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of Philadelphia, Boston, Hartford, Baltimore and more, they carried with them their own death warrants.

And yet, for any who would lampoon the notion of patriotism as "old fashioned," one need only look at the evening news to see men and women bravely assembling in town squares and sacrificing their lives on little-known battlefronts to protest oppression and to gain the freedom of democracy. Like our forefathers, they too, believe in an idea that is stronger than self-preservation and are standing firm against armies and kings who believe themselves to be invincible.

So, as we throw another hot dog on the barbie this Independence Day, let's all raise a cup of our favorite adult beverage to the freedom to do so.

-Jack



New Wildlife Ecology Chair

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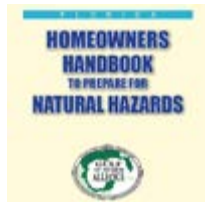
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