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The Crapper Muse



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Jack's life story, in book form, now has 12 chapters. He and I are trying to get all of his adventures written down in the next few months. The book is on the web at TompkinsPublishing.com. If you would like to follow the book's progress and learn why Jack is known to us as "The World's Most Interesting Dog," click here: http://www.http://www.tompkinspublishing.com/jet-dog-jack.html

Jack on the Internet: "Dad, people say that before the internet it was commonly thought the cause of stupidity was lack of access to information." I replied "Well, it obviously wasn't that."

Jack on Politics: "Dad, if Iran loves the current administration, China loves them, abortionists love them, felons and illegal immigrants love them, what are we missing?"

Jack on Catching the Wuhan: "Dad, more good news: I hear that not only can you not catch the Wuhan at Costco, but now I guess you can't catch it at social gatherings or garage parties either."

Jack on Closing Colleges: "Dad, I think keeping colleges closed has done more to stop the spread of Socialism/Communism than it has to stop the spread of the Wuhan flu." I replied, "the Wuhan is reported to have killed hundreds of thousands of people but Socialism/Communism has killed hundreds of millions."

Jack on Government Think: "Dad the government raising the debt ceiling to remedy our nation's financial problems is like allowing a higher blood alcohol level to solve drunk driving." After a couple laughs about this, Jack suggested another analogy for drunk driving. A simple way to prevent sober drivers being killed by drunk drivers, would be to simply ban all SOBER drivers. I agreed and reminded Jack that is the exact same logic that is being used to ban legal law abiding citizens from gun ownership.

Jack on Income Inequality: "Dad, Liberal Socialists are concerned about the income gap." I replied, "yeah, and Conservative Constitutionalists are concerned about the work ethic gap."

Jack on Political Appointments: "Dad I hear John Kerry is up for 'Climate Czar.'" We both wonder if we are the only two who see a problem giving the job to a guy with six houses, twelve cars, two yachts, and a private jet, telling the rest of us to take the bus to help stop pollution.

Jack on Gun Laws: "Dad, did you know the United States is third in gun murders in the world?" I agreed but added, if you take out Chicago, Detroit, Washington and New Orleans we would be ranked fourth from the BOTTOM of the list. Jack added that coincidentally these four cities have the strictest gun control laws in the United States.

Jack on Socialism/Communism: "Dad, I wonder if the people protesting in favor of Socialism know that if they actually lived in a Socialist/Communist country they would be jailed, 're-educated' or shot, for protesting anything the government said or did?" We both agreed and added that that is the reason

Communisms founders referred to such people as "useful idiots." The talk went on to include the fact that in a true socialist country there is not much of a homeless or unemployment problem. You don't work; you don't eat, and furthermore, if you are not in "favor" with the ruling party, there is a good chance you

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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will not even be allowed to work: Then, you and your family simply starve. Think we are lying? Read *Wild Swans*, by Jung Chang, the true story of the Communist takeover in China.

Jack on Freedom: "Dad, its easy to be a communist in a free country." I replied yeah, but just try being free in a communist country."

Jack on Open Boarders: "Dad, so the current political 'genius' in charge of our country now want us to have open boarders but yet keep our schools closed."

Jack on Free College: "Dad, I hear now the 'intelligent' college graduates that can't afford the cost of their degrees, want the guys who couldn't afford to go to college in the first place to pay for these same supposedly 'intelligent' people's degrees." I replied, "Jack, the truth is stanger than fiction."

Jack on the Wuhan: "Dad, I think the next big Wuhan variant flu will hit in two years for the next round of congressional elections." I replied, "Yeah, and the third BIG VARIANT will happen in four years for the next presidential election."

Jack on Masks: "Dad, no doubt wearing these masks probably makes it easier for an ugly man with bad teeth to get a date." I responded that probably that was true but a dog could get sent to 'sensitivity school' for even thinking such a thing.



