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## JUST SAYING!

It seems that, in our retirement, Linda and I are simply not seeing old friends enough. Not only are we are busy every single day, but we are in Arizona quite a bit of the year. And now that I’m out of the business world it seems we just don’t see everyone like we used to.

That is one reason I have been writing Crapper Chronicles for these past few years. It is a way for us to stay in touch with old friends and gives me an excuse to keep writing. I hope you enjoy it, but since some of the times I get toooooo opinionated, be sure and let me know if you want off the “Crapper” list.

By the same token, if you want to add someone to the list, just shoot me an email and I’ll get it done. Richard Farnham of Farnham Associates on the Big Island of Hawaii does my layout work and makes sure my email list is kept secure.

*Chuck*

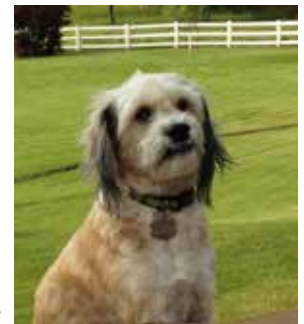
### “So, I Was Talking to My Buddy Jack”

Lately on my walks with “Jack the Killer Watchdog,” we have been talking about Jack’s family. It turns out his mom’s name was Lady and since his dad was a local “tramp dog,” we were joking that his parents were Lady and the Tramp. I mentioned that, although I am primarily of Irish decent, there are several other nationalities in my family tree as well. Jack said that, although he is primarily of the terrier family, there are so many branches to his family tree that he kind of thinks it is a “family grove.” We both agreed things seemed to have worked out ok, and as usual, the talk then turned to the news local events and food.

First up on the day’s discussion was the caravan of people coming up from South and Central America. We both wondered why if “socialism” is so good why would these folks be trying so hard to get to the world’s major “capitalist” nation. Jack said, “Dad, why aren’t they heading for Venezuela? It’s half the distance and everyone there already speaks Spanish.”

Second item was out thoughts as we were walking around the lake and fountain in Fountain Hills Park. This is a nice place and a good walking path but the lake is populated by hundreds of ducks. These ducks leave slimy duck poop all over the lawn and surrounding area. What Jack wants to know is, why in hell do they have signs posted all over the place: “Clean up after your pets, animal waste contaminates ground water,” when the ducks can dump everywhere at will? I told him it’s kind of like advertizing that you want to be a sanctuary city and pretty soon, there is crap everywhere. Yet, if a regular citizen drops their pants and poops on the courthouse lawn most likely THEY will be charged with a crime.

A little later, we had a good laugh talking about some article in People magazine, that breathlessly reported the menu for England’s “royal” family this holiday season “may be vegan.” Both of us wondered, if the “media” people are really that hard up for something to report? Really? Jack looked up at me and said, “Dad, who gives a crap?” At any rate, on a more cheerful note, over the past holidays Jack, the family, and I had turkey, dressing, ham, pumpkin pie, creamed corn, green beans with bacon, fresh buns, and mashed potatoes. Bon Appetite!!!!



### “Chase Bank” Phishing Scam



I recently found an email in my “Junk EMail” folder from Chase Business. It said I had scheduled a payment of around \$2000 from my “regular business checking” account ending in \*\*\*\*. Since the email looked so correct and many of my emails end up getting caught in my junk filter, my first impulse was to move the email to my inbox. However, after more thought about it I decided to print a copy of the email and show it to my local Chase Bank. They quickly identified it as a Phishing Scam. One huge giveaway was that the “From:” was Chase Business, not Chase Bank, and the the reply email had nothing to do with Chase Bank or “noreply@chase.com.” It seems that these days we have to be so extra vigilant of our data.

## New Book Finished

Linda and I just finished a two year project building a Family Photo Album. We went over our thousands of photos and even though we threw several thousand away, we still ended up with an album of over 1700 pictures. What makes this album work is that the photos, after being scanned and digitized, were then arranged by chapters. Each of the kids has a chapter, one my folks and relatives, one for Linda's, one for snowmobiling, one for flying, and so forth. By the time we got done we had 18 chapters. We had several copies made and sent them to the kids and grandkids.

Each album is leather bound and comes with it's own Flash Drive. The album is bound similar to the old accounting ledgers so, if they wish, people can add pages as time goes on. That way our kids can add their own chapters and pictures whenever they like. And with the flash drive, they can even view the album them on their computers, mobile devices, or smart TV's.

I had the entire layout work done by my friend Richard Farnham of Farnham Associates (richard@surfhawaii.net) on the Big Island of Hawaii. Richard has done the layout of our other four books. The leather binding was done by Roswell Bookbinding right here in Phoenix.

