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When in the history of man was the situation ever normal?

Stanley M. Aronson

A student attending a private school in Rhode Island, comes to mind. Literally comes to mind.

That teacher in my English 11 class called me normal! When this student's unuttered hallucination said that, it was as bad as being told I'm average! To this student, normal was a measure, a standard, with failings of intelligence, being lacking in normal was a terrible indictment.

When did our local schools assume the academic framework of Garrison Keillor's Lake Wobegon population, where every child is above average?

Normal, on an institutional level, has been around for a long time. In Latin, the word was normalis, normalis was a standard, a standard for the establishment of standards, a standard used for purposes of reference. The word normal has now come to provide two divergent meanings:

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\text{Normal} = \frac{\text{Mean} \pm \text{Standard Deviation}}{\text{Population}} 
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Letters to the Editor

Mike Stenhouse is CEO of the conservative Rhode Island Center for Freedom and Prosperity. Rich Isaac is a former state Senator and first-term Governor of the state. Providence Journal eEdition.

Why do you think it's so difficult for the RI General Assembly to pass tax relief for seniors? It seems like a no-brainer, but it always seems to get stuck in the committee stage. What can we do to push for this legislation?

Bob Rhee

The Rhode Island General Assembly is considering a bill that would provide tax relief to seniors. The bill, sponsored by Representative Lauren Ackermann, would provide a $1,000 exemption for seniors who are 65 or older and have an annual income of $30,000 or less. The bill would also allow seniors to claim a deduction for up to $500 for each dependent child or grandchild.

What are your thoughts on the recent decision by the state Supreme Court to strike down the state's ban on same-sex marriage? Do you think the decision will have a significant impact on the movement for marriage equality?

Jane Doe

The Rhode Island Supreme Court ruled in favor of same-sex couples in 2013, striking down the state's ban on same-sex marriage. The court's decision was based on the constitution's guarantee of equal protection and the state's obligation to ensure equal rights for all citizens.

How do you feel about the recent budget cuts to education in the state? Do you believe the reductions are necessary or are there better ways to allocate funds?

John Smith

Education is a critical component of our society, and it is important that we invest in our children's future. The recent budget cuts to education have caused significant harm to our schools and the students who rely on them.

What are your thoughts on the state's proposed expansion of the sales tax to include services? Do you believe this is a fair and reasonable approach to funding government services?

Mary Brown

The expansion of the sales tax to include services would provide a more stable and predictable source of revenue for the state. It would also ensure that businesses and individuals contribute their fair share to the state's financial well-being.
Mitt Romney’s Etch-a-Sketch...

right to revoke license
One’s initial reaction to
Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal
Chief Magistrate William Gucciotta’s decision to deny
75-year old Lyle Tupa’s application for driving in
Rhode Island for life for cutting into a tree that it is un-
duly harsh. (See “I’ve had it,” says magistrate as he revokes
teen’s license,” news, March 3.)
But Tupa, who was at a party
at a house on the road.
Driving is a privilege, not a
right, and you have to earn it.
Kenneth L. Zimmerman
Huntington Beach, Calif.

Forget the banner!
Here’s a headline I would like to see: “Cranston school
officials schedule news conference to review
report on the wall
no one shows up.
Can we move on?
Michael J. Clarke
Tiverton

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