

A History – Part III, with Appendix

I am willing and able to lead, unconventionally to be sure in that I don't have gobs of available time and I won't be constantly out and about or giving speeches. It might even be called unobtrusive leadership, in that near anonymity has always been my preferred option. In some ways it is a return to a front-porch campaign, but as I have no front porch this site will be its substitute.

Now, bamboozled, election-fodder sheep work wonderfully as followers for Democrats and other con artists but as I am emphatically neither of those, I require intelligent, aware and courageous Americans. All three characteristics are necessary. In a citizenry which has had exactly those qualities steadily bludgeoned out of it, or more precisely, has allowed those qualities to be bludgeoned out of it, by the implacable hammer blows of "Progressivism", it is by no means improbable that I alone cannot restore such qualities to a local majority, especially in a county where the corruption-embracing Democrat Party reigns supreme. It is, however, important that I make what effort I can.

I can do much to revive numbed intelligence and flaccid awareness and I can provide a hint of the courage required to drain the Lake County Government swamp of corruption. However, if you care about your country, if you care about your county, if you prefer to live under honest government rather than in subjugation to the personal whims, predilections and interests of the corrupt, then you have a duty as a still sort of free citizen of a still somewhat free country to revive your own intelligence, awareness and courage. Otherwise you will soon find that 'still sort of' and 'still somewhat' have vanished, and remorse and regret will then do you no more good than will wishing that every day were Christmas.

A land of the free can only exist when it is the home of the brave, and so I say to every voter in Lake County, if you wish to live in a land of the free rather than in shackled servitude on Big Brother's plantation, it is now or never to recharge your bravery batteries. If you do not NOW remove the corruption in the LCAO by electing the one person in this county that will restore that office to the honest and ethical state which it must have, it will be too late, and you will have entrenched it in place, permanently, and you will be forever more at the mercy of the whims of self-interested corruption. Corruption cares only for the corrupt. If that is not you, well, ain't that a shame is their attitude.

Further, if you do not NOW stop voting for "progressive" Democrats you will very soon find yourself a hapless, helpless Ward of The State, living in another soul-searing, leftist nightmare, another dreary, two-class society of the ruling, self-anointed elite (who, by the way, display none of the character, comprehension, conduct or courage supporting such anointment) and the ruled masses. The time is now and the choice is still yours. Make the wrong one and you will most probably never again have the option to make the right one, either locally or nationally.

This is the most perilous time in the nation's history since the Civil War. Those of us intelligent, aware and courageous enough to have placed President Trump in office, not with the belief that he would be a great President but because he was not, first, the standard GOP pawn of the plutocracy campaigning from the fetal position (see Romney, McCain, Bush, Bush, Bush, et.al.), nor second, another corrupt-to-the-core, sinister, Stalin-wannabe (see Obama, Clinton, Sanders, et.al.), have only granted the country a breathing space. You will use it to good effect or you will find the noblest, by far, political creation in the history of humankind razed to the ground so that Big Brother can control you, your livelihood, your prosperity and your thoughts. "Progressivism" is nothing more than the attempt to destroy a dollar society to replace it with one not worth a dime, and until you understand that you understand nothing.

As a concrete example, if you think ObamaCare was about health care you are a fool. If you think it was about health care reform you are a damned fool. It was and is about CONTROL, about Big Brother inserting its tentacles of tyranny into your personal doctor/patient relationship. Further, if you think that was their last arrow in that quiver you are a complete damned fool.

Appendix

Here are three further tidbits that you will never have heard of were I not running for the office of County Assessor.

Tidbit One: Within days of the cancer that is Miguel Martinez moving from a corrupting employee to a corrupt department head, a misplaced call came into another department. A female voice stated that word on the street was that one could come talk to the new Assessor and get a "discount" on their property value. She was looking for hers. (At least one Commissioner was aware of that phone call.) It is highly unlikely that such street talk came from anywhere but one source. I wonder who that might have been? One might also be forgiven for wondering how such "discounts" square with providing "fair and equitable" property valuations, though Martinez has never cared a whit about that, either before or after swearing an oath to provide exactly such valuations.

In trade lingo, such "discounts" are known as FOA (Friend of Assessor/Appraiser) discounts. I chanced across a small handful of them in the normal course of my work while employed there, like three or four. One, a minor dollar amount to quiet a neighbor, was by the former Assessor, and the rest, not so minor, by a former appraiser from many years earlier.

Anyone care to bet that that number has not significantly increased since January, 2015? Hint: You would be a complete fool to do so. But who knows? Probably only two people know, the cancer and his complicit, equally corrupt lackey. Who cares? Right now a grand total of one person in all of Lake County cares. Further Hint: If you think that pair of little boys are above using their positions to reward and punish, and buy votes (as in, "Yes Ms. wife of my friend's, friend's plumber, I think we can knock \$15,000 off your property value. You made a good case. Please remember me come election time.") you are truly an idiot!! That scenario is in their everyday power. They have used it against me (see Tidbit Three), and if either of them possessed the personal ethic not to meander that path, such ethic would have prompted their resignations many years ago. Have they resigned? QED.

Tidbit Two: In a conversation with former Assessor Tritz after neither of us was still in the office, I remarked on how Martinez, even during the several years I was not in the office, hardly ever was present and reported for duty during the numerous times I chanced by, and the same after I had returned. Tritzs' response was, "But he always got forty hours pay." (which Tritz always signed off on). So I wondered how he could do that unless he was being shuffled extra vacation and sick days by the payroll department? Tritz actually blurted out, "Or he was giving kickbacks", and he didn't say it as though he was pondering a 'what if', but positively, as though he knew the vacation and sick time was, let us day, curiously duplicative, and so that must have been what had been going on.

But who cares? Is that something that should be looked into? Absolutely it should, but the only way it will happen honestly and openly will be if an honest, concerned and wondering citizen does so, using Open Records and Freedom of Information statutes. Payroll is under the direct control of the BOCC, and your Lake County BOCC doesn't do honest and open where corruption in its ranks is concerned. Sunshine and disinfectant, though desperately needed in your Lake County government, are more desperately resisted.

Tidbit Three: I mentioned above the 'personal whims, predilections and interests of the corrupt' . Here is a concrete example. For the latest thoroughly bogus property revaluation, how many of you saw a jump in the valuation of your real property in the neighborhood of 50% without anything on the property having changed since the previous thoroughly bogus revaluation? I did. Another person related to me that when he protested the valuation of one of his properties Martinez responded with a higher valuation. Why? Because the stinking corruption that is Miguel Martinez and his complicit lackey believe that government office gives them the right to punish and reward according to nothing more than their personal likes and hatreds. That is the inevitable product of two completely unethical little boys playing children's games with government power. And this from an office which has the responsibility, mockingly sworn under oath, to provide "fair and equitable" property valuations.

Are you next on the punishment list? Will you ever be on that list? Those are questions that you would do well to ponder, and most particularly the implications of allowing such stench to continue, because corruption never rests. It will take everything it can get, and it doesn't give a rat's ass about you or your interests unless you are part of it.

The truth of the matter is that The Tomcat, The Cancer, and The Lackey should never have any position of any kind anywhere where trustworthiness is a requirement. All three have conclusively demonstrated over the course of many years that trustworthiness is an adult responsibility which they are not equipped to fulfill. They are experts (and are they ever!!) in faking it but cringing yellow dogs in the actual fulfillment.