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“Jet Dog” Jack



As many of you know, Jack and I have been working on writing his life’s story. The project has turned out to be a bit longer than either of us originally thought because Jack is of course not only a very interesting canine, but also, as many of you know, is very vocal about a variety of subjects. At first Jack and I felt that we would put a chapter or two of his story in each issue of The Crapper Chronicles but the problem is I have always felt Crapper should be limited to roughly 3000-4000 words per issue. If we put a couple chapters of Jet Dog Jack in each issue of Crapper we simply end up with too much material. The way we are going to solve this is we are putting the “work in progress” on my web site: [TompkinsPublishing.com](http://www.tompkinspublishing.com). It will be updated regularly as the saga progresses. Click here for the latest:

<http://www.tompkinspublishing.com/gospel-according-to-jack.html>

Editorial: Disclaimer on the *Chronicles* Political Content

Jack and I totally agree with Democratic Representative Vernon Jones, a black United States Congressman from Georgia, who supports President Trump. Jones is convinced, as we are, that this election is not about party affiliation but what is good for America. Jack and I have many friends who have historically voted Democratic; we have NO friends that would vote a Socialist/Communist agenda. This upcoming historic 2020 election will decide if the United States will remain a Democratic Constitutional Republic, which it has been since its inception, or devolve into the failed Socialist/Communist/Marxist form of governments such as Russia, China, North Korea, Cuba and Venezuela. We used to think this could never happen in the United States. Our Democratic, Constitutional, Republic form of government has been the envy of the world for over 200 years. By uplifting and empowering the individual, this form of government has lifted our wonderful country to heights unimagined by any other society in the world. It is the exact reason immigrants from all over the world are trying to get to our country. Yet we have power hungry politicians who would tear down our government and convert it to the failed Socialist/Marxist/Communist nightmare; a nightmare that has killed untold millions of people in every single country where it has been installed. This failed ideology is not about “leveling the playing field” it is not about making it fair for everyone, it is not about “taking care of everyone,” it is about POWER. It is about CONTROL of the populace. As a citizen, you agree, or you die. If you disagree with me and want to debate this point, I suggest you first read *We the People* by Ayn Rand, and when you are done with that read *Wild Swans* by Jung Chang. Both are chilling first-hand accounts of Democratic/Socialist/Communist/Marxist takeovers of countries and the tens of millions of innocent people that died because of it. Both books are written, not by Media reporters trying to shape a narrative, but by people who actually lived the events.

Of course Black Lives, but more importantly, ALL Lives have always mattered in the United States. We fought a Civil War in which over 620,000 people died, of which the vast majority were white, to help make Black people free and end the institution of Slavery in the United States. Slavery, I might add, which is still to this day practiced in other countries of the world; Libya to mention just one. Now we have actually have politicians, one of which is the Democratic vice presidential candidate who thinks we should pay “reparations” to the descendants of people who were slaves hundreds of years ago. I guess my answer would be how about paying “reparations” to descendants of the men who fought and died in the civil war to make these slaves free! Of course both ideas are absolutely ridiculous and are nothing more than blatant vote buying schemes. What bothers me is we actually have a VP candidate who thinks this is ok?

In any society there are people who will lie, steal, and cheat, but the overwhelming majority of people are good honest, law abiding and hardworking. In any society you will always have good cops and bad cops, but, again, the overwhelming majority are good, honest, hardworking people with a mission to protect the rest of us. I will guarantee you if your home is broken into by an armed robber you will not want to call a “social worker” to stop over in a few days to

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.

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comfort you on the break in. You will want a policeman who will be there in minutes to help save you and your family. Most of us do not have the luxury of having our own private security protection, like the politicians and very vocal (and largely uneducated) movie stars and sports celebrities. The very politicians in Minneapolis who talk about defunding their own police department have to date spent over \$63,000 of taxpayer money for “private security” in the past few months, due to threats from “White Nationalists.” I guess now days if you don’t want to defund your police department you are labeled a “White Nationalist.” Put very simply; defunding and tying the hands of law enforcement officers in not only insane, it is simply stupid. Unfortunately, the current Vice Presidential candidate for the Democratic party has actually proposed a bill that would make it necessary for a police officer to call their supervisor before using their weapon. This is the same politician who thinks paying “reparations” is a good idea. Is it any wonder that people are leaving many of our major cities in droves and are beginning to wonder at the sanity of some of these elected officials?

