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## Jet Dog Jack - The Book

As of 8/4/22 the story of Jack's life, which became the book, "Jet Dog" Jack, is available on Kindle and Amazon. And now there is an audio version available for sale on Amazon and with your subscription on Audible.

**Channeling my Buddy, Jack** (He may be gone, but his ideas live on.)



**Jack:** "Dad, up here in Dog Heaven, we hear companies on Earth are bragging that they can make plants and chemicals taste just like meat." In my dream I laughed and replied, "Jack, cows have been doing that forever."

**Jack:** "Dad, didn't you used to say that they used to put mentally ill people in hospitals?" In my dream I replied, "Yes Jack but now, unfortunately, many of them are finding their way into Politics."

**Jack:** "Dad, I see you have been doing cold water immersion to help you clear up your sinuses." In my dream I laughed and said, "Jack I actually think there may be something to it, because I am once more starting to smell the occasional 'personal' gas leak."



## The Big Buy

One of our favorite wineries in the Napa Valley is Peju Winery, located near St Helena, California. Several years ago, three of us made a wine purchase there, which was so significant in size, that it is "rumored" that Peju actually put up a plaque commemorating the event. Who knows if them putting up a plaque was true or simply "urban legend," but one day talking about it, somebody in our little group laughingly titled our sale "The Big Buy." No doubt, over the years Peju has had many larger commercial sales but what made "The Big Buy" so special was that it was made to our small group of three, and of course I'm sure Peju was flattered and happy that one of the excellent Napa wineries we chose in stocking our cellars was theirs.



Although the three of us were all involved, "The Big Buy" was primarily spearheaded and masterminded by Bobby Hill. He and his wife Joannie were visiting Linda and I at the ranch in North Dakota and since, in those days, we had all built wine cellars and were looking to stock them, he and I got to talking about calling Peju to see if a bulk sale would get us a better deal. Excitedly, we called our buddy Tom Middleton in Arizona to see if he too wanted to "get in on the deal." Of course, Tom agreed a larger wine order should get us a better price, and in giving us the go-ahead Tom made the fateful statement, "Just let me know how much I owe." With our third partner firmly on board, we dialed the number for our contact at Peju, Richard Cooksey. However, before Richard even answered the phone, Bobby admonished me to, "Let me do the talking!" I readily agreed because not only is he a very good negotiator, as all of you know who are Bobby's friends, when it comes to talking, he is very good at it!

## 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.

The conversation with Richard was quite long and involved, with in depth discussions of the various vintages, Estate Wines, Library Wines, Merlots, Cabernets, Cabernet Francs, and Blends. The end result of Mr. Hill's skilled bargaining culminated in our purchase of many cases of excellent Peju wines. A little problem that arose was that even with our expert negotiator getting us the discounted prices, much of the wine purchased was of the "higher end" Peju Winery wines. Our excitement was somewhat dampened when we realized that by selecting "the good stuff," our purchase had produced a price tag in excess of \$13,000! When later that day we called co-conspirator Middleton with news of our buy and informed him of his share of the cost, Tom's response was an amazed, "I owe how much?!" Jokingly, Tom and I later ribbed Bobby that maybe, in making future wine purchases, we should not let him do ALL the talking.

At any rate, as proud participants in "The Big Buy," regardless of the price, we were all very pleased with our purchase that day and enjoyed those fine wines for many years. However, to wrap up this little story, several years later it just happened that FireRock Country Club in Fountain Hills, Arizona, was hosting a wine tasting from none other than Peju Winery. To further commemorate the key role Bobby played in "The Big Buy," Tom and I secretly had a plaque made for him, and we talked the Peju representative into doing a surprise presentation of it to Bobby at the event. The plaque was titled "The Big Buy," and had a nice picture of Bobby, Tom, and I enjoying a glass of a favorite Peju wine. Also, inscribed on it were Mr. Hill's immortal words, "Let me do the talking." Tom and I couldn't agree more.

