

Opinion

If we don't do anything we become part of the problem

Sunday, Secretary of State Marc Rubio was asked on NBC's Meet the Press whether citizens and non-citizens in the U.S. are entitled to due process and he said "Yes, of course". My question is why aren't the people the Trump administration have deported and continue to seek to deport without the slightest hint of a court hearing getting due process? Secretary Rubio also was peddling stories on why three small children, all of who are US citizens were deported with their mothers, one of those little kids has cancer and was snatched up by immigration officers and booted out the country.

Secretary Rubio said the children's mothers wanted their kids to go with them, something



Northwest Passage
By Loyd Ford

their immigration lawyers hotly deny.

Trump and his people are continuing to pressure the court to allow them to deport immigrants they are accusing to be members of gangs under the Alien Enemies Act. While these guys may be guilty as sin, the government still has a responsibility to present the case against them in court.

There are a number of stories that have been in the news lately of American citizens that have been arrested by ICE and either are still fighting for their release or were finally released after two or more weeks in jail.

None of us want illegal aliens who are criminals to be allowed to stay in this country, but I don't think any of us want a federal government that can throw you down and drag you off to an internment camp or federal prison without a trial.

The Trump administration is doing little to convince me that they care anything at all about the rule of law or basic human rights. If the Trump administration believed in human rights, they would not be in defiance of a 9-0 ruling from

the U.S. Supreme Court. Kilmar Abrego Garcia is still in El Salvador despite the court telling the government they must facilitate bringing him back to the United States. The Trump Administration still stands with their argument that Garcia is a gang member. The New York Times looked for any criminal convictions against Garcia and could not find any. His wife did at one-time seek a restraining order against him, but they reconciled.

The court battle over how to enforce immigration is stealing the spotlight from some of the other terrible decisions that have been made by the Trump Administration. One of those issues is Doge cutting the staff of the Social Security Administration by 13 per-

cent. The immediate effects of cutting that many jobs is a slowdown in how fast the organization can process claims from retirees.

The side effects of tariffs are just now coming into focus. But manufacturers have been quoted by NBC saying the tariffs are already taking effect, particularly tariffs on replacement parts for manufacturing equipment. China has also limited the export of rare earth minerals to the US. Those minerals are used in electronic equipment.

The political opportunists in Congress are not going to do anything to challenge President Trump. They claim to be Republicans but there isn't a John McCain or a Ronald Reagan among them. They never look

for a solution to a problem without first finding someone to blame for it. The voters in this country must show up at the polls and show these folks there is a penalty to pay for the damage they are doing to our democracy and the United States. The sad thing is we are months away from starting to make things right, there are still many things that can and will go wrong.

Long ago I was told a person can only be one of two things, the solution to a problem or part of the problem. Each of us must look at what we know in our hearts is the right things and then strive to become a solution to the problem. Truly if we chose not to do anything we are part of the problem.

Southern interpretive services are still in demand



Our View

We need campaign finance reform now!

In a recent story posted on the Kentucky Lantern's website the wildly successful fund raising of Rep. Andy Barr and the not so successful efforts of former Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron were detailed. Both Barr and Cameron are lining up to run in the Republican primary for the seat that Sen. Mitch McConnell is vacating.

In a recently filed federally required report on contributions Barr had received \$733,000 in contributions from Political Action Committees (PAC) and Cameron just \$1,000. Barr is awash in cash according to the Kentucky Lantern he rolled over \$3.7 million from his house campaign committee to his senate campaign. Barr was reported having \$5.3 million on hand in his senate war chest at the beginning of this month. Cameron had \$455,000 at the beginning of the month.

According to the Kentucky Lantern Barr's most recent contributions from PACs were from banks.

Our country has needed campaign finance reform for decades. When it takes millions upon millions of dollars to run for office who do we think is going to get the most attention from elected officials? In our view it will be those who show up with millions of dollars.

It is also our view that much of the discontent in our country today has its roots in the constant flow of negative advertising that comes in every election cycle. It is little wonder that people have such a negative and fractured view of others who may not share their exact same view or have different back grounds. All too often the focus of campaign advertising is to find someone to blame and then create a problem they are responsible for.

We need campaign finance reform and a total overhaul of how political campaigns work. Candidates and the PACs must be held accountable for what they say, lengths of campaigns must be shortened and the amount of money spent on campaigns limited. We need campaign finance reform now and campaign reform across the board.

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Artificial Intelligence has really taken a bite out of my school side hustle. For years, I have been the person other teachers come to when needing to craft an email diplomatically. One skill I have gained as what they call a, "seasoned teacher," is how to tell someone their child is feral, but in a cute way, like a baby racoon who is treating the classroom like their personal campground dumpster. Now all anybody has to do is type their controversial parent topic into an algorithm and like magic my skills



By Emily Morrison

are no longer needed.