Foods We Can't Have in Our House

So far this year, it has been a rare day that Linda and I have not taken Jack for a good walk, pedaled the stationary bike, or went for a long pedal on the road bike. To date, this year, so far I have logged over 700 miles, and since starting cycling a few years ago, have shed over 40 un-needed pounds. None the less, there are still foods we simply can't have in the house because, although Linda has endless will power, there are foods I simply can't resist. To name a few banned items: Virtually any brand of Carmel Corn, Lays Original Potato Chips, Blue Bunny or Tillamook Ice Cream, Dot's Seasoned Pretzels, and Girl Scout Thin Mint Cookies. They will be consumed, by me, non-stop until gone. The other resident of our home, "Jet Dog Jack," seems to have little or no problem with how much, or what, he eats, and maintains a slim physique at all times. The only food we have found that he simply cannot have is roast turkey. It seems, in Jack's case, that although turkey does not promote weight gain, it does give him an abundance of excess "natural gas."

Useful College Communist Degrees?

How about a degree in Social Justice and Community Organizing? I'm sure you are asking yourself, "What college would have a degree in Community Organizing, let alone a Masters Degree in it?" You may also ask yourself how would a student who graduates with a Masters Degree in "Community Organizing" get a job? Maybe you would even ask yourself why we, the taxpayers, are supposed to pay for such a degree. Well, the college providing this program would be Prescott College in Prescott, Arizona. And yes, they have a Masters Degree in the program. But wait, there's more! The associate professor in the Masters program is none other than Patrice Collors, who in a 2015 interview with Real News Network stated, "We are trained Marxists." Not only is Collors an avowed Marxist/Communist but she is a co-founder of the BLM movement. In a 2019 article she wrote for the Harvard Law Review she stated, "Our task is not only to abolish prisons, policing, and militarization, which are wielded in the name of 'public safety' and 'national security,' we must also demand reparations and incorporate reparative justice into our vision for society and community building in the twenty first century." She goes on in the article to call for open borders, no Border Patrol, and no Immigration and Customs enforcement. I guess my question is, "Why in hell do Colleges such as this get federal funding?" Here is one of their professors calling for the literal dismantling of our country and society as we know it and we the taxpayers are paying for it.

Book Reports

Red Platoon - Clint Romesha: Clint is a holder of the Medal of Honor for action in Afganistan. Red Platoon is the gripping tale of the battle for outpost Keating, in which Ramesha played a major role. Once you pick this book up you will have trouble putting it down. Romesha is a resident of Minot, North Dakota and is a most excellent addition to our community.

Unmasked - by Andy Ngo: This is the story of, and presents first-hand accounts of, the many illegal and subversive actions concerning both the Antifa and Black Lives Matter organizations. Emotion plays such a huge part when trying to discuss either of these organizations objectively and *Unmasked* enables a person to understand the underlying objectives, organization, and terrible danger both of these organizations present to America. It is not a quick read but it is absolutely a "must read" for every citizen.

Guest Author - Cory Eliason (Pilot's Point and Buffalo Montana Autumn, see Crapper Muse, are by Chuck's sister, Cory Eliason, and dedicated to her husband Kelly Ekiason, who passed away a few years ago.

Pilot's Point

Let me explain: I am Mistress' dog. My name is Lola and I am an Irish Wolfhound; the big shaggy dog laying on the cushioned, wicker

love seat, patiently waiting for her to finish writing in the paper tablets. It is night. Under the glow of a porch light, she writes as she does most nights: She calls our home Pilots Point and it is situated on a high promontory overlooking a river valley. An airport lies across the river on a hill opposite our outlook, where mistress has named the runway she can see '31'. Mistress calls our home 'Pilots Point', because she says it is where the bend of the river is visible to both her and incoming pilots. The air has changed, fall is coming fast, leaves have begun to scuttle across the porch and a large flock of geese call to one another overhead as they make their night passage.

It is a common misconception among humans that dogs do not observe nor assimilate much of human understanding. While that assumption may be somewhat true of some canines, it is not true of all of us, especially those of us who are with their humans constantly as I am. Canines can be very perceptive and our sensitivity to unseen force fields are far beyond human capability. For instance Mistress does not know, that the one she misses, called 'My Kelly', is often with her. I felt his presence immediately when I was chosen to live here. His presence is very strong around her. And the peace that we feel when she talks to the heavens every night is because he is actually with her. People are so literal compared to us: You see dogs are very spiritual; it is not an accident that the word Dog is God spelled backward.