## Crime Doesn't Pay but Politics Does?

The American dream is still doable, but possibly not in the way our founders originally intended. Evidence of this is provided by a recent Forbes Magazine article on the net worth of famous people. A couple quick examples that Forbes provides pegs the current net worth of a former simple bartender at \$13,000,000. This is the same former bartender, who a very few years ago declared she was "virtually penniless and could not even afford to pay her rent." Now a few short years later she is a well-known politician worth \$13,000,000 who states her favorite vacation destination as Moskow. We know her as AOC. Another well-known political figure who has apparently cashed in quite well because of the polls would be Ms. Obama. In the year 2000 she listed her net worth at a mere \$170,000. Frugal financial person that she is; Ms Obama has parlayed that amount to a net worth of \$160,000,000. Possibly, like Hunter Biden, she is a budding artist, as recent reports show she recently sold one of her "art works" for \$2,900,000 to a wealthy Democrat businessman. Lucky him! Coincidentally, it is also reported that a short time later an ongoing Federal investigation into this same individual's companies had been called off.



## "They That Dwell in The House Must Clean It"

This quote, or one very near it, is in the Bible. Of course, it's basic message is that ultimately we are all responsible to solve our own problems. This wisdom seems very applicable to the current biological males competing in biological female's sports controversy. In a particular event such as swimming, weight lifting, golf, soccer, and other sports where the physical makeup of biological males gives them a clear and unquestioned advantage; and if due to perceived social, legal, or economic pressure, these event sponsors continue to insist that biological males can compete equally with biological females, then the actual biological females should simply NOT participate in that event. When the starters pistol sounds and only a biological male is swimming in the pool, and all the biological females are yet in the blocks, within a matter of days this ridiculous problem would be over. Would it be traumatic? Yes! But in days this problem would end. If biological females want to save their given sport then "They that dwell in the house must clean it." By the time the politicians, lawyers, academia, or any given sporting event sponsor "cleans the house," sports for biological females will be destroyed.

## Good Venders and Products

**A-1 Evans Septic Tank:** Here in rural North Dakota many of us have to maintain our own sewer systems. Of course, once in a while these systems malfunction or need maintenance. That is not to mention it is a very good idea to have your septic system pumped out once a year. There is an old saying in the septic tank, sewer system business: "A good flush beats a full house anytime." Linda and I recently had a malfunction on our septic system and made a quick panic-call to A-1 Evans Septic Tank Service. In a mere couple of hours our system was up and running again. Our thanks to Reed and Cole for getting us back to normal. At A-1 Evans, they are truly "#1 in the #2 business!" 701-852-5103.



**Hensen's Fur and Leather:** We tend to think that here in North Dakota we have to go to a major city to find a truly unique and special store. However, located at 525, 20th Ave SE here in good old Minot, N Dakota, at Hensen's Fur and Leather we have just such a store. Do yourself a favor and stop in to visit Richard and Diane. Not only do they have a fantastic array of leather, fur coats and leather goods, they also are a Pendelton clothing dealer and carry a full line of that merchandize as well. In addition, you can browse through their huge array of handmade Native American art objects. The phone number is 701-852-0722.





**Air Bread v/s Sammy's Bread:** Sammy's Pizza, here in Minot, has always had the best pizza in town. So good in fact that it is, basically, the only pizza Linda and I eat. Now, however, Sammy's has added homemade bread to their menu. This most excellent Italian style bread is nothing like the usual "Air Bread" available in most grocery stores. This bread has some substance, is very low in sugar, and, better yet, is available for takeout! How good is it? I just purchased 10 loaves and had them shipped UPS to the house in Arizona!



## News Shorts, Quotes, and a Bit of Humor

**Old Coffee Anyone?** In 2003 Linda and I took a vacation to Hawaii's Big Island. We purchased a couple bags of fresh Ka'u Estate Coffee beans from the nice folks at Will and Grace Farms coffee farm. Grace has great coffee and we wanted to bring some beans home to North Dakota. You know how it is, things get misplaced don't they? Now, here we are in May of 2023 and guess what? We found the two packages of Grace's coffee in a drawer behind some old placemats. Unbelievable! I opened one of the packages of now 20-year-old coffee beans and to my surprise the beans still smelled like coffee. Not only that, I ground up a batch and made a pot of 20-year-old-bean coffee and it actually didn't taste that bad. A little weird maybe, but I've certainly had worse tasting coffee!



