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So, this past summer you guys blamed tourists and seasonal visitors for the surge in local covid cases. Who are you blaming now?

This cow towing to a notion of individual responsibility in the face of a pandemic is absurd. It presumes a level of knowledge, education and intelligent self interest that is simply, sadly, lacking in a large portion of our County's population. As a society we legislated, and accepted the legislation of, universal seat belts and restrictions on public smoking. We accepted that second hand smoke in public places is a threat to the health of the innocent. How is that different from permitting non symptomatic covid individuals from unknowingly shedding the virus in public places?

You each need to put aside your ideological shells, look hard at reality and enforce universal masks. You owe that to the public that elected you to protect our health and welfare.

“All you need to be married are champagne, a box of cigars and a double bed.”
Winston Churchill

But give me your thoughts on what it takes to stay married.

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