

MEMORIAL DAY

What's Going On? Part 2

Last week I described here our frustration at the new relationship with our grocery wholesaler, UNFI/Supervalu, putting it into the context of dehumanizing us by imposing procedures and (mostly electronic) paperwork while minimizing human contact. Have you noticed that in your experience with large companies you have to deal with?

The intensity of my anger at UNFI/Supervalu surprises me, since it is likely that something so new will become more familiar and easier to do, and new routines will be developed. So why am I so upset? And why are other retailers feeling somewhat the same?

The only explanation I have is twofold: one, we dislike the arrogance of discarding our tried and true tools and imposing on us lesser, more time-consuming procedures; and two, it's part of the larger picture of what's happening to our American culture. We feel pushed away from person to person contact which includes people relating to each other with respectability and humility.

People in small business, as most independent grocery retailers are, tend to be made from the original American cloth into which is woven traditional American values – a foundation built on Judeo-Christian principles, from which spring ideas like respect for Almighty God, individual responsibility, the expectation that people develop themselves and their talents, care and concern for others, government operating within its constitutional framework and staying the heck out of our lives, and much more.

We watch in dismay as we see all of this falling apart, in front of our eyes, and in California, we are on the bleeding edge of this move away from our fundamental values as Americans. We are swamped with illegals who mostly care for the freebies they can get here, and don't care to become truly American. We are being ruled by Leftist wackos who are legislating all kinds of detestable regulations to force their idea of morality upon all of us. We see the cost of living rise to ridiculous heights due to the same ruling

wackos, whether the cost of housing or gasoline or taxes and fees.

Even though we employers work side by side with our staff every day, we are not free to speak, to help, to discipline them as would be best for them and us. We could help young people grow into better adults, but Nanny Government stands in the way. We could give decent jobs to more people, which would serve you better and help our existing stressed-out staffers, but Nanny State has raised the cost of an employee so high that it's impossible to do that.

So when your formerly supportive and most central business partner removes most of the personal, substituting complexity and awkward procedure, it's the icing on the cake of frustration. And then people who tend to volcanic reactions, like yours truly, erupt with the hot lava of indignation.

This coming weekend is Memorial Day weekend, one of the several major holidays of the year, and one that deserves more respect and attention than we give it -- appreciation for and remembrance of the many millions who have given their lives for this country and our way of life that has blessed us citizens and the entire world in so many ways.

How does this relate to my complaint above? In my view it is highly relevant to my complaint. I DO honor and appreciate those who died defending our country and our culture. And when I think of the sacrifice of lives and limbs, and the



hell our combat warriors have had to endure, I cringe when I see their contribution spat upon, either by indifference or outright contempt.

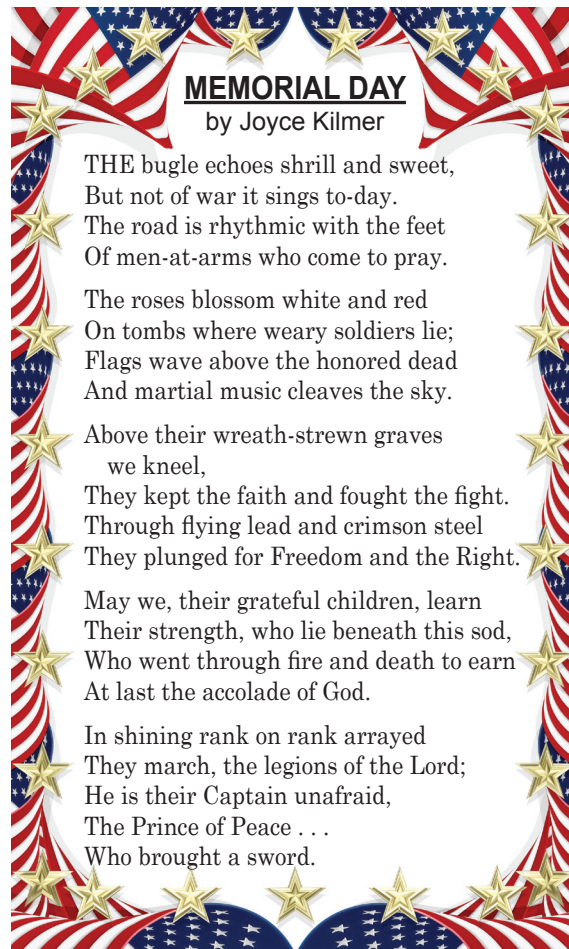
Do we think our heroes died for a country that pushes children to choose a gender before they are old enough to know the difference? Do we think it honorable that this nation practices genocide on pre-born babies, and especially black babies? Are we celebrating that Big Technology – Google, Facebook,

Twitter, Microsoft, etc. – controls the flow of information and stifles speech and thought rooted in traditional American values? Would our martyrs be glad that our borders are being overrun with those who don't care to become American in the traditional sense? Would our heroes be proud of the shenanigans among the highest law enforcement agencies, the FBI and Department of "Justice", along with their media enablers, as they have pushed hard to oust a duly elected president because they think that he and his supporters are deplorable?

The answer to that is self-evident: the Flanders Fields of Europe, with rows and rows of white crosses marking thousands of graves, are filled with men who would be shocked, even horrified, at what our nation has become. And you can be sure that someone somewhere is thinking how to get rid of those white crosses (gasp!) because they offend some atheist somewhere.

It's up to us, who retain our allegiance to God and to His great gift of freedom and opportunity that this nation represents, to stand our ground against the onslaught of Evil that would destroy it all. How we carry that out is the challenge before us, since the enemy, led by God's Enemy himself, is persistent, loud and violent. We ourselves must be persistent, louder, and, if it comes to that, be willing to fight.

If we are to honor our fallen heroes, we can do no less. If we are to thank Almighty God for our comfortable lives and this nation's role as a Light to the nations, we must do no less.



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by Joyce Kilmer

THE bugle echoes shrill and sweet,
But not of war it sings to-day.
The road is rhythmic with the feet
Of men-at-arms who come to pray.

The roses blossom white and red
On tombs where weary soldiers lie;
Flags wave above the honored dead
And martial music cleaves the sky.

Above their wreath-strewn graves
we kneel,
They kept the faith and fought the fight.
Through flying lead and crimson steel
They plunged for Freedom and the Right.

May we, their grateful children, learn
Their strength, who lie beneath this sod,
Who went through fire and death to earn
At last the accolade of God.

In shining rank on rank arrayed
They march, the legions of the Lord;
He is their Captain unafraid,
The Prince of Peace . . .
Who brought a sword.



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(Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association)

TUES. JUNE 5, 5 PM.
at the Senior Center

- Robin Kobaly will give her power point presentation on the biological and carbon sequestering importance of native desert vegetation and undisturbed soils and the environmental effects of industrial solar. Very interesting and informative – **one of our best arguments against massive solar projects.**
- If released in time – discussion on the Environmental Impact Report for the Countywide Plan and our community plan.
- Fire tax and project updates.

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