**Phone Break Needed:** I had just left the house the other day and realized I had forgotten my cell phone. For just a moment I thought, "Gee, I'd better go back and get it." Then common sense reminded me of the decades I had lived without the damn thing and I simply continued on my way. It was a much needed and worthwhile decision. All I missed was some more bullshit spam and texts that could be looked at later. Not having the phone with me was kind of like escaping from having to babysit a puppy you are trying to train not to poop in the house, a sick kid with a bad cold, or the cows during calving time. Sure, you can do other things, but if you allow it, the nagging phone keeps interrupting whatever you are doing at any given time. It is a proven fact that constantly looking at your phone is addictive and not necessarily good for you. I intend to use mine less.



**New York Rats Carry Covid 19:** A recent study by the University of Missouri was conducted where students trapped 79 rats in New York. 13 had had the virus previously and 4 were currently infected. Linda said gee, maybe they should tell the rats to wear masks.

**Gas Range News:** Eugene, Oregon now bans gas stoves in all new construction. Do you think they are the only city doing this? It is reported that over 100 cities around the US have done the same thing. Question: Have we lost our collective minds? This is insane, people! It is not about pollution or health. It is about control of a populace.

**Egg News:** Bozrah, Connecticut: "Unexplained fire recently at third largest egg farm in the United States." This is just one more of over 100 attacks and mysterious fires at United States food processing and producing facilities in the last year. No problem? Can I direct your attention to this shinny object over in Ukraine?

**No Weight Restrictions for Electric Trucks:** Due to the extra amount of weight added to electric trucks by the huge size and weight of the battery they require, these types of trucks would have a substantial reduction in the amount of actual payload they would legally be allowed to carry. To solve this conflict of exceeding allowable legal weight restrictions imposed on all trucks, unbelievable as it may seem, the government has now made electric trucks exempt from these necessary weight limits. Another fact is road that taxes are paid by fuel usage, since electric trucks don't buy fuel, how are they paying for increased damage to roads they cause by this overweight condition? Fun fact: The battery, the very construction of the truck, and all facets of this insane comedy are SUBSIDISED by you, the clueless taxpayer.



### Crapper Humor

1. If you're happy and you know it, it's your meds!
2. Secret to Enjoying a Good Bottle of Wine: A. Open the bottle to allow it to breathe B. If it does not appear to be breathing; give it mouth to mouth.
3. Einstein: "The major difference between intelligence and stupidity is, intelligence has limits."

## Editorial: Climate Change?

In recent testimony given to the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) by two actual "Climate Experts," both emphatically stated current and proposed EPA and government rules will be disastrous for the country economically, and are based on no scientifically justifiable reason. Professors William Happer, Professor Emeritus in Physics at Princeton University, and Richard Lintzen, Professor Emeritus of Atmospheric Science at MIT, each presented data showing conclusively that much of the temperature data and atmospheric models currently being taken as truth are, by and large, politically driven and speculative models that have repeatedly been proven to have been changed or altered and,

## The Schatz Place

We need a home with some acres,  
said Linda my wife.

A place like Danny and Diane  
Schatz have would really be nice.

So we searched and we searched, but  
there was simply no such ground.  
No place that had pastures, trees, and  
a view and yet out of the  
wind, could be found.

Till one day Linda heard Danny and  
Diane's place might be for sale.  
Danny said the price was non-nego-  
tiable; low offers would fail.

Friends are friends but business is  
business; I pulled a low offer from  
the shelf.

In minutes Danny's reply was swift;  
"Tell Chucky to go ---- himself!"

I laughed, for of course, their price  
was quite fair.

Our second offer was full list; we  
wanted to live there.

So in hours our search for a dream  
home was done.  
And now 22 years later, the lottery  
we've won.

To look over the pasture, surrounded  
by trees,  
A strong north wind here becomes  
only a breeze.

The deer in the yard, the squawking  
of crows,  
The yelping of coyotes, the scent of  
pine on your nose.

When I'm mowing the yard, or trim-  
ming the trees,  
Or one of the hundred chores, I  
think, "Schatz would be pleased."

Because even after all of these years,  
as I get lines on my face.  
Linda and I simply live on Danny and  
Dianne Schatz's place.

