

Whatever

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Eternity began at birth, proceeds thru fun to death; then the obituary, reminding friend and stranger what those days meant. Recently The Denver Post did service for one of the fallen when it saluted Mark Hogan, 86. Mark was a realtor and politician; for some that might seem a dual negative. But to know Mark as a Democrat was to enjoy the game, for he maintained an irrepressible smile and laugh, through daily good and bad.

Elected Lt Governor of Colorado; that job, do nothing but wait for the Governor to die. There Mark excelled. Excepting these two instances. When the Governor was out of State, as acting Governor Mark never hesitated to be Governor-in-Fact., sign laws, appoint Judges, kiss babies, be everywhere there was a News camera. The other, when at any ceremony where he was to introduce the real Governor, Mark begin with some polite introductory remark, then ask the audience to give a warm welcome to "Our Outgoing Governor, John Love" Through it all, Love smiled, thanked Mark. Civility in politics.

Where have all the smiles gone?

Has politics been turned endless warfare?

Are voters expected to ignore the eternal finger pointing?

Can't USA's citizens agree on anything?

And these recent observations.

The acceptance that the poor pay for everything.
That the world outside these United States is our enemy. That the very people we've entrusted to tell us the News are all liars, making up Fake News, even when exactly quoting the source. That life last year was horrible.

That a better health plan is in the making, and it'll cost nothing?
That every evil originated under the Obama administration?

This generation seems to have forgotten the popular Hans Christian Anderson tale of a past, in which a child shouts from that adoring crowd, reminding, "The Emperor Has No Clothes". Where will we find the child, watching Washington today, who can tell everyone what should be obvious to our nation and the world, "The President is lying, has no moral compass." That would then be visible to all; and they'd laugh at him.

We writers are not the media in a full sense. Nevertheless we have eyes and ears, should not watch that which we find repulsive pass without our notice. And while most everything we imagine and write, will never be published, that should not silence our mind or pen in what we select to put into words.

The individual yelling "Fire" in the building before others are aware, saves all in a building. My wife, five daughters, most women met last summer, including two neighbors registered Republicans, went out of their way to relate, that they were repelled by Trumps' salacious comments and acts regarding what should be considered the Fair Sex. Yet today, somehow, he is number 45, using that status to pay for his extravagances.

Topics to consider. You choose. They are numerous.

My thought, notice the small things.

And watch the TV comedians, Smile,
but don't let that obscure this menace to our freedom.