There are so very many crazy angles to this upcoming election, but remember, this is not about Democrat or Republican, it is about a Democratic/Socialist form of government versus the Democratic/Constitutional/Republic form of government that we are currently privileged to enjoy. Also, please note if this editorial offends anyone don’t hesitate to let Jack and I know so we can discontinue sending our little newsletter your way. We certainly don’t want to waste each other’s time.

A Few Idiots Really Can Change The World:

Bogus Wuhan Information: Unbelievable as it may seem, one of the original main sources of information initially used by Dr Fauci and his staff to further support his panic death projections concerning the Wuhan virus has been reported to have been supplied by United Kingdom college professor Neil Ferguson. It is important to note that Ferguson is famous and well known for coming up with other insanely inflated death projections. I remind you that Ferguson was the “expert” who in 2001 projected 150,000 deaths in the United Kingdom from “mad cow” disease. Far from his wildly inaccurate projections the actual death numbers from Mad Cow disease even to the present date have only been 177. So what does the world and Dr Fauci do? Initially, they jumped on Ferguson’s new bullshit death projection for the Wuhan virus in the United States of 2.2 million and his projection for United Kingdom deaths of 500,000. To date a “revision” of his estimates for the United States is not out. Why Fauci and his staff gave any credibility to Ferguson’s crap projections remains to be seen. For that matter I wonder why we give credence to Fauci who himself, has reversed, changed, and amended his advice and projections countless times in past months.

My question is this: What about all the ruined lives, the suicides, the failed businesses, the insane trillions of stimulus money spent because of bogus, unproven numbers provided by known sensationalist professor “experts” and propagated by an out of control media that refuses to report news, but who instead want to make, politicize and sensationalize information. When in hell are these people be made responsible? Freedom of speech is of course one of our most sacred and fundamental rights. However, when freedom of speech becomes sensationalism, unwarranted panic causing, and literally economy crashing it is no longer free speech, it is propaganda and sedition. Another question: who is pushing the buttons for the media and willing accomplices like Fauci anyway?

Which Pandemic is Worse: Deaths according to CDC: opioid abuse 130/day, 45760 per year, alcohol related causes 240/day, 84,480 per year, abortions 1420/day, 500,000 per year. Wuhan flu 400/day 146,000 per year (Due to wildly variable ‘cause of death’ protocols it is widely believed the actual number is far lower). However, probably the worst pandemic we are experiencing is a mainstream media largely controlled by six large corporations and an out of control social media run by young naive socialist sympathizers: all who are trying to convince us that “The Sky is Falling”

Statistics: In view of the outcry of police injustice towards Black Americans, here are some interesting statistics from the FBI’s Uniform Crime Reporting division. If you wish to check it out, this information is available at <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/ucr>. A quick summary of the report shows that last year there were 10 million arrests made by law enforcement. Of those 10 million arrests there were 1004 officer involved fatalities. Of those 1004 fatalities there were only 41 offenders who were found to be unarmed. Of these 41 only 9 were black men. Now, care to see how many law enforcement officers were killed in this same time period? There were 89. Funny how the media is largely quiet on that statistic. Care to guess how many people were shot in Chicago this past week? That number is 82 shot within a 48 hour period. Of the 82 people shot, 19 died. Let that sink in. In Chicago, in a mere 48 hour period 19 unarmed black people died. Far more than were killed by Police in an entire year and furthermore these 19 were Black on Black crime. And these idiot Mayors and cities want to demonize and defund police? Any sane person would ask how in hell do these people ever get elected.

Pardons:

Of course every time our president does anything there is a blowback of negative news from the fake news media, but in view of recent comments about all the pardons issued by him we felt it would be a good time to print the numbers of pardons by past presidents. Carter - 566, Reagan - 406, HW Bush - 77, Clinton - 459, GW Bush - 200, Obama - 1927, Trump - 26 (as of 2/1/20). Gee, talking about pardons, how about the fact the politicians now want to lock up law abiding citizens for walking in the park with their children, or trying to keep their hair salons open; while at the same time these same “public servants” are letting hardened criminals out of prison because they MAY catch the flu? How long can this insanity last??

I wrote the above piece about Pardons a couple months ago, now with the rioting and insanity going on in the big cities; several celebrities have actually raised millions of dollars to help bail out people arrested for burning and looting. Many of these same celebrities are openly advocating DEFUNDING police departments!! Of course these same celebrities hire their own personal security and most live in nice walled and guarded communities. All a person can do to protest this lunacy is to get the names of these entertainment idiots out to everyone and never watch anything associated with them. A very short list that I have seen includes: Joe Rogan, Christy Teigen, John Legend, Melissa Milano, and of course, the eternally vocal (high school dropout) Robert DeNiro. Of course there are dozens more. You will remember, many of these same people were going to leave the United States if Trump was elected. Too damn bad they didn’t.