I have to admit the cost got a bit out of hand at around \$500 per book. But from now on there is one book, **Our Family in Pictures**, that has all the memories in one place, arranged by chapter, and able to expand as our stories continue. How nice that these memories are gathered together in a manner that can easily be viewed and cherished, rather than tucked away in boxes, cabinets, and closets, never to be seen again. It was worth every penny!



## Ice in Water Glasses



You know how it goes: You are having a nice evening out with friends, the waiter fills the water glasses with water and waaaay too many ice cubes. Of course you are thirsty and even when you are aware of the possibility of being inundated by cold water, and you are trying to be extra careful, you take a little sip, tip the glass just a bit too far and "bummer!" You feel the ice cubes shift, and before you can save yourself, you once again have water all over the favorite blue shirt! Your wife looks disapprovingly at you, the other guests at the table pretend to look away, and there you sit, fuming. Who came up with the idea that you must have all of these ice cubes in your water glass anyway? One or two will certainly keep your water cool enough. This trend of over filling the water glass with ice cubes is nuts! Sitting in a fancy restaurant with water all over the front of your shirt is embarrassing and unnecessary. Folks, this is important! This needs to change!!!!

## In the News

**Golf News:** #1 - Amazing shot: In a recent golf game at Firerock Golf Course, on Hole #3, Rob Dick's drive went left into an arroyo. Unbelievably he found the ball, and furthermore, it was actually hittable! Rob hit the ball, got it near the green, and ends up with a bogey 5. Wow! But, after all, it was his birthday. 12/16/18.

#2 - Tompkins Wins: In further golf news, horrible golfer Chuck Tompkins in a recent game with buddies Tollefson, Hill and Schwartz actually won \$15. Since this has never happened before, Tompkins was invited to pay for drinks. Gee, what a deal????



**Good News, Scary News, and Climate News:** #1 - Good News: Starting off with great news, employment is at a literal peace-time high. More good news, our current president has placed more women in top jobs than any president in history, and Black American unemployment is at its lowest level since records have been kept. Hispanic unemployment is also at an historic low. The American economy is growing at an unprecedented rate, manufacturing, which we were told was non-revivable, is coming back to life. And with jobs returning to American shores in droves, and theft of our intellectual property by foreign countries is finally being addressed and dealt with.

#2 - Scary News: In the United States we have approximately 1500 newspapers, 1100 magazines, 9000 radio stations, 1500 TV stations, and 2400 publishers. The scary part is that the vast majority of all these media outlets are controlled by 6 corporations run by about 300 executives. These few people control 90% of what 277 million Americans see, hear, and read. The fact that our current president has so often pointed out discrepancies and inaccuracies of information presented as "true" in the media is not at all a new idea. When I was a student I was fortunate to have a most excellent Journalism teacher in James Francis. Mr. Francis, over and over, drilled into our heads the importance of verifying information, looking up who printed it, and looking for the real meaning and purpose for what was being communicated. In these days of being bombarded by a non-stop stream of sensationalized, exaggerated, largely unproven, or at best theoretical, knowledge, I find his advice to be timeless. Propaganda is propaganda, whether it was being put out by Hitler's SS stooges or the current heads of most major networks. People, think for yourselves, ask, question, and above all THINK!

#3 - Climate News: First of all, both Jack and Linda are telling me the climate rant has to be toned down. Therefore, this will be the last "climate news" section for a few issues. I'm not done with it, but I suppose it needs a bit of a rest after this issue. Arctic Ocean News: The Arctic Ocean is warming up, icebergs are growing scarcer and in some places the seals are finding the water too warm, according to reports from Bergen, Norway. Reports from fisherman, seal hunters, and explorers all point to a radical change in climate conditions and hitherto unheard of temperatures in the Arctic zone. Soundings to a depth of 3,100 meters show the Gulf Stream is still very warm, and great masses of ice have been replaced by moraines of earth and stones.



The report continues to say some glaciers have entirely disappeared. Very few seals and no white fish are found in the eastern Arctic, while vast shoals of herring and smelts, which have never before ventured so far north, are being encountered in the old seal fishing grounds. Within a few years it is predicted that due to the ice melt the sea will rise and make most coastal cities uninhabitable. Oops! I must explain, this report was from the November 2nd issue of The Washington Post, over 90 years ago. Since then we have had at least one “many years long” cold snap which was even billed as a “Mini Ice Age.” Several aircraft that crash landed on the Arctic ice in World War II have now been recovered, but only after search parties dug down through 200 feet of ice to reach them.

