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On Nov 12, 2016, at 11:12 AM, John Buchanan <[jtwg50@yahoo.com](mailto:jtwg50@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Oh yes, I forgot. Your last line -- ".. why he (I) no longer works for me."  
I quit, for the fifth and final time, September. You have tried to hire me back twice. I refused.  
Then you lied again this week and said you fired me.  
So you're a narcissist and a liar.  
Good job. And if anyone Googles you, they see one local Mayor had you removed by police for being a public nuisance, and another banned you from speaking altogether. Those facts you avoid.

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Yes after a forencic audit we can all decide how good. Once this happens we will see who is right and honest Bill miles or Skip hoagland.

I predict same result as Palm beach CVB prison.

This chamber is currently in violation of the non profit corporation act of SC. They are being sued for refusing Sc foia laws and going to Supreme Court. They refused a volunteer audit to Hhi town council.

John Buchanan journalist , just google this man and decide your self his mental stability and why he no longer works for me.

Sent from my iPhone excuse all typos and misspellings

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On Nov 12, 2016, at 10:27 AM, John Buchanan <[itwg50@yahoo.com](mailto:itwg50@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Here is a good example of the excellent work the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber does, despite Skip Hoagland's constant claims of its corruption and incompetence.

<http://www.wtoc.com/story/33681491/hilton-head-island-bluffton-chamber-of-commerce-holds-state-of-region-address>

What I find most amusing about the story is that Bill Miles and his staff were able to get HHI Mayor David Bennett and Bluffton Mayor Lisa Sulka to cooperate enthusiastically in the important event for the obvious good of the community, while those two Mayors will not even respond to an email from Skip Hoagland or take his phone call, just as no one else on this email thread (except his lawyers and few cronies) will either.

That fact alone indicates how isolated and tuned out Skip is, for good reason.

Over the entire time I worked for him (two years), the characterization from others that I heard most often about him is that he has been and is obsessed with Bill Miles simply because Bill Miles has the prestige and access he does not. And I have come to believe that is true.

One of Skip's ex-business partners told me a while back that the real reason for Skip's rage is that despite his money, he has never been accepted by the social elite of Hilton Head and that his rejection exacerbated an inferiority complex he has.

That rings true to me, based on my experience and observation. And it has been borne out this week in the way he has attacked me, a mere freelance journalist from Florida. But even my meager standing threatens him because he does indeed feel inferior for some reason. One clear reason; His lack of education or erudition.

Skip's other obvious problem is that, as I am confident everyone on this email thread knows (if they read these), in his narcissism, he believes that only he is the arbiter of "truth and facts." And anyone and everyone who disagrees with him is labeled a "crook" or a "fraud."

And alas, that is what has caused the total destruction of his reputation and credibility.

Knowing all that, and how he reacts to any kind of award or favorable publicity for Bill Miles, the above-linked article will likely drive him to drink. Skip can't even get a half-dozen credible people to come out to a Town Council meeting and speak up for him, or to write supportive letters to the

Island Packet. I know that for a fact because I have worked with him to try to accomplish those simple tasks -- and failed.

That's because he has become an embarrassment to anyone with any sense of public dignity or decorum.

And he is incapable of contributing anything meaningful to the community except his unfounded and vicious allegations against people like Mayor Bennett, Mayor Sulka and -- most of all -- Bill Miles.

Despite calling Bill a "crook," Skip has never produced a single shred of evidence of a single act of wrongdoing by Bill. Or Mayor Sulka, or Mayor Bennett or Councilwoman Kim Likins. Why Bill Miles does not sue Skip for the psychological abuse he has been put through defies logic. The only explanation I can think of is that Bill and his lawyers simply do not even take Skip seriously, just as I no longer do.

He has become more of an entertainer, albeit an abrasive one, than an activist.

P.S. It would be entirely disingenuous of me to fail to openly admit that as the writer of his ads and "speeches" before HHI and Bluffton Town Councils, I did as told and wrote very mean-spirited diatribes. But at least I have been man enough to apologize. And I fully understand and accept that people like Mayor Bennett and the members of the HHI Town Council will ever be able to forgive me. But Skip's ultimate tragedy and shortcoming as a human being is that he does not even know how to apologize or feel any remorse. That's because he is always right, no matter the facts. And that is yet another sad result of his terminal narcissism.

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John, everyone knows you are not credible,  
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 turned all this into a vicious attack and  
 sabotage of your own facts, mine and others.  
 What I welcome is anyone to challenge facts  
 and to date no one can, including disgruntled

employees. John you must stop calling me and my wife [at 12:30](#) at night leaving threatening messages as well, this is good cause to have you arrested not just a cease and desist order.

Voice mail -

First, Mick Fleming, president of ACCE, blog post <http://www.acce.org/blog/2012/10/spotlight/got-ubit/>

John, where is this evidence you claim to have on me asking you to commit perjury in the Kim Likins frivolous and abusive defamation lawsuit? You are a typical left wing radical democrat, all talk no action. In fact, you did not even vote in the election, this is anti-American. Perhaps you can help Trent Walker, Gregg Alford and Kim Likins in this case against me using tax payers money for a private claim.

Facts are facts and not even a very angry and disturbed man like you can twist and harm facts. It's rather entertaining to watch you try.

Fact is, this is a fraudulent recognition of Bill Miles and was done by Mick Fleming, president of the ACCE (American Chamber of Commerce Executives ), Ted Pitts of the South Carolina Chamber and the Carolina American Chamber of Commerce Executives. Who do you think is connected to CACCE? It's real simple to end this all, depose all involved and ask Bill Miles to volunteer to an audit?

Fact is, SC Chamber, ACCE, CACCE, DMAI or US Chamber and anyone else who recognizes Bill Miles and the Hilton Head chamber as credible, and operated like a private chamber should be, by being commingled with a CVB DMO is either corrupted, incompetent or an angry man trying to sabotage /damage his own facts. John, you realize most consider this a sickness and we are watching now many radical democrats on TV who are also demonstrating sickness in many forms.

What you fail to grasp with all your anger, is this all has nothing to do with me, I am simply the messenger of facts.

No one can win against facts nor sabotage facts, they can certainly try.

My prediction is once an independent audit is done on the following organizations, prison will be the result for some.

These following organizations are giving a bad name to many Chambers that are run properly, as real chambers in our state that receive no tax monies and simply operate off members dues. Example of a proper chamber is Greater Bluffton chamber, Charleston Chamber, Florence Chamber and many others.

Private chambers should not be given public monies to use for private purposes. This is a misuse and misappropriation.

The following chambers do not need false recognitions, they need forced transparency and forensic audits, and if they come out clean, then Ted Pitts and Mick Fleming, Tom Donahue and Don Welsh can shrine Bill Miles and I assume all will file lawsuits against Skip Hoagland. The current violators in our state and more to add once investigated are:

Hilton Head Chamber  
Charleston CVB  
Myrtle Beach Chamber  
SC Chamber

Forced transparency will be done and achieved in multiple ways now. SC FOIA once ruled by the Supreme Court and as everyone knows, I won this case in the lower court and Bill Miles appealed this case versus complying and volunteering to an audit. Town councils must demand an independent audit before issuing more tax monies to chambers or CVB's acting as city DMO's, and members of these organizations demanding access to records as owners/ investors / shareholders of their local chamber, under the non-profit act of SC. Finally, I also assume local, state and federal investigations and IRS UBIT is coming. Also

add claims to unfair trade, business and competitive practices.

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