Final word on pardons: One of the current heads of Black Lives Matter is one Susan Rosenberg. She is a criminal convicted and sentenced to 58 years in prison for bombing and murder, pardoned by Bill Clinton. Oh, and by the way she is joined in a leadership position in this organization by BLM co-founder, Patrice Cullors, who publically proclaimed on CNN: (Communist News Network?) “We are trained Marxists.”

Retirement: Nothing is Changed, but Everything is Changed

People are constantly asking me “what do you do to keep busy now that you are retired?” My answer is, “I am just as busy now as when I was working, so in that regard nothing has changed. However, it is what I am doing that is different.”

Fitness: For example, several of us have taken up biking as a very healthful hobby. My main biking buddy Mark Gregory and I have



both pedaled over 2000 miles since the first of the year. Although it takes some time to cycle that many miles, we've both dumped a bunch of unneeded weight, it has been terrific for our fitness level and it is a great way to see Phoenix in the winter and North Dakota in the summer. I have also found that Minot is a very bike friendly community with many bike trails and quiet residential streets to cycle on.

Reading: As usual, Linda and I are doing lots of reading. I tend to like autobiographies, like *River of Doubt*: The story of Theodore Roosevelt's epic river trip down an unexplored South American river. *Astoria*: A story about the unbelievable hardships (both physical and financial) suffered by people in the early American fur trade. But starting last year since Linda had already read the New Testament, I decided to read it as well. After finishing it this led to me thinking I should also read the Old Testament so that is where I am at now (I'm currently on page 2221).

Meetings

The All Powerful and Magnificent Oz: You meet famous people in the strangest places. The other day, I had to have a belt replaced on my lawn tractor so I took it to the local implement dealer to get it fixed. A couple days later on going to pick up the machine, I asked who I should talk to about paying the bill, and was directed to a cubicle in the lawn and garden department. Since there was a large (at least 10' x 10') purple-colored Plexiglas wall in front of this employee's work station, at first I couldn't even tell if anyone was in there. However, out of the darkness a bored, muffled, and barely understandable voice asked "what can I do for you?" I explained I needed to pay a bill. Upon giving my name to him, since he had more pressing worldly things to deal with, the Great and Powerful Oz directed me to the front of the dealership. Whatever. I was thinking if the Great Oz was so health compromised and panicked about catching the Wuhan maybe he could play Wizard of Oz from a home workstation?



Mr. Clean: Early on in the Wuhan saga I was actually in a bank lobby to transact some business. As I walked up to the teller station, I noticed the young male teller fastidiously cleaning his work station with sanitizer. After counting out my bills, he breathlessly said "would you like some hand sanitizer?" I replied, "No, but you need to dial 1 800 get-a-life".



Product Reports

Wild Idea Buffalo: A privately owned and operated ranching operation in South Dakota, where they raise and process their own buffalo for sale. The favorite cut of buffalo for Linda and I is the 5 oz tenderloin. When you barbeque a couple of these you don't just eat it you savor each bite. To purchase these excellent products, contact: info@wildideabuffalo.com. Wild Idea Buffalo is fantastic and gets a giant RECOMMEND!

Valley Custom Meats: Brian and Scott Wald are the owners of Valley Custom Meats; a local butcher shop located at 3502 Highway 2 and 52 West, Minot, North Dakota. This spring, due to the recent Wuhan scare, and the Panic Media predicting a huge meat (although now the correct term is "protein") scarcity; before Linda, Jack and I left Scottsdale to come back to North Dakota for the summer, I called Valley Custom Meats and ordered 20 pounds of tenderloins and 20 pounds of rib eyes. I have to tell you, these are some of the very best beef steaks we have EVER had. Valley Custom Meats, 701-852-1426, gets a huge RECOMMEND!

Country of Origin: Due to so much world turmoil being brought on us by Communist China, Linda and I are becoming very aware of looking at "country of origin" packaging on the products we purchase. Of course we are making an extra effort to purchase products produced in America, but for sure we are looking to be certain if at all possible the products are at least produced in a non-communist country. The other day, I purchased a couple of tools. However, on looking them over I saw they were made in China. I took them back and with the credit bought similar tools of a different brand made right here in the good old USA. Yeah baby!!