**Hole in Ozone Layer:** Remember the 200 mile wide hole in the ozone layer they were ranting and raving about in the 1980’s? Wonder why you don’t hear anything about it anymore? Well, according to sources, if it even exists anymore it has by and large closed. Makes you wonder if it ever existed in the 1st place. Too bad that the “climate” scientists who called “wolf” on that particular climate event don’t have to give the money back. The vast majority of all these “end of the world” type studies are the result of yet one more private or government funded grant study. In many cases it is people working on a PhD, or a company that was created for and specializes in “obtaining grants” and “doing studies.” The current focus in the “climate study” business is almost 100% in denial of natural climate change and totally in favor of “end of the world” type discoveries, so it is little wonder that some lonely scientist looking for a common sense (read NATURAL) answer to climate change is pretty much relegated to the back of the Grant Money line. By the way, ever wonder what man’s “carbon imprint” on earth actually is? Even by a wildly exaggerated estimate it is only 7/10 of 1%. The vast amount of carbon released into Earth’s atmosphere (in the high 90th percentage) is contributed by decaying vegetation from the earth’s rainforests.

**An interesting note on Climate Change:** We have literally a 100% consensus on the fact climate change is real. It has been going on since the planet was formed and will never end. However there is absolutely NO consensus that it is man caused. The recent Oregon Petition signed by thousands of American scientists (9,029 with PHD’s) states: “there is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gases is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the Earth’s atmosphere and disruption of the Earth’s climate. Moreover there is substantial scientific evidence that increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide produce many beneficial effects upon the natural plant and animal environments of the Earth.” It further states there are many verifiable periods over the course of humankind where Earth’s temperatures have in fact been warmer or cooler than today, at a time when man’s “carbon imprint” was zero.

**Real Climate Change Threat:** When we were children the huge threat to our country was a nuclear war with the Communist/Socialist countries. It seems to me that if the Soviet Union could not beat us militarily, now they intend to do it by inundating us with these “Green Insanity Experts,” and “Green New Deals,” which will bankrupt the free world by involving it in trying to solve a problem that is not man caused, cannot be man fixed, and in fact is most likely not a solvable problem in the first place. Anyone who cares to look will quickly see that the Socialist/Communist Countries of the world could care less about Climate Change. But they are more than happy to let the free world destroy ourselves trying to “fix” it.

## Shorts

**Racist vs. Non-Racist:** Non Racist: The following are examples of things where requiring a photo ID is (NOT) considered racist: Buying alcohol, buying cigarettes, opening a bank account, applying for food stamps, applying for Medicaid, applying for welfare, applying for a job, applying for unemployment, buying a house, driving a car, buying a car, renting a car, flying in an airplane, getting married, purchasing a gun, adopting a pet, adopting a child, renting a hotel room, buying a cell phone, gambling at a casino.

Racist: The following example is of one thing certain people would tell you where requiring a photo ID (IS) considered racist: VOTING.

**Voting Questions:** Why is it that we can have a national lottery where literally millions of tickets are sold and we can tell you where the winning ticket was sold within minutes of the drawing, identify the purchaser with absolute certainty within a few days and guarantee you the ticket purchaser is actually alive. Oh, and guess what, after the drawing there are no more tickets sold!!!! Yet we can have an election, and produce ballots days and weeks later, find votes supposedly cast by dead people, discover boxes of votes that were “forgotten” or “misplaced” and think this is ok? Am I the only one who notices that “the emperor has no clothes?”

**Why have an Electoral College?** In the last presidential election our current president won in 37 states. His challenger won in 13 states. The major reason why our country is not called the “United States of California” is because of the Electoral College. The Electoral College was created precisely to prevent control of the entire country by a few highly populated states. Abolishing it is lunacy.

**Best Bumper Sticker:** Roger Tollefson sent me this great bumper sticker: “Heaven has a wall and strict immigration policies.” “Hell has open borders.”

## Editorial: In My Opinion

Call me crazy, but when a person is retired they find themselves adequately busy, but often have too much time to think! Along these lines it appears to me that the current Democratic Party has become the Socialist Democratic Party and the new Republican Party is now the old Democratic Party. Neither party seems to be in tune with the “American Silent Majority Party” of which I and virtually everyone I know is a member. Today’s politicians play lip service to us but apparently can’t define us, relate to us, or get in tune with us. All they want is our money. Then, when we send in the cash to fund their re-election campaigns,



instead of voting what are OUR beliefs, they roll over and push out one more huge, failed, non effective government program. Or as is the case with the need to improve our immigration policies, they simply do nothing, and go on yet another special interest paid for, or government paid for vacation, and fail to act on anything. A quick example: The reported cost of the private military jet travel bill in the past few years for Nancy Pelosi and 31 of her family members exceeds \$2,000,000. I guess what bothers me most is not Pelosi's political affiliation, but why in hell do we have to pay for her to take her family all over the world at our expense. It is reported the food and liqueur bill for one flight alone exceeded \$17,000. As famous humorist Will Rogers put it so many years ago: "Taxpayers keep sending politicians on expensive trips abroad. It might be worth it but they keep coming back!"

