

Wednesday, October 31, 2007

Trick or Treat in Huntington West Virginia

I had 73 kids come for trick or treat in Huntington West Virginia. I was very pleasantly surprised. I sat out on the front porch and handed out the candy bars to the kids. I usually give extra for the neighborhood children who had creative costumes. I had a can of Pepsi with me on the front porch. One little kid about 4 years old wanted my Pepsi, rather than candy. I went into the house and got him a can of soda. He was one happy camper. His mom was a wee bit embarrassed at his asking, but that's OK. I gave out about 2 lbs. of candy and a can of soda pop and had a good time doing it. So did the kids. Trick or Treat went well for the children of Huntington West Virginia.

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Thursday, October 18, 2007

Military Recruiters in High Schools

Thoughts about Education. Military Recruiters in High Schools
Violence and Education are opposite and equal reactions in a Newtonian context, in that the educated mind seeks peace out of reverence for order and contempt for chaos. The uneducated and undisciplined mind is content with the imposition of brutality to resolve differences. Violence and education are inversely proportional. Military recruiters and Educators will in many instances always be of diametric opposition in their intentions for youth. "Military education" is by its nature an oxymoron, due to the fact that educated people have traditionally resolved differences by peaceful means. Censorship is merely the tyrannical imposition of intellectual brutality by virtue of imposed mandate based on the agenda of the tyrant. Academia, when free of intellectual tyrants is unfettered in the search for factual truth. The tyrant pre-supposes his preconceptions and agenda are beyond question. Intellectual freedom is predicated on the right to impeach the preconceptions of others and seek one's own concepts and truth. Intellectual freedom is the right to detach oneself from the limitations and taboos of the status quo regimentation that is imposed by mediocre minds around us. It is the total and complete absence of preconceptions and presumptions that results in the detached critical thinking that is traditionally needed for the advancement of science and humanity. Stephanie Heck Huntington West Virginia

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Wednesday, October 10, 2007

West Virginia Supreme Court Candidates

Rumor has it that Menis Ketchum is planning a run for the West Virginia supreme court. The same political Rumors have been circulating that Dan O'Hanlon is also a potential candidate for the West Virginia Supreme Court. What a political struggle that would make. Both are very prominent Cabell County Attorneys. I do not know for certain if one or both will run, but if they do, we can look for a very lively 2008 election. Both Ketchum and O'Hanlon are quite skilled in debate.