Shorts

Tree Trimming North Dakota Style: You know how it is. You have a nice tree in your yard, but there are a couple of dead branches up there in the top of the tree you just can't reach but you would like to get trimmed. Of course the climb is too dangerous, tree trimmers are too expensive; whatayagonnado? Quick solution: Try a .12 gauge shotgun, 6 shot, full choke. Takes off up to a 2 inch branch in seconds. Problem solved!! Of course, Crapper readers with homes NOT located in the country are advised to ignore this tree trimming method.

Chubbies Golf Apparel: In a recent golf tournament with son in law and good buddy Wade Delorme both of us wore matching Chubbies golf shirts. To say these shirts are a bit decorative, is an understatement, but they fit nicely, have a very comfortable soft material, and most importantly, they have a pocket!!! To say the least we got many comments like: "nice shirts" or "you guys sure are easy to spot out on the course," or "are you guys twins." But probably the best one was "You guys look like the cast of Miami Vice shot in Santa Fe."

Who is Smarter: Recently a 6 year old boy was asked who was smarter, his mom or his dad. With no hesitation he replied "Dad". When asked why he replied. "I've told mom 20 times to buy me gum and she never does." "Dad always gets me gum."

Goya Foods (BUY)COTT: In a recent speech, Robert Unanue, the CEO of Goya Foods, and a legal Hispanic immigrant to the United States, praised President Trump. You would think since Goya Foods has grown to be the largest Hispanic owned Food Company in the US, this would be a wonderful, inspiring, news worthy story wouldn't you? However, far from promoting the statements and accomplishments of this new American citizen, due to Unanue's support of President Trump, the media chose to highlight only the outrage and a call for a boycott of Goya foods by Congresswoman AOC and celebrities like Christy Teigen. The good news is the vast majority of Americans instead have promoted a BUYcott for Goya Foods. It is reported rather than harming this man's company, his support of our president has markedly increased his company's sales.

New Sign of Affluence: Driving around in your car with a case of toilet paper in the back window.

Sign You are Attending a Social Distancing Party: All of the guests are wearing *Depends*.

Jack's Take On It

Sammy's Pizza Bread In a recent taste test of toast made with sourdough bread from Albertson's grocery store, vs bread made at Sammy's Italian Restaurant in Minot, Jack refused to even eat the sourdough but happily munched a small sample of Sammy's. Why did he only get a small sample you ask? Because his pack leader, Chuck, is not too eager to share Sammy's bread with him.

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The Cyclist

It is a perfect, blue sky, balmy temperatures, light breezes, wonderful to be alive, kind of day.

I'm sitting on the patio of this beautiful, ornate, comfortable 3rd story apartment, waiting to see what will remind me of a happier time.

Since the stroke, I don't get around so well, but the nice people here have wheeled me out to enjoy the view and see what today's memory will be.

The trigger is the flash of a brightly clad passing cyclist.....peddling hard, moving fast.

Instantly my mind, like a movie projector, plays me the crystal clear vision of a younger me.

And as thoughts flood into my mind; I too ride.

It was a perfect, blue sky, balmy temperature, light breeze, wonderful day to be alive, kind of day.

I was younger then; 68 and still healthy, still with a sharp active mind, still able to move, and do, and be.

And I was peddling hard, and breathing hard, and my muscles were working and I had a salt rime on my lips: The wind was flowing past my cheeks and burbling in my ears.

The day was cool but the sun warm, and the smell of the creosote bushes was in the air from the past night's rain on the desert.

And the occasional whiff of cigarette smoke from the passing cars, made me feel sorry for sedentary folks..... Because I knew even then, old age and immobility come to all.

And I was happy that day; my active time was short, I was in my life's late summer: I was privileged, and I knew it.

Swimming at the edge of the great whirlpool of age, I was working to delay being drawn in as long as possible.

My goal was to create a storehouse of vivid memories and adventures on which to draw in the gray years ahead;

For that time when strong muscles would be weak, and the joy of free movement become a distant memory.

And that day I pedaled harder, and worked a sweat, and smelled the breeze, and enjoyed the sun, trying to run far away from this very afternoon.....

Where I now sit on the patio of this beautiful, ornate, comfortable 3rd story apartment:

On a perfect, blue sky, balmy temperature, light breeze, wonderful day to be alive kind of day.....

Yet, I am at peace: Because I remember that wonderful, simple, ride: And once again.....I am the cyclist.

1/12/18 After a ride.