I was beginning to fear while being likened to a cast iron skillet, I was losing some of my relevance around the school house. I should have known that

There was some good stuff in the third verses

My friends David and Janelle met me at Mike Miller Park a few weeks ago. We walked a couple of the trails, then sat under one of the pavilions and talked for a while. David, a lover of old church hymns, said he had recently stumbled across a beautiful lyric that he had never heard before. The lyric was from a well-known song among church hymns, and Janelle asked him why he had never heard it.

"Because," David said, "it is in the third verse of the song."

Well, of course.

David and I looked at each other with understanding. Janelle was confused. She was not raised as a Southern Baptist a couple of generations ago. When Baptists of that time sang invitational hymns, we sang every single verse. Slowly. But if the hymn was sung as a part of the



Tales of Grace

By Leigh Ann Northcutt

church service, we sang the first, second, and last verses. Not the third. I'm pretty sure it was in our rule book.

It seems we missed some really good stuff by doing it that way.

For instance, "The Old Rugged Cross," in its third verse, calls the blood-stained cross a wondrous beauty. That statement has some serious spiritual depth.

The same can be said

for the third verse of "Jesus Paid It All". "For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim." That'll drop you to your knees if you think about it.

In the third verse of "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It", is the statement "I sing because I cannot be silent." Isn't that the truth for those of us who know Jesus?

David's words in the park caught my interest, so I asked him to Google the lyric that had impressed him so much.

The song was a hymn by Fanny Crosby. She was a missionary, a lay preacher, and the composer of over 9,000 church hymns and gospel songs. At six weeks old, an accident blinded her permanently. When, as an adult, she was asked about her blindness, she said, "If I had a choice, I would still choose to remain blind for when I die,

me. This dyslexic southern girl had no problem interpreting the content. It looked quite a bit like my own elementary school writing, which admittedly was confounding to most of the teachers at Calvert City Elementary School who labored arduously to impart spelling and grammar norms upon me.

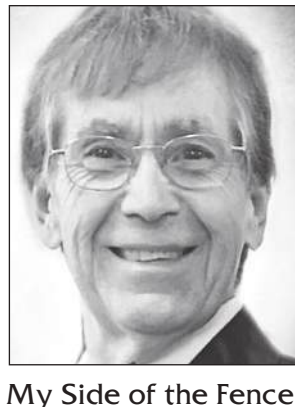
It just goes to show you that there is always a need for those of us who are a little different. I love words in all their forms. It's good to be of service, even if I do end up being compared to cookware.

the first face I will ever see will be the face of my blessed Saviour." Ms. Crosby wrote "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" in 1880. This is the third verse of that song: "Tell of the cross where they nailed Him, writhing in anguish and pain; tell of the grave where they laid Him, tell how He liveth again. Love in that story so tender, clearer than ever I see; stay, let me weep while you whisper, 'Love paid the ransom for me.'"

It is the last phrase that most impressed David and me. Although physically blind, Fanny Crosby saw God like few others. And when she composed this hymn about the story of Jesus, she wrote her heart's song in this verse.

"Stay, let me weep while you whisper, 'Love paid the ransom for me.'"

Let's talk about politics and religion for once



My Side of the Fence
By Mike Harrell

article recently that said it could give you a heads up about a possible recession. It seems men do not want to spend money on things that can't be seen. Thus, they stop buying underwear. In the recession that hit 2007-2009, sales of underwear dropped like a rock. In 2010 as the economy recovered so did the sales of men's underwear. Who knew?

One more odd fact concerns LeMarcus Thompson. Ever heard of him? Me neither. Turns out he invented the roller coaster. Why you may ask? For fun? Nope, it was for something to do to keep Americans away from saloons, brothels and other sordid entertainment. I'll let you be the judge if it worked.

Well, I've sort of talked about politics, and sex, so let's hit religion. Over the years I know you have heard about, or even experienced a UFO sighting. The most sightings worldwide are in the USA. The most sightings were in 2014 and have been dropping each year since. In January 2020 about 518 were seen and reported to one reporting group and 468 to another group. Florida had the most with

51 sightings. I've been saying all this to get here. Have you ever heard of Raelism? I know I hadn't. It is a religion about UFO's. I don't know more than that. What they do is beyond me.

Happy Cinco de Mayo.

Birthday greetings are going out this week to Lisa Howard-Delany, Jason Denfip, Tina Payne, Rhonda English, VannieLou Marshall, Bobby Foust, Nora Stevenson, Patricia Garman, Elizabeth Wilson, Janna Jordon, Bobby Woods, Joe Owen, Chris Beasley, Sally Hood, Ma-linda Colburn, Mark Prince and Evan Lents. What a group! Celebrate your day and eat the cake.

Happy Anniversaries to Mr. & Mrs. Trey Smith, have a great day.

Stay safe, stay well and as always, stay in touch.