

Standard online reader survey



Q: Do you think the father should be charged after giving four guns back to his mentally ill son, who is accused of killing four at a Nashville-area Waffle House?

YES 92 percent
NO 8 percent

GUEST EDITORIAL

Tariff new burden for newspaper industry

Some of the best news this year regarding the media came out of the NRA Annual Meeting in Dallas.

U.S. Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn — the senior senator from Texas — said he's actively opposing a tariff on Canadian newsprint put into place earlier this year.

"Newspapers are beleaguered already and I don't think we need to make that any harder than it already is," Cornyn told *The Daily Sentinel*.

For the news industry, and for you, dear readers, it was some of the best news of the day. Cornyn said he had spoken in opposition to the tariff with Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross and was "hopeful we'll see some positive results."

"People need access to well-researched and well-written, accurate news," Cornyn said.

Cornyn's right, and we are pleased to have the No. 2 Republican in Congress as an advocate for our industry.

Canadian newsprint makes up 75 percent of the paper used for American newspapers. That's not because, as one company complained, Canada is undercutting prices. It's because paper mills have been closing across the United States for more than a decade. We saw it in the Pineywoods in 2004 when Abitibi shuttered its mill in Lufkin.

Since circulations of

The Daily Sentinel Texas

major metro papers have decreased, mills began shutting down newsprint production. Now, America simply cannot produce enough to keep up with demand.

The tariff has tacked on an undue burden to newspapers and newspaper readers. Papers across the country have made cutbacks. Employees have lost their jobs. Stories go uncovered. Some government agencies are now without a watchdog.

The tariffs are not yet permanent but are still in effect. Soon the International Trade Commission will rule on the tariffs, and we encourage newspapers readers to contact U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert, Gov. Greg Abbott, and Sen. Ted Cruz and let them know these tariffs must not continue.

Community journalism depends on it.

During our interview with Cornyn, there was no glitz, no TV cameras, no expensive microphones. It was just Cornyn, flanked by aides and Secret Service agents walking and talking with a reporter from your hometown newspaper.

You couldn't read this in *The Dallas Morning News*, the *Houston Chronicle* or anywhere online. You'll only find this story in your local paper. That's what we're here for.

Guest workers, do your jobs

At a rally in Michigan last weekend, President Trump promised to bring in lots of guest workers to -- I quote -- "do your jobs." Once, long ago, Trump was against replacing American workers with cheap foreign labor. Back when Trump was invincible, he sounded more like this:

Breitbart News: "Hundreds of workers at Disney were forced to train their foreign replacements. ... Rubio's bill is even endorsed by the CEO of Disney. What do you think of Rubio's bill?"

Trump: "It's a disaster. It would allow any company in America to replace any worker with cheaper foreign labor. It legalizes job theft. ...

"I am calling TODAY on Disney to hire back every one of the workers they replaced, and I am calling on Rubio to immediately rescind his sponsorship of the I-Squared bill and apologize to every Floridian for endorsing it."

To paraphrase Ray Donovan, where do I go to get my Trump back?

Now that he's president and could actually implement all those great things he ran on, Trump sounds like Liddle Marco.

This was Trump on Saturday night: "We need people to be able to come into our country, do your jobs, help you on the farms. ... Guest workers, we're going to take care of that. Guest workers. Don't we agree? We have to have them. We have to have them."

It went on like this for an eternity.

The dead silence that greeted Trump as he blathered about replacing Americans with guest workers proves that Trump voters are listening quite closely.

The president needs to understand,

unless he drops his bizarre and totally uncharacteristic desire to bring in people to do your job, the voters might just bring in someone else to do his.

The plus side of the midterm elections is liberals have gone mad. The minus side is voters intensely hate Republicans. It was hatred for Republicans that drove millions of voters to Trump in the first place.

The same conservative talking heads who think the GOP is going to be fine by focusing on those great tax cuts -- we'll get to immigration soon, promise! -- spent the first six months of Trump's candidacy indignantly

informing us that he was "not a Republican."

They said it was "unhealthy" for the party to be debating mass deportations. Trump "hasn't really stood for Republican things."

The "summer of Trump" would come to a quick and deserved end. The danger, standard-GOP conservatives told us, was what Trump's candidacy "can do to the GOP brand."

I thought the 2016 election would finally be enough to convince everyone that the Republican "brand" is not worth saving. It's like trying to buy the rights to the name "the USSR."

There's still time to hold the Democrats to a blue eddy this fall. All it takes is Trump keeping his promises on immigration and not starting a war. Who could have guessed it would be so difficult for a president not to start a war?

But if Trump doesn't do something major on his central campaign promise -- not repainting border fences and telling us it's the wall -- see you on Nov. 7.

COLUMNIST

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One giant leap for mankind

I passed a 25-year-old kid in the mall this morning, walking with some of his friends. He was an average-looking guy, with the exception he was easily a head taller than I am. All of his friends were taller than I am, too, but just by an inch or two. Some of the girls in the group were just about my height: 6 foot even.

Looking around, I noticed all the kids in that age group seemed taller than the average person in my age group -- some of them much taller. Maybe it's just a sign of my dotage, but now that I'm paying attention, it's not just young people have started to look alarmingly gigantic.

I was in a grocery store not long ago, and there was a 6-year-old sitting in the cart his mother was pushing. "Isn't that a little old to be pushed around by your mom?" was my first thought, until I saw the Mylar balloon the child was holding. It read "Happy 2nd Birthday!" What are they feeding this kid? Magic beans? How big are HIS children going to be? King-sized anything simply won't be big enough anymore.

