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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.

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



Jack: "Dad, up here in Dog Heaven we can't believe that people would vote for the current clown show administration's new candidate." In my dream I laughed and said, "Yeah Jack, voting for the same clown show party after getting rid of their current 'leader' would be like changing your shirt after you have shit your pants." This was a longer dream than usual, and I told Jack to tell his buddies up in Dog Heaven that another analogy of people voting for this same Clown Show would be the same as a flock of sheep

voting for the wolf because they didn't like their current sheep herder.

Jack: 'Dad up here in Dog Heaven we have a solution for parents who want to educate their children on the evils of the Socialist/Communist political doctrine.' In my dream I asked Jack to explain it to me. Yipping happily, he replied, "Just have the kid clean the bathroom; pay them \$10; then take away \$7 and give it to a sibling who didn't help." Laughing I agreed that maybe then Socialism wouldn't seem so attractive after that.

Jack: "Dad, up here we hear that for all of the people who wore a mask while alone in their car, there is a new product available." Of course, I asked what it was and laughed out loud when he said it was a special seat belt to be worn, only when you are not in your car. The conversation continued with me telling Jack, "Before we get too far into developing 'Artificial Intelligence' we need to work on 'natural stupidity'."

Jack: "Dad, I see you and mom are remodeling a condo." In my dream I replied, "Yeah, Jack, yesterday I went to order some tile for the floor and the clerk would not sell it to me without a permission note from Linda!"

Jack: "Dad, I hear there is some confusion down there on what to wear at a 'Gender Reveal' party." In my sleep I laughed and told Jack that just the other day I had seen where on social media, someone had posted: "Why am I the only one naked at this 'Gender Reveal' party!"

Jack: "Dad, is it true you are selling your homing pigeon?" Sleepily I replied "Yeah, Jack, I just sold him the other day on E Bay for the 22nd time."

Crazy English

A JAR: What do you mean my car door is A JAR? I thought the door to my pickup was just that. Simply a door. Something you have to open to get in and out of the vehicle. Something that helps keep vehicle occupants safe, cuts down on the wind noise, keeps out the elements. You get the idea. However, the other day when I went to leave the house a vehicle warning notice and warning chime came up: "Door Ajar!" Wow! My good old pickup door is no longer a door, it is now 'a jar'. No wonder people think the English language is difficult. Oh well, who would have thunk 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.

CNN Calls Attempted Assassination “incident”: Notice, even though presidential candidate Donald Trump narrowly missed being killed by an assassin's bullet, and even though an innocent bystander was killed and two other bystanders were critically injured; there were no riots, no mass demonstrations, no buildings or entire communities were burnt to the ground. And just think, the lame stream, liberal controlled media loves to call all Trump supporters, nazis, white supremacists, racists, bigots, and deplorables. This is the same corrupt media that sensationalized the death of a ‘high on drugs’ career criminal, George Floyd, a man who had committed a crime mere minutes before dying of a drug induced heart attack while resisting arrest. He was so sensationalized, by repeatedly calling him a poor victim, that race riots erupted. Riots that subsequently, under the ineffectual leadership of Minnesota governor Tim Walz, saw a large part of urban Minneapolis totally burned out and destroyed. If you think I am being unfair in my assessment of a biased news media, consider CNN's announcement shortly after the attempted assassination of former president Trump; “Trump stumbles after incident at rally.” I would think an attempted assassination that killed one and wounded three more was a bit more than a mere ‘incident.’ I suppose the next thing will be that CNN will take credit for the lack of riots because they ‘downplayed’ the event. Whatever! And for those people who believe the propaganda that this CommunistNewsNetwork is putting out: “Please, enjoy your Kool-Aid.”

Book Report: *Elon Musk*; by Walter Isaacson. 615 pages of the incredible and very interesting story of a driven genius who has launched so very many companies that impact our daily lives. Furthermore, the author reports that the book was published without Musk reading it. Musk is driven by a passion to see to it that Mankind gets to Mars with the purpose of establishing a colony there. A side effect of that goal is Musk's companies have dramatically reduced the cost of not only launching satellites into space, but getting people and material to the international space station at a fraction of the previous cost. The author says that Musk's reason for wanting to colonize Mars is to ‘ensure the survival of the human race if something happens to Earth.’ I guess the question that kept coming to my mind, as I read this book was, if Musk is so intelligent, why doesn't he realize that 97% of the Scientists agree with whoever is funding them. If he did, he would pay more attention, and listen to actual climate experts who can reassure him that our Earth, is absolutely not being destroyed by ‘man caused’ climate change. These ACTUAL, NON-POLITICAL climate change experts, could reassure him that our Earth has always experienced climate change, both historically and currently. Of course, space exploration, and interplanetary travel should be explored and developed, but seriously, why in hell would you abandon our verdant, productive, and wonderful planet that; barring a direct hit from a giant meteorite, is now and will remain a wonderful place for mankind to live. The barren desert planet that is Mars makes a great place to base science fiction novels on, but seriously, you want to live there? If so please dial 1 800 GET A LIFE.



High Cost of Food

Causes: Does anyone ever notice that when the cost of food is discussed, they never talk about what KIND of food they are talking about. They never discuss what the producer of the food is being paid, and they never talk much about our meat packing industry being more and more owned; and more dangerously controlled, by foreign countries; most notably China, a country who is certainly not our friend. As to what kind of food has seen drastic price increases, I suppose that premium steak, and most processed foods have taken the biggest hit. However, crop prices, in other words the price paid to the farmer/producer, is at literally a multi-year low. This differential, from the cost of a food product in the stores to what the producer of the product is paid, is caused primarily by prices charged by the middlemen/processors who handle and package the agricultural produce. This can be from many reasons, with increased regulation and increased labor costs most likely the major culprits. However, the fact remains that even in the face of low commodity prices, the American farmer keeps the supply of food flowing to American households. Remember, there is not a large city on earth that can feed itself. No farmers? The city withers and dies.

Cheap Eating: I know it is unpopular to say that you can still eat very cheaply in the United States, but depending on WHAT it is you are eating the cost is absolutely affordable. Let's take a couple of my favorite foods starting with Pot Roast. To make this delectable dish, Linda purchased the following ingredients the other day at the following prices: A nice big 3lb Chuck Roast - \$12.80, 3 large potatoes - \$1.00, 2lb bag of carrots - \$2.10, and