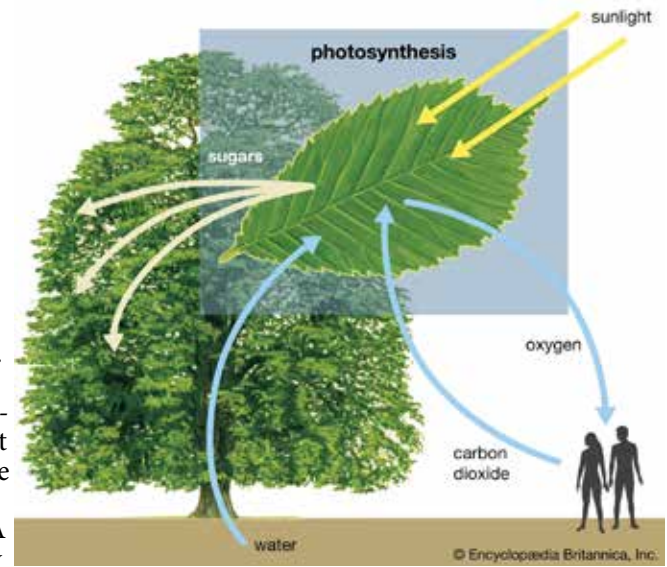
And so we will be here, until the very  
end.

We'll keep the place spotless; "Fly safe  
my good friend."

*For Danny and Dianne Schatz, from  
Chuck and Linda Tompkins. 11/14/21*



thus, are absolutely wrong. Once again, drawing from Drs Happer, and Lintzen's testimony (both of whom are ACTUAL atmospheric and climate experts), carbon is not the enemy. Far from being some evil compound we must radically reduce in our atmosphere, carbon is absolutely essential for plant life to survive, and is needed for the atmosphere to be able to function properly and support life on Earth. Asked by the committee as to why there would be a need to censor, alter, and cherry pick data to support the global warming, climate change narrative, Lintzen emphatically replied, "Because it's a hoax." The EPA said they would take the testimony of the esteemed professors "under advisement." Translation: Shitcan it!



The factual information provided by these two, unquestionably qualified, experts becomes even more important when you compare it to the unproven bullshit recently put out by one of President Biden's most vocal manure spreaders; the clamorous, "climate envoy," John Kerry. In a recent speech at the United States Department of Agriculture's "AIM for Climate Summit," this clown actually assailed America's agricultural sector for nothing less than "contributing to about 33 percent of all the emissions in the world." If you have a brain in your head you have to ask yourself, "where in hell does he come up with this crap?" Kerry further argued that reducing agriculture emissions must be "front and center" in the quest to defeat global climate change. Gee, don't you wish that, similar to the mythical Don Quixote, this well-fed bullshit artist could just go find a damn windmill to joust with? Maybe he could take, the even more well-fed, Al Gore along as his worthy squire. Meanwhile, our farmers, without interference from fools such as them, could continue to feed the world and provide the incredible food supply that most people here in the US take for granted. One has to wonder why in hell the United States Department of Agriculture would even allow such a known fool to address their summit at all. Possibly the ever-popular Scandinavian high school dropout, Thunberg, was unavailable?

Consider if you will that 97% of all transportation, farming, and manufacturing in the world runs on fossil fuels. Available data shows us that in the past 20 years we have foolishly spent over 5 trillion dollars to reduce this 97% by less than 3%. All in a vain attempt to solve this false political narrative of "man caused" climate change. Think what that money could have done for crime prevention, poverty, homelessness, or cancer cures. People, think about it. We have always had climate change. It is a natural occurring phenomenon and we will never have a world without it. While we prostrate our nation before the false god of climate change, we continue to dismantle and destroy our industry's ability to be competitive and compete on the world stage. Meanwhile, the rest of the world, and in particular Communist China, Russia, and even India, not only ignore the "green agenda," they build countless new coal fired power plants while laughing at the United States busy "jousting at windmills." Former president Obama made the statement, "Maybe it's time for the United States to be taken down a peg." It seems that Biden and his lackys are doing a great job of it.

## Prayer Corner:

Linda and I believe in the power of prayer. Our current list is Bill, Konnie, Scotty, Dan and many others. Please take a moment if you would to say one for a friend who is suffering at this time, would you? Thanks.

*I hope you have found this issue of Crapper interesting and as always; remember, we have our family, our friends, our health and time: The rest is smoke and mirrors! Chuck*