unsupervised lakes, ponds, creeks, or beaches. However, even at community pools, beaches, water parks, and aquatic centers that are manned by lifeguards, tragedies enter the equation, sometimes due to lifeguard negligence.

Legitimate lifeguards undergo 25–40 hours of training to achieve certification, which generally lasts for two years, upon which time lifeguards must take recertification classes. Hiring an uncertified lifeguard to protect the public is negligent and illegal.

Lifeguards can be found liable for swimmer injuries if they fail to properly supervise swimmers. They must always be vigilantly scanning the pool area and respond promptly when needed. If they abandon their post without someone filling in or are distracted by talking to others or texting on their phones, precious time is lost. Drowning can occur in less than a minute.

Lifeguards are also responsible for enforcing pool rules, reporting hazards to maintain a safe swimming environment, and preventing overcrowding.

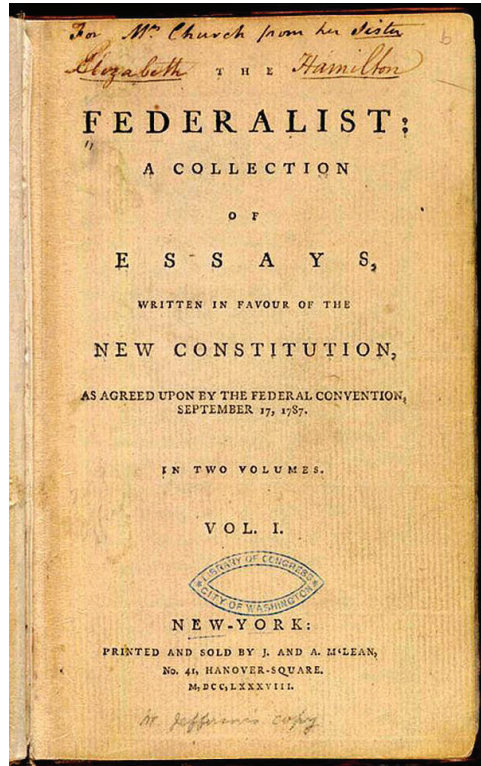
A lifeguard's delayed response to an incident or failure to use their training to provide adequate medical care can make them liable for a swimmer's injuries — for example, utilizing an automated external defibrillator incorrectly, or not at all, or removing someone from the pool in dangerous fashion that leads to a head injury.

Sitting in the hot sun all day can cause drowsiness or fatigue in even the fittest lifeguard. The lifeguard should request a break and step aside for a qualified replacement.

Most lifeguards do an admirable job, but there are times when a lifeguard — or pool owner, operator, or municipality — is negligent and liable for a swimmer's injuries. If you or a loved one is harmed by another person's negligence, schedule a free consultation with our firm. •

Happy 250th, America!

The *Federalist Papers* are a collection of 85 essays written over the span of October 1787 to May 1788. Their purpose was to pump up support for the new U.S. Constitution to replace the initial Articles of Confederation for our young country.



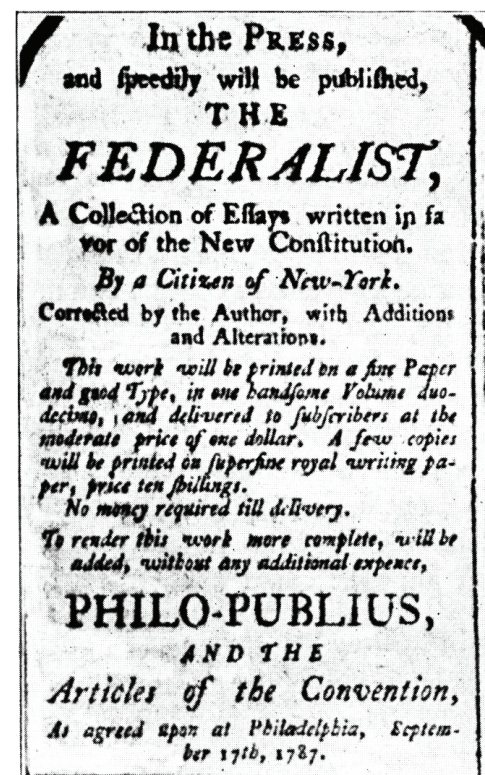
The Articles of Confederation defined a loose confederation of states. The proposed Constitution was a radical departure strongly backed by the “Federalists,” who believed in greater cohesion among the states and a more powerful federal government to preserve the economic well-being, peace, and long-term security of the country.

However, opponents immediately attacked the proposed document out of concern for the diminished sovereignty of the states. The *Federalist Papers* were a reply to these criticisms. Several essays per week were published in newspapers, defending the Constitution’s viability and outlining the facets of a republican form of government.

Initially, the all-out publicity campaign was centered on the state of New York, a big and influential state whose support for the Constitution was flagging. Nine out of 13 states were needed to ratify the Constitution; it was hoped that with New York’s approval, the path to ratification would get smoother. Ironically, New York eventually ratified it only after 10 other states beat them to the punch.

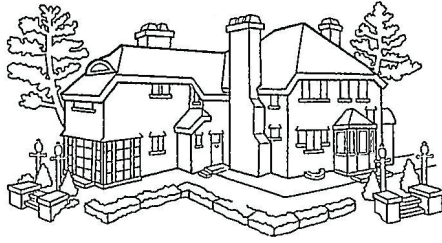
The 85 essays were penned by Alexander Hamilton (51), James Madison (29), and John Jay (5) under the pseudonym “Publius,” a philosopher who played a significant role in shaping the Roman Republic. John Jay was limited to five essays due to illness.

The *Federalist Papers*’ enduring influence as constitutional pillars can be noted in many of today’s laws and legal proceedings. Their distribution to the public also became the blueprint for modern political campaigns: overwhelm the opposition and give them little chance to respond. Seems like a case of taking the bad with the good. •



July 4
Independence Day
July 9
Dimples Day
July 11 & 12
Wimbledon finals
July 14
Cow Appreciation Day
July 20
Ice Cream Soda Day
July 28
Milk Chocolate Day

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Road Construction Zone Danger Cuts Both Ways



Each year, hundreds of road construction workers across the country are killed in work zones due to traffic incidents. One of the top causes is drivers who pass on the outside of the construction zone and collide with workers, equipment, or other vehicles. Drivers passing through work zones need to pay attention, follow instructions, and observe the speed limits.

However, construction zones can be dangerous for passersby as well. According to a study conducted by the Federal Highway Administration in 2010, construction zones were the sites of roughly 87,000 vehicular accidents per year, nationally, leading to over 37,000 injuries, not to mention damage to property.

Work zones containing incorrect, improper, or confusing signage; insufficient warnings on lane closures, merges, or shifts; sudden speed changes; missing cones or barrels at key points; dangerously uneven pavement or unblocked, unmarked holes in the road; poor lighting; and construction vehicles entering and exiting the roadway in a reckless manner are a few of the hazards that may lead to accidents.

Road repair/construction is an inevitability. Roadways in a state of disrepair will be a source of danger to motorists and need to be fixed. But it needs to be done with the highest standards of safety and care in mind. All of the situations mentioned previously are completely avoidable.

If you are the victim of negligence at a road construction zone, you may file a claim against a worker, the construction company, the city, or other entity involved in the situation. Contact an auto accident attorney to safeguard your rights. •