Apparently it isn't big enough already. Customers already complain to hotels their feet hang over the edge of the bed, and to restaurants that their chairs and tables are too small. The back seat of most cars is a joke.

Traveling economy in an airplane today is like being loaded into an already full trash compactor. If you can, beg for aisle seat because then, at least, you'll be able to move one arm.

When we visit a historic site, whether a house or a museum, the furniture all looks as if it came from a doll's house. Will our giant great-grandchild-

dren think the same of today's couches and doorframes? Will we start to look like Hobbits to them?

Will hotel rooms come with smaller facilities for us tiny old folks, so we don't accidentally flush ourselves down giant-sized toilets? Will we be able to stand the pressure of showers without being blown over like a cub reporter in the middle of a hurricane? Will doctors have to use special tiny needles to take older people's blood without draining us completely?

Then again, it's not just young people who look bigger to me lately; it's everything. Maybe I'm shrinking. Bed pillows seem to be the size of sofas now. Personal soda bottles look closer to two-liters. Coca-Cola introduced its "king-sized" bottle in 1955. It was

12 ounces. I think we were meant to share it.

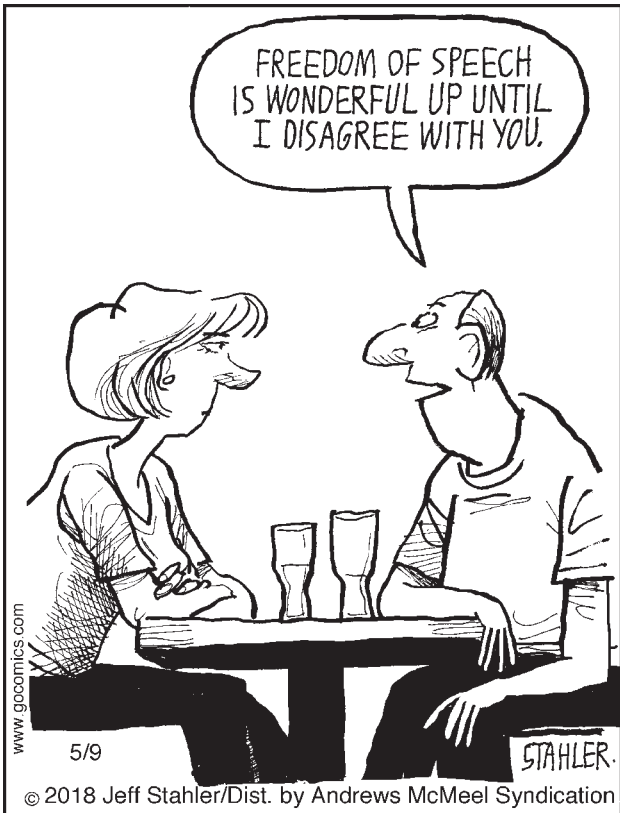
Coffee cups? Can you believe people used to drink coffee in those little things? Didn't they know about travel mugs? Can you imagine trying to drink your daily six cups of scalding-hot banana/hazelnut Kona fresh-ground gourmet coffee in a cup? In bumper-to-bumper traffic? I wonder if there's a statistical case to be made that humans have been getting taller since the gourmet coffee shop trend started.

My friend Pat says there are things I can do to make myself taller, like hang like a bat when I sleep. But that seems like a lot of effort with little reward. Besides, I have a creepy feeling the younger, taller generation already thinks people my age sleep that way.

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Direct sales are a dud with me

When we moved to Cookeville, I was bombarded by people in direct sales. Apparently, Cookeville is the mecca for this business model and I didn't get the memo. It's especially difficult when you're trying to get acquainted with a new place and people. I'd be in the middle of a friendly conversation with someone new when suddenly they were trying to get me to join their "team" to earn money and enjoy their amazing products.

I couldn't even accept a simple compliment without someone trying to get me to buy, then sell these inner and outer beauty products. Here's a look at the top five that I was approached by on the regular: Zija, Plexus, Beauty Counter, Mary Kay and Rodan Fields. These are just a few from a condensed list of multi-level marketing companies I've learned about.

Now, don't get me wrong, I'm completely on board with women (and men) supplementing their income by selling products they enjoy. In fact, I've tried several from the list above. As a consumer, I appreciate buying certain products from women I know and like. I'm all about women supporting women and shopping local when I can.

Still, I have a few complaints.

First, yes, your personal Facebook page is yours to do with as you please, but I will hide you if you post incessantly and solely about your direct sales company. For me, I'd prefer to follow your business page if I'm interested in your products.

Secondly, don't contact me out of nowhere, misspell my name and proceed to send me numerous generic messages.

For example, this is a private message I received last December:

Plexus Rep: "Hey! Happy December! Hope you doing well! I know this might seem strange hearing from me out of the blue, but I can't shake the feeling I need to tell you about this. curious if I have peaked your interest with any of my Plexus posts? The products have been so amazing for me and my family and I would really love to share them with you."

Me: No response.

Plexus Rep: "Hey!! Happy New Year!! Not sure if you seen any of my plexus posts or if i caught you at a bad time, but I would love to share what it's done for me if you got a couple minutes?"

Me: No response.

Plexus Rep: "Hey Lacey! I'm just curious ... have ever tried plexus? No pressure, I'd just love to hear your thoughts!"

Plexus people, before you call me up defending this rep, let me inform you that I've tried the triplex combo. I actually sought an acquaintance through social media, without any pushing on her part, to test it out.

In my opinion, there is simply a wrong and a right way to do direct marketing. I typically do my own research and ask around before I shell out my hard-earned cash. Chances are, if you send me any form of written communication loaded with grammatical errors. As a writer, I'll be offended and turned off regardless of the quality of your product.

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