

Opinion

Things aren't looking very favorable for the President and he knows it

The President is continuing to claim without proof the 2020 election was stolen. It wasn't. Three major news media organizations, out of concern for what the President has claimed in the past, did not run the President's speech Thursday night on their main news feeds and aired it on their websites instead. CBS did run the President's speech on their main news feed with real time fact checking of the President's statements.

The President said in advance of his speech he would provide new information on the 2020 election. He made claims about China getting voter information. Perhaps they did. Voter information is a public record in many states including Kentucky. You can go to the Marshall County Clerk's office and get copies of every registered voter in the county.

The President and others continue to undercut the security of our elections by making claims about people voting illegally. However, The Heritage Foundation, a conservative organization, has found only around 68 total instances of non-citizen voting nationwide across five decades. This covers hundreds



Northwest Passage
By Loyd Ford

of elections across a 50-year period.

The President also claims the voter registration rolls are filled with deceased individuals. This is untrue as well. We publish the changes in voter registration sent to us by the Kentucky secretary of state which includes the number of deceased persons who have been removed from the voter registration lists.

Kentucky also requires a voter photo ID, which most of the time is a driver's license. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency said the 2020 election was once of the most secure elections in history. The President has attacked the credibility of the 2020 Presidential election in Georgia despite multiple recounts of Georgia's paper ballots, all of

which continued to show that Joe Biden won the Georgia ballot by nearly 12,000 votes.

The President claims mail in balloting is by design corrupt. He makes this claim although he voted by mail earlier this year in Florida. Research on fraud in mail in ballots show it is extremely rare. One study across four different general elections found the occurrence of fraud in mail-in ballots occurs about 0.000043% of the time. That is 4.3 one hundred thousandths of a percent which is an incredibly small number.

Before the supreme court stepped in the President was being

prosecuted for some of his alleged activities in Georgia's 2020 presidential election.

There continues to be troubling steps taken by the President. Just weeks ago, he removed members of the bipartisan Federal Election Commission. Then on Friday Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin threatened state election officials with possible prison time if they don't comply with Trump administration methods to determine whether noncitizens are on voter rolls. This is in direct conflict with the U.S. Constitution which clearly assigns elections to the individual states.

Despite promising to release new information about the ballot being manipulated the President just rehashed his old claims that he went to court with and lost. By some counts the President or others on his behalf filed as many as 90 different court challenges in different states contesting ballots in the 2020 election. These charges were for the most part dismissed because they couldn't provide any evidence of wrong doing.

While there wasn't any new evidence about China doing anything other than possibly collecting legally and publicly available voter data in 2020. There was evidence

released that Russia did work to help the President in the 2016 election.

What this appears to be is the President is sensing a distinct change in the political climate in the United States. The Epstein files still have not been released, the war with Iran is still ongoing, gas and food prices are still staying up as well as inflation overall. ICE is still shooting and killing people on the streets and not asking any questions later. The outcome of the mid-term election is not looking very favorable for him. Losing control of both the US House and the US Senate would put his presidency at risk and he knows it.

Service and love unites and makes a nation great



By Emily Morrison

Of them to be exact. My church hosts an organization that manages the Field of Glory at patriotic points during the year. The unseasonable amount of rain during

Independence Day weekend caused a delay in storing the flags. An appeal for help was put out. My children and I answered the call.

For a little over two hours, we worked alongside about a dozen other people. We wiped down poles, wrapped, tied, bundled and packaged flags. We were just Americans working together in patriotic service to our community. Absent from political rhetoric, we were unified in purpose. It lifted my heart. It gave me hope. We need more of this.

I want more for us as a country. It's our acts of service and love for one another that make a nation great. Martial might nor economic abundance can replace compassion and devotion to your fellow countrymen. I began to see the star and bars differently. As I rolled the flags, I watched the stripes wrap around the field in a loving embrace. That's our true purpose as a nation of states united. We have to serve one another in love.

Our View

Artificial intelligence must be regulated now

The need for regulation of artificial intelligence can not be understated. The newest threat to people from AI creators is fake doctors and medical providers in videos making claims about all kinds of health products. The New York Times recently published a story about how AI generated videos making health claims were popping up more frequently on the internet.

The internet, particularly social media is running unchecked through our world every day. We are all paying a price now and in the future for both deceptive information and deceptive practices on the internet.

Treating internet platforms as if they were common carriers and relieving them of any responsibility for the activities they allow on their platforms is not in our best interest.

Artificial intelligence must be more stringently regulated and the sooner the better.

