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Dartmouth furniture maker Gary Adriance still living his dream at 75



Gary Adriance, owner, cuts the dovetail joints on the drawers he is making at Adriance Furniture Makers on Gulf Road

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or 10 years, Gary Adriance had a showroom on Belleville Avenue in Newport that was a source of great pride for the company. It was very successful until the Great Recession hit, from late 2007 through mid-2009. • One of his most well-known clients during his time in Newport was actor and film producer Nicolas Cage. • Adriance built a massive table for Cage, measuring 35-feet-long and 8-feet-wide, with 56 legs, in Beacon Hill style, inspired by the American Federal period that followed the American Revolution. He also crafted 28 matching chairs for the set. • Every piece made at Adriance Furniture Makers bears his signature mark, the star wheel, reflecting his passion for historical design periods.

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ANALYSIS

America is a stillevolving experiment

Conflict over future part of 250-year U.S. history

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From the start, America has been a journey, not a destination.

The journey has been a literal one, from Paul Revere's ride to the Underground Railroad to the Oregon Trail. A country founded as 13 colonies clustered along the Atlantic Coast has become a cross-continent behemoth of 50 states and 342 million people.

The journey has been metaphorical, too. A nation where the right to vote had been generally limited to property-owning White men has now watched a Black man elected as president, a woman sworn in as speaker of the House, and eight justices who were not White men confirmed for the Supreme Court.

Through it all, the debates over what defines the United States have been fierce and sometimes violent.

The founders themselves were at times divided as they drafted the Declaration of Independence in 1776, a bold step in the middle of the Revolutionary War that helped forge a new nation. In the next century, the confrontation over slavery was a fundamental issue behind a brutal Civil War that threatened to cleave it. During the 20th century, World War II was a force for national unity, the Vietnam War for bitter division.

We are both the world's oldest democracy and a still-evolving experiment in self-government.

Consider this: Just 45 people have served as president of the United States, from a reluctant George Washington to the persistent Donald Trump.

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Local restaurants share popular breakfast dishes

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New Bedford's vibrant breakfast scene is a treasure trove with traditional and twists on the classics.

Among the many spots around the New Bedford area such as Westport, Dartmouth and Fairhaven, there are several incredible choices to order for breakfast.

Tia Maria's European Café's, for example, said its most popular dish is Mozambique Benny, which is a Portuguese-inspired delight featuring poached eggs and linguica patty atop a bolo levedo, all blanketed in a mild saffron garlic Mozambique sauce.

Another favorite is The Rescue Cafe's Claire Danish, a Sunday-only special named for a friend's child, bursting with ricotta cheese and topped with raspberry, blueberries, blackberries and strawberries.

Cafés across the area also have some popular dishes such as Ground Floor Coffee's linguiça cheese roll as well as Mirasol's Café huevo ranchero tortilla.

These 18 spots shared their most popular breakfast dish. See if your favorite made the list:

Toast N Jam, New Bedford: The Crunch Wrap

Tia Maria's European Cafe, New Bedford: Mozambique Benny; two poached

eggs, linguica patty and Mozambique sauce served on a toasted bolo levedo with home fries. Mozambique sauce is a mild saffron garlic sauce.

The Breakfast Klub, New Bedford: Portuguese Omelette; linguiça, onion, pepper and cheese

Table 8, New Bedford: Table 8 Special, two eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, and home fries with choice of pancakes

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