From 'Pilots Point' mistress sends her prayers aloft for the pilots and the souls they are entrusted to transport. It is her way to watch '31' until the last airplane of the day lands. She tracks the passage of the great air carriers doing what she calls, 'slingshoting across the top' on intercontinental flights. We always see satellites too, but we do not care what happens to them because they do not carry souls and have no one waiting for them to return. We do however care very much about military aircraft, they get special prayers for safe journey, because mistress said their equipment is made by a company called 'Lowest Bidder' and they fly into danger on America's behalf. Praying as she watches the stars and writes in her tablets is Mistress' daily ritual. She does this even in the Seasons of the Deep Snows, only then she does wrap herself in a long mink coat to do so, for the north winds are cold.

She offers up prayers for all of the pin points of aircraft lights that we see, asking God to guide their journey, because they too, like Mistress herself, are seeking 'that eternal bend in the river of life' that leads all travelers homeward. "God be with them, grant their pilots your skill to take them home, where loved ones wait for their return"...is the prayer mistress prays.

She watches the stars, especially three of them, she calls them Mother, Father and Lover. She talks to them. The Northern Star is her Mother, because it never changes, it is unwavering among the stars, a guide to the lost to find their navigational bearing. The Morning Star is her Father, because he liked mornings so much. But the Evening Star, Mistress loves above all others, she calls it "My Kelly's star' because he burned a path across her heart like a comet." Burning first, it burns brightest in the night and it burns longest. Then after she talks to the stars, she talks to 'The One of the Great Beyond', maker of Heaven and Earth, whom she calls God. She thanks him, offers prayers for others and asks for understanding for that which she does not understand. Most people don't know this but dogs understand, and



we do see and feel many things which our poor human masters don't. In Mistress' case there is no doubt in the quiet of the moonlight, The One hears her, for there is a loving peace that surrounds us in those moments and yes; her Kelly also hears, because in those moments, he is right here next to us.

She says I possess the great soul of of an Irish warrior-poet. I am not sure what that means, but she assures me that it is good. She tells me this when I come to her to lay my great, gray head upon her lap when her prayers have ended: When she at last says, "Good night my love, I have never quit loving you Kelly." And then comes the best part, she ruffles my unruly hair and hugs me...that is the part I live for. Her hugs are better than cookies, even better than the Temperpedic bed. It is a fine thing to be a dog at Mistress' home in 'Pilots Point', I think. 09/2019

This and That

More Green BS: Just a quick note to give Crapper readers the number of coal fired power plants in the world today and the number under construction.

European Union: 468 power plants, building 27 more = 495 • Turkey: 56 power plants, building 93 more = 149 South Africa: 79, building 24 more = 103 • India: 589, building 446 more = 1035 • Philippines: 19, building 60 more = 79 South Korea: 58, building 26 more = 84 • Japan: 90, building 45 more = 135 • China: 2,363, building 1171 more = 3,534 United States: 15, building 0 = 15 • Total projected power plants in only 8 countries: = 5,615

Looking at these numbers, why do our idiot "Green" politicians wanting us to get rid of these 15 plants in order to "save the planet?" Why are we, at the same time, totally ignoring the thousands of existing and under construction plants elsewhere in the world; most primarily in China, our greatest competitor on the world stage? You soon realize that what we do here in the US will not make a difference at all. What it does do is enrich our competitors, weaken our power industry and infrastructure, and set us up for future disasters, most recent of which would be the fiasco in Texas. The movie stars and sports celebrities, many of whom do not even possess a basic high school diploma, but none the less are the main public faces of this "green" agenda, will not get fully "woke" to the insanity of this "green" agenda until they have no electricity available to charge up their electric cars and cell phones.

CDC United States Death Statistics: For many years the annual death toll from all causes in the United States hovered around 2.4 million. Starting in 2013, and primarily due to opioid abuse, the toll began to rise until it reached around 2.8 million in 2018 and 2019. No national shutdown. Not much said about losing around 400,000 people a year to drug abuse. Then came the 2020 election and the Wuhan scare. Amazingly the large numbers don't lie. When the 2020 death toll numbers first came out in early 2021 it showed around 2.9 million total deaths. Then a few weeks later the final total was increased to show total deaths of 3.1 million. Even at the inflated 3.1 million deaths there

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BUFFALO, WYOMING AUTUMN

I remember.....that day.

Leaves on the water, twisting conga lines of jumbled, color; lime green, scarlet red, yellow gold. A sun- struck, bright copper penny kind of day. I was standing on the bridge mesmerized, by the swift brook stream's....rock-bottomed, crystal clarity.

