

Disturbing news

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I received a letter the other day from the World War II Memorial Association stating that the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) has actually filed a lawsuit delaying indefinitely the construction of this memorial.

I could not believe that anyone or any organization would oppose this project. Millions of us, both men and women, who were in World War II may not live to see this memorial, but most of us want to see it built for posterity.

According to statistics, we are losing 1,100 World War II vets a day, approximately 30,000 a month.

I have done everything I could to support this project, including my financial support. If those who served in World War II want to see this memorial erected, write a letter of support urging the NCPC to ratify its previous approvals. E-mail to info@ncpc.gov or write to the following: Richard L. Friedman, chairman; National Capital Planning Commission; 401 Ninth St., NW; North Lobby Suite 500; Washington, D.C. 20576.

Pain is the priority

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This concerns the emergency room at Ball Memorial Hospital. Recently, I had an acute gall bladder attack and couldn't walk. They told me I had to fill out all the paper work. I asked whether I could get help quick. They insisted I fill out the paper work first. I even asked whether my wife, who had brought me, could fill out the papers, but they said no, I had to do that.

It took more than 20 minutes

to get that done. I was in a lot of pain. I found out later that I had a stone lodged in my pancreas and it was full of infection.

I think when a person goes to the ER with acute pain they should be able to get some help immediately and worry about the paper work later.

Or why can't a relative or friend who came with the person fill out the paper work?

Freedom to what?

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I read the story about Rep. Mike Pence being assigned the chairmanship of the Small Business Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight by the Republican leadership. The story also reported that the Muncie-Delaware County Chamber of Commerce was present in Washington as a "receptive audience" during a subcommittee meeting. Chamber President Dan Allen told Pence that "small business needed relief." So, what's new? The chamber doesn't want to be accountable or pay taxes.

Pence claims to be an old-fashioned conservative, but it's easy to confuse him with the neo-conservatives who like big government and imperialism as long as they run it. And it's easy to confuse his claim with chamber-of-commerce conservatives who claim anything good for business is good for the country. That's horse manure.

Simply set business people free to seek their own private ends and the unplanned, unexpected outcome will be a social optimum. As is true for an individual's salvation, good works of unforeseeable kinds flow from faithfulness. But there's a hitch: Freedom is not a virtue per se. It can mean