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The story behind a much-loved children's song

They were sisters, Susan and Anna Warner. Born in the early 1800s, they grew up in a farmhouse on Constitution Island, very close to the West Point military academy. To help with the family's finances, the sisters began writing stories and poems which were quickly loved by their readers. Together, they wrote over 100 books.

In the novel, "Say and Seal", which was co-written by Susan and Anna in 1860, the story's main character recites a poem to comfort a dying child. These are the first lines of that poem, which was written by Anna Warner:

"Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong." Two years



Tales of Grace
By Leigh Ann Northcutt

later, American musician William Bradbury gave the poem a simple melody and added a chorus. The song's popularity spread like wildfire.

Neither of the Warner sisters married. They lived together into old age in the farmhouse across the Hudson River from West Point. Every Sunday for 40 years, the

sisters sent a rowboat to pick up cadets, inviting the young men to their home for lemonade, cookies and Bible studies led by their uncle, the academy's chaplain. When their uncle died, Susan and Anna continued meeting with the young soldiers who were affectionately known as "Miss Warner's Boys."

Each week, Susan and Anna wrote a new song for the cadets to sing at their meetings. Of all the songs the sisters wrote, "Jesus Loves Me" was the favorite. Susan and Anna taught it to each new class of cadets, one of which included future president Dwight D. Eisenhower. It is reported that Eisenhower and many other cadets through the years sang

the hymn as they trained.

"Jesus Loves Me" has been translated into more languages than almost any other song in the world. It is often the first song we teach our children in church. It is routinely used by missionaries around the world to teach the simple truth of God's love. The first six words of the song are the foundation we all stand on and the only piece of doctrine we really need to understand.

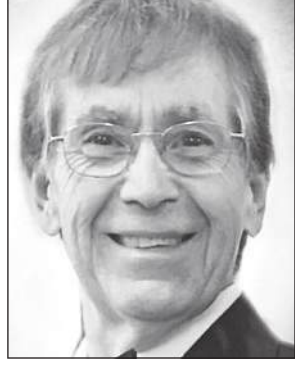
"Jesus loves me, this I know."

When they died, Susan and Anna were buried with military honors because of the profound spiritual impact they had on West Point cadets. They are two of only three civilians buried in the West Point Cemetery.

Throwing away is the downside to downsizing

Well, I am not on the patio. It is lighting and thundering. However, I wouldn't be anyway. In all my 77 years I didn't really see this one coming. Other than three years while I was at Western Kentucky University, I have always lived on the north end of Aspen Street in Calvert City. This week I moved. I'm downsizing. My new home isn't even in Calvert. It is about 100 yards out of the city limits.

I have never actually moved before. When I bought my home, it was just across the street from my childhood home. With the help of my parents and an aunt I furnished it. After this move, I never want to do that again. I know people who have moved many times and more than three miles away. I don't know how they did it. I now have to change my driver's license and



My Side of the Fence
By Mike Harrell

notify so many institutions.

For so many years I did need four bedrooms. But as things happen, marriages, just moving out, and sadly death, left me alone. So, I downsized. I hear this is getting to be common among baby boomers.

I still have so much to get rid of. I am doing something I never thought I would do. I'm throwing stuff away. So, Mrs. Smith, you were right all along. I'm finding stuff I had forgotten

about or didn't even know I had. What do you do with your baby book and baby shoes? I didn't know how I was going to sleep. All those years of trains going by at all hours. Well, the first morning I woke up early and heard something, no, yes it was a train whistle. Couldn't believe it.

Speaking of sleep, do you play video games? I don't but maybe I should. In a study they found people who played video games right before bed have an "unusual level of awareness" in their dreams and are able to control them more. Control them?

Video games are probably older than you thought. I know time flies but they go back to the 1940's. Of course they didn't resemble what we think of today. The first computer video game "Space Wars" was introduced in the 1960's.

I'm not sure I knew they had computers then, but if you did only the very wealthy could afford computers. Maybe that's why I never got into computer games.

I'm pretty sure that some of you may be celebrating an anniversary this week. I just don't know who. Anyway, with this list of birthdays I'm not sure I would have had room anyway.

Happy Birthday to Glenda Arant, David Arant, Jon Noles, Dale Strader, Kandi Duke, Donna Crider, Adam Evans, Scott Shelton, Jordon Colburn, John Purdue, Suzy Colburn, Trey LeBlanc, Faith Audas, Rhonda Adamson, Chip Tullar, Luke Inglish, and DeeAnn Bogaczyk. I wonder if we added up the ages here what the total would be. Celebrate your day and eat the cake.

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