Schools of pan-sized, rainbow trout.....like silver rockets, darting: Fast movers.... through clear water. They were laughing with the mountain brook on their journey downstream, traveling together through life.

Then I turned and saw only you....coming to find me again, as you always did. We were travelers who found each other, through mists of time. Over and over, and yet once again Kelly.....you were the best part of all my lives.

I'm keeping this day in my 'forever memory', for when I see you again.

Love, Cory



are still so many questions: Apparently it appears few if any people died from the "regular" flu since the "regular" flu has basically seemed to disappear. Furthermore, the leading cause of death in the United States is none other than; Accidents!?? Gee, kind of makes you wonder if we are being played, does it not?

Legal Travelers Beware: Unless you are one of the thousands of illegal immigrants flooding across the United States boarder, many of who are positive for the Wuhan flu, you are required to take a Wuhan test, even A LEGAL UNITED STATES citizen entering the United States after a trip to Mexico. If you test positive you have to quarantine in Mexico till you can produce a negative test. People vacationing in Mexico are cautioned to be certain the resort they are staying in has testing facilities. The vacationers I talked to had been at such a resort and they all were able to take the test at the resort they were staying at for a cost of \$23 US dollars each. The results were ready in 5 minutes and all tested negative so were able to come back home. Gee, the burden one assumes when doing things LEGALLY!

Asteracanthus News: An entirely new prehistoric ocean dwelling creature has been discovered recently. This now extinct creature, a member of the shark family, was estimated to have lived and swam in oceans between 361 million and 60 million years ago. Oops! The only problem is the fossilized



remains were discovered in limestone deposits located in the mountains of Bavaria, Germany. This of course brings up the obvious question of how did a prehistoric shark find it's way to a place where there are no oceans? Experts explain the absence of an ocean anywhere near remains would have been caused by climate change. Duh! Ya suppose!!!! And just think, climate change without any, cars, power plants, industry, or even any humans: Wake up folks!

Asia Drought Man Caused: Of course man does not cause droughts, but when droughts do occur man can make them worse. This is reported to be the case in Asia where Communist China is using water as a weapon against countries who oppose and resist its authoritarian regime. China has built dozens of dams in recent years on many major Asian rivers such as the Mecong, where these dams impact five countries and over 60,000,000 people. Other dams have been built on the Bahmaputra, which supplies water to eighteen countries, and of course the Yanktzee, which impacts millions more. The weaponization of water by Communist China causes death and misery to millions, but yet mainstream media has had little to say about it.

Editorial: Disgruntled Teacher Leaves Job

A long article written by a former Literature professor at a major college in ND had for its basic message: "North Dakota is a nice place to live, but the state does not pay enough to attract and keep good college professors." Basically, the article was a swan song about why this teacher left her job and got a 25% larger salary by moving to another state. She also mentions in the article that her husband, who was also a college teacher, was unable to get full time employment at a viable salary. I guess my question after reading this article would be, were these folks good teachers? Did her husband, who could only find part time teaching work, have a degree in a discipline not much in demand? Also, as to their re-location state, what was the cost of living, housing, food, insurance, taxes, utilities, there? A person has to ask what was the quality of life, length of commute, traffic, crime, and pollution in the new 25% more salary state? As I finished reading the article I was left not with the thought that as a state "we let the big one get away," but more with the thought, "we simply said goodbye to a disgruntled educator." An educator who should have looked at the financial possibilities of her job before she and her husband moved to North Dakota in the first place.

Note: Maybe we don't pay large enough salaries to college professors in ND but it is interesting to note all of our kids earned their college educations in ND and were able to land excellent jobs the minute they graduated. Without a doubt, employment numbers for kids educated in ND are markedly higher than many of the "big" schools in other states. Who knows why this is so? Maybe it is our state's work ethic, the pervasive entreprenurial attitude of people in our state to "get 'er done" in dealing with a given project. Possibly it is the inborn sense of community and working together that we who live in the northern plains seem to share. Folks, we only have 700,000 people in ND. Maybe we can't compete with the huge colleges for high priced teachers, but for whatever reason, we certainly are getting results when it comes to the employability of our children: And after all, isn't that the goal?

As usual, thanks for reading The Crapper Chronicles, and remember: We have: our family, our friends, our health, and time. The rest is smoke and mirrors!

Chuck