This congress is now over two years into investigating and spending millions on the supposed "Russian Collusion" issue. The irony of it is, we actually have at least three elected members of this very same congress who are avowed Socialists themselves. The question has to be asked; how can these people be so concerned that "other socialists" may have tried to influence our election when Ocasio-Cortez, Warren, Sanders and others are actively pushing Soviet Socialist ideology themselves? People, Russia doesn't have to come over here to push their agenda as these clowns are doing it for them. Years ago Russian leader Nikkita Khrushchev so famously said "we will conquer you from within." When I look at these socialist members of our congress I'm beginning to wonder if the SOB was right.

America is the shining example of what happens when a people are set free to create, prosper and succeed or fail on their own merits. Literally, one of our country's basic tenants is "All Men Are Created Equal." The key operative word here is "created." After that it is up to the individual to become all they can be. It is not up to the rest of us and society in particular to see to it that we all end up "equal." To do so has been tried over and over again in socialist countries. In all cases, the experiment has failed miserably and untold millions have been harmed or murdered in the process.

When you take away the freedom and incentive to make a profit, you kill the engine of entrepreneurship that is the bedrock of a free capitalistic society and what has propelled the United States to become the shining beacon it is around the world. You cannot give away the American Dream. It must be worked for, fought for, cherished and above all, EARNED. To give it away is to kill the very reason we have it. As any politician will tell you, "Money is the mother's milk of a political campaign." Major corporations put an enormous amount of money into political parties but they, of course, get their money from us, the "Great Silent Majority Party." Because this is so, and to try and help them make more money to shove at their political favorites, I thought this would be a good place to show where the various companies you buy from spend their political capitol. This will help you be sure and support who is supporting you.

To the Democratic Party:

Costco-95%, Mr. Clean-100%, Martha Stewart-99%, Proctor and Gamble-50%, Estee Lauder-95%, Calvin Klein-100%, Liz Claiborne-97%, Levi-97%

To the Republican Party:

Wal-Mart-52%, K-Mart-86%, Home Depot-89%, Target -70%, Circuit City-95%  
3-M-87%, Kohler-100%, BF Goodrich-97%,  
Proctor and Gamble-50%, Stanley Tools/Black&Decker-75%

We of the "Great Silent Majority Party" cherish our country, our freedoms, and the power of the individual to succeed or fail on their own merits. We do not support giving away these freedoms, our money to fund yet another bureaucratic "Black Hole," or indeed anything that threatens to kill our great country. Although it may seem that sometimes we are powerless, when we get together, we do have the ability to elect people who are not career politicians. You know, us folks who do not understand the political game but are simply interested in re-igniting our country's pride and drive. People like our current president for instance, who both parties thought was unelectable. I think the election of this man speaks loudly about whom we are and what we can still, even in the face of a very entrenched political machine, accomplish. Sorry to be a bit political here but it seems to make me feel better to write some of this down.

*Thanks for reading The Crapper Chronicles, and remember, we have our families, our friends, our health, and time... the rest is just smoke and mirrors! Chuck*

## THE CRAPPER MUSE

### Sunrise

*I originally wrote this poem for my niece in 2010 while she was seriously ill and in the hospital. Linda and I now have another very good friend who is so very seriously ill. Our hopes and prayers go out to him and his family.*

Mountains etched clean against the sky,  
How to describe it I can only try.

Hills waking up in steady ranks,  
Soft light flowing over rocky flanks.

A rosy glow continues to build,  
The valleys with light will soon be filled.

As salmon shades get brighter yet,  
The dark of night we'll soon forget.

Folds and valleys, suffused with light,  
A changing, moving, ballet of sight.

Shades of gray, oranges, yellows,  
purple and blue,  
Then brilliant sun is peeking through.

Kings, and soldiers, poets: mere men,  
Have watched this sight since time began.

Though tried by thousands with determined might,  
Words simply can't capture the awesome sight.

I really don't know when the sunrise ends.  
Dawn, sunup, noon? It just depends.

Maybe it's our mood on a given day,  
Maybe how the clouds, or clarity, or colors sway.

I only know the sunrise is special,  
Its beauty and splendor are uplifting and helpful.

If you are tired and worn and confined to bed,  
Throw wide the curtains, let it be said.

I'm up, I'm awake, I'll have my say.  
Let me look out, I'm alive, let me greet this day!

*Good luck! May God bless you and the Schatz family!*