Politics: Jack was telling me he had heard from a friend whose owners lived in Florida. Jack said the friend was amazed that his owners had recently voted for a Socialist/Democratic candidate. The friend told Jack, "They never would have done that when they were alive!"

Mail In Voting: "Dad, did you hear the same political party that lost 33,000 emails now wants us to do mail in voting?" I agreed and added that they say it is in the interests of "safety!" Who would have thought the United States would be where we would be set up for massive voter fraud. We all thought that was for third world countries. Neither of us can see why politicians are so eager to abandon our current system of absentee voting which has worked perfectly for years. Our current absentee voting system is simple, you stop by a courthouse, prove who you are, where you live, confirm your eligibility to vote, pick up your ballot, make your choices, and mail your absentee ballot in. It is a safe, proven, secure, way to insure the person who sent in the ballot is not only the person they say they are, but proves they are eligible to vote in the first place. Mandating WE MUST have mail in voting without the proof of eligibility and personal identity of an Absentee Ballot is simply bullshit. You can vote all you want by mail; just go pick up an absentee ballot, prove who in hell you are, prove you are eligible to vote and send it in. It is both Jack's and my opinion that only crooked politicians, socialist agitators, and misinformed dead people want mail in voting without the security of a certified, Absentee Ballot.

Cats: The other day, walking with my super opinionated dog Jack, we happened by a house that had a couple of cats sitting on the front steps. Jack informed me the two cats had been involved in a discussion of high priced "special" cat foods and whether or not they were worth the money. It turns out both cats felt the "special" cat foods were no better than the lower priced varieties. Since Jack feels exactly the same way about dog food, he looked up and said. "Dad can you believe that?" "A couple of cats with brains!"

Wuhan virus: "Dad, one thing you can say the Wuhan virus has over the Boeing 737 Max; at least the Wuhan is airborne."

(Peaceful) Rioters: "Dad, I saw a tweet by James Woods, one of the few actors with an actual college degree, (from MIT no less). Wood's tweet said, "One thing is certain, after all this rioting, either we are going to have a shitload of rioters with Wuhan flu in a couple of weeks or we have been lied to."

Lockdown Businesses: "Dad, how come Dentists and elective surgeries had to be shut down while Abortion Clinics remained open?" "How can it be sane to snuff out 500,000 lives per year but a person can't get their teeth, hearts, knees, and a million other things fixed?"

WHO: "Dad, do you know the current head of the World Health Organization used to be the head of the Ethiopian Revolutionary Democratic Front (IE: communist party) which is a United States designated Terrorist Organization?" "No wonder this guy keeps defending the Chinese, he works for them!" He followed up with this one. "Dad, also one of the "trusted friend advisors" of the WHO is none other than the wife of Communist China's leader. She also just happens to be a Major General in the Chinese army.

Comrade Mayor DeBlasio: "Dad, I see this communist clown wants to defund the police, keep mosques open and yet wants to close churches, and synagogues. "No wonder people are leaving New York in droves."

Slavery and Concentration Camps: "Dad, do you know they still actually sell slaves in Libya?" I said I was aware of that as well as concentration camps in China.

Lockdown: "Dad, funny how if "lockdown" is about keeping us safe, why are they letting hardened criminals out of jail?" "They were already locked down!" I remarked that now, not only are these poor hardened criminals not as safe, but neither are we!!

Biden/AOC Ticket: Of course now this is irrevellant but Jack said the other day there was no way there could be a Biden/AOC ticket because it is impossible to have two dummies in a ventriloquist act.

Awards: "Dad, I see the Kennedy Center just awarded its Human Rights Award to Kaepernick, the ex football player." "Is that the same Kennedy Center that is reported to have gotten \$25,000,000 of stimulus money?"

Standing in Line: I guess "comrade Bernie" thinks standing in line is ok. But don't you wonder how many lines he has actually had to stand in? These past few months we have all seen a few lines to stand in. Luckily, in our case here in the US so far the food or what we were standing in line for was in most cases there. Jack and I were in line the other day to buy some ammo. The people we were in line with wanted to be able to protect the supplies they did have. Jack and I just wanted to be sure we could protect our supply of toilet paper!!

Final Thoughts:

If you consider each hour a gift, each day a present, each sight of fluffy clouds on a clear blue sky a painting, each breezy warm summer day an inspiration, and each happy laugh a song; you understand perfectly that the sound of happy children laughing is indeed a symphony.

We have: our family, our friends, our health, and time. The rest is smoke and mirrors!

Chuck

