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Inside Track

Northeast Facing Possible Heating-oil Rationing This Winter

New England power producers are warning millions of Americans in the Northeast of the potential for rolling blackouts this winter as well as limited or even rationed heating-oil supplies.



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With heating oil being a major source for home heating in New England, suppliers in the Northeast have begun rationing the fuel ahead of winter, after stockpiles dropped to a third of their normal levels. Then add the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration forecast that “most of the country will be slightly colder than both last winter and the average winter for the previous 10 winters,” and you end up with serious concerns about supply shortages and soaring prices for home heating.

Chris Herb, president of the Connecticut Energy Marketers Association, told Bloomberg October 21 that heating-oil wholesalers are beginning to limit allocations for retail suppliers, as New England’s stockpiles are approximately 70 percent lower than their average level since 1993, though he claims there is “plenty of home heating oil to meet the needs of Connecticut homeowners.”

Inflation will add to the cost of heating homes in the Northeast and across the nation as well. The U.S. Energy Information Administration’s short-term energy outlook report shows that wholesale prices at energy trading hubs will be 20 percent to 60 percent higher on average for the winter of 2022-23. The increases will be passed along to end users, some of whom could have monthly utility bills of over \$1,000 this winter. That’s if they can get heating fuel and electricity.

The Wall Street Journal shared October 17, “The New England ISO expects that the grid can weather a mild-to-moderate winter without significant reliability challenges. However, it has warned that electricity demand could threaten to surge beyond available supply after multiple sustained periods of severely cold weather, which would result in calls for conservation similar to those issued in California in September during a region-wide heat wave.”

— David Kelly



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Christian Baker Triumphs in California Court

Kern County Superior Court Judge Eric Bradshaw ruled October 21 that the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) violated both the California and U.S. Constitutions in its attempts to punish Cathy Miller, owner of Tastries Bakery in Bakersfield, for turning down business that conflicted with her faith.



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Miller's ordeal began in 2017, when Eileen and Mireya Rodriguez-Del Rio, a lesbian couple, approached her to make a cake for their upcoming nuptials. Miller told them that while she would have been happy to sell them a pre-made blank cake to which they could add their own message, she would not create a custom cake celebrating something she believed was contrary to the teachings of the Bible. However, she did offer to forward their request to another bakery that would have gladly fulfilled it.

The DFEH petitioned the courts to order Miller either to make cakes for same-sex "weddings" or to cease making wedding cakes altogether. In 2018, Judge David Lampe rejected their request on the grounds that it violated the First Amendment. The DFEH filed a civil lawsuit eight months later, alleging that Miller had violated California's anti-discrimination law. That case finally went to trial in July after years of discovery.

When the suit reached Bradshaw's courtroom, it was dealt a seemingly decisive blow. Miller, he wrote, did not discriminate against the plaintiffs because they were lesbians — he noted that she even employs "persons with same-sex orientations" — but because they had asked her to do something "at odds with her faith." Bradshaw also found the DFEH's attempt to compel Miller to express a message with which she disagrees to be a violation of the First Amendment.

Miller, of course, was thrilled with the decision. On Facebook, she thanked "Tastries friends and family for [their] support and encouragement," adding, "I'm hoping that in our community we can grow together, and we should understand that we shouldn't push any agenda against anyone else."

— Michael Tennant

Vaxxed Cardiologist: Suspend mRNA Vaccines Now

Dr. Aseem Malhotra is a National Health Service-trained consultant cardiologist and bestselling author.



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The British doctor also was a strong proponent of the Covid mRNA “vaccines.”



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Yet this position began to change one fateful day — July 26, 2021 — when his father, Dr. Kailash Chand, OBE, died of sudden cardiac arrest. Chand was formerly deputy chair of the British Medical Association and its honorary vice president — he’d also taken both doses of the Pfizer shot six months before his death. He was 73 years old, too, but this doesn’t tell the whole story. In fact, his “post-mortem findings are what I found particularly shocking and inexplicable,” wrote Malhotra in a peer-reviewed paper in the *Journal of Insulin Resistance* (JIR).

Now, after researching the shots further, he has called their imposition “the greatest miscarriage of medical science that we will see in our lifetime.” Dr. Malhotra appeared on Fox News’ *The Ingraham Angle* on October 19 to again sound the alarm and call for the mRNA vaccine program’s suspension. To make a long story short, Malhotra now calls the Covid fiasco a “pandemic of misinformation.”

“What has become clear with regard to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccines is that we have a pandemic of misinformed doctors and a misinformed and unwittingly harmed public,” he wrote in a JIR article published September 26. “Coercively mandating these COVID-19 vaccinations (most certainly not an evidence-based policy) has been a particularly egregious mis-step, especially in the light of clear indicators suggesting that the use of these pharmaceutical interventions — especially in younger age groups — should have been suspended. Such policies continue to undermine the principles of ethical evidence-based medical practice and informed consent.”

What’s more, the program really never should have started. As Malhotra told Ingraham, Pfizer senior executives and scientists must have known about the mRNA shots’ dangers when they were “being rolled out because they have access to the raw data, which we now know shows significant harm.”

— Selwyn Duke

Heritage Foundation: U.S. Military Is “Weak”

In a stunning report released October 18 highlighting its “2023 Index of U.S. Military Strength,” the Heritage Foundation rated the U.S. military as “weak” — so weak, in fact, that it is questionable whether it could meet the demands of even a single major regional conflict.



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In making its report, the Heritage Foundation dedicated this year's Index to retiring U.S. Senator James Inhofe (R-Okla.), who said, "The credibility of American deterrence rests on a simple foundation. America prevents wars by convincing its adversaries they cannot win."



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The scale used to grade military strength is "very weak," "weak," "marginal," "strong," or "very strong." Using this scale, Heritage rates the Army's strength as "marginal." According to the foundation, the Army is only about 62 percent of the size it should be.

Heritage rates the Navy as "weak," and argues that America's competitors are "quickly narrowing the technology gap in their favor as the [U.S.] Navy's ships decrease in numbers and abilities." The Marine Corps, on the other hand, is rated as "strong." Still, though, the Marines' capacity has been reduced from 36 infantry battalions to 30, and further reductions are planned.

The Air Force is rated "very weak" due to aging aircraft and poor pilot training and retention. While our "Nuclear Capability" is considered "strong," Heritage expressed concern about the "reliability" of the U.S. delivery systems and warheads, because they are at an age where they are becoming risky.

Military recruiters are having an increasingly difficult time filling quotas enough to just maintain our present strength. Instead of making a career of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marines, increasing numbers of armed forces personnel are opting to seek employment elsewhere when they finish serving their initial enlistment terms.

This is a very serious situation. As General Douglas MacArthur told the graduating class of West Point six decades ago, they are the ones who "hold the nation's destiny in their hands, once the war tocsin sounds."

— Steve Byas



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