Posted by Huntington West Virginia in Cabell County West Virginia at 08:58

Sunday, October 7, 2007

Tom McCallister running for mayor

I understand that Tom McCallister is running for Mayor in next years Huntington WV municipal election. Tom McCallister once did a good job with trying to save the Olympic pool in the past; it's just that the money was not there. Tom McCallister would be a good recreational manager for a youth facility. If a kid got too obnoxious, Tom McCallister could tell the kid that he was "violating the charter and the law" and boot the brat out until he straightened up. Obnoxious teenagers deserve a scolding lecture from Tom McCallister. However Tom McCallister gets himself in severe hot water for viperously scolding adults like they were teenagers with disciplinary issues. Tom McCallister can quote chapter and verse of the regulation broken to justify his position. Tom McCallister comes across as "my way or no way" and obnoxious teenagers need that authoritarian guidance, but full-grown adults do not. Adults need common courtesy and basic respect more than conformist regimentation from someone with the inflexible attitude and tight rule set of a drill sergeant. However if a job becomes available to manage a dozen rowdy teenagers, Tom McCallister is the man for the job. But he is not the man to manage city council. Candidate Tom McCallister has a regimented "by the book" mindset IMHO. He needs a very tight set of strict rules to uphold to be happy. He finds contentment in advocating strict conformity for the sake of strict conformity. That attitude is good in a jail guard, or in an attorney, or in the military but not in civil politics. Adults base politics on elective choice rather than legalism that stifles the potential for progress. Tom McCallister seems to be addicted to city council meetings and is constantly lecturing and scolding city council to conform to this or that legalistic standard. After twenty years of city council meetings, Tom McCallister can quote the city charter and many obscure ordinances from memory, in much the same way as a 20-year prison inmate can quote the 1000 rules of the prison. It is my opinion that those who are fixated on legalistic hyper conformity to "the rules and regulations" (or charter) seem to have a form of co-dependency with the rule making regulatory authority. Some people have dependency issues with authoritarian persons and some with institutional authority. To make a case in point... This institutional codependency is often seen in career military men who do not adjust well to civilian life due to a co-dependent relationship with the ultra authoritarian military institution. It is also seen in some career criminals who have no idea how to function outside of a highly regulated prison institutional environment. Ultra conformist mindsets thrive on a multitude of rules and in extreme cases have committed thousands of rules to memory. Hyper conformity is dependent on the status quo for a standard to conform to. When the rules and enforcement become integral to the identity, a public perception of the "enforcer" tends to be negative. It has gone far beyond being just a political activism. Tom McCallister has developed a public identity of holding councils feet to the fire to keep them on their toes. Many see no need for a self-appointed political rules cop that has not been elected and therefore to seek election is an attempt to legitimate his self-appointment by seeking the voter's approval knowing fully well he will not be elected. Until the election is lost, he is for the moment legitimate in his position by virtue of simply being a candidate. Those with an enforcer type hyper conformist mentality are often too concerned with regulating the precise dimensions of the box, to ever comprehend what it is like to think outside the box. The Mayors job in the future requires creative innovative thinking beyond the proverbial box, and although I believe that Tom McCallister sincerely cares about Huntington, he is too old school "by the book" and inflexible to write a innovative new chapter in Huntington's history at the helm of city government. I do not think Tom McCallister is a bad person but I do not believe that he is the man for the job of Mayor. Huntington needs adaptive innovation and improvisation, and not regimentation by the enforcers of the status quo that no longer serves the needs of a rapidly evolving and increasingly diverse community.

Posted by Huntington West Virginia in Huntington WV at 23:01

Thursday, October 4, 2007

Huntington WV votes down LGBT inclusion

Huntington WV votes down LGBT inclusion Once again Huntington has chosen the path of self righteous retro mediocrity. Last week the Huntington city council voted down an amendment to the Huntington Human rights ordinance that would have outlawed discrimination in housing and employment based on sexual orientation. These small minded George Wallace impersonators on the city council are fully aware that large corporations will not do business in locales that do not protect ALL minority employees. As I stated in a previous article, I believe this to be a matter of economics rather than morality. Boyd and Putnam Counties are growing like wildfire and Wayne and Lawrence counties have had some modest growth. The economic reality is that there is a ring of golden progress all around Huntington WV. All of the major Merchants are in the east end of Cabell County because they want nothing to do with Huntington's long history of extreme hostility toward progress. Progress is based on an open door policy and not a small minded policy of retro mediocrity. This city needs new leadership and we need to dispose of all of the polirical retreads tht are currently incumbant, if we are ever going to achieve progress. The fact that it took 30 years to develop the superbloc shows the city is hostile to progress. Did I expect the city to vote down LGBT inclusion. Yes I did. Why? Because it is typical of the mindsets that opposed desegregation 40 years ago in Huntington. See...nothing has really changed....and that old school southern bigotry is alive and well in Huntington West Virginia. The city of Huntington may well not make it till the next election because the potential for bankrupty is a very real one.

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Monday, October 1, 2007

New message board for Milton WV

There is a new message board for Milton WV.<http://miltonwv.org> Update: The Milton West Virginia Message Board is really doing well as far as postings from Milton WV Citizens. It is a young community forum but growing by new enrollments daily. If this continues this can be a positive voice for progress in the community. The horrible sewer smell and the recent crime of Murder in Milton WV are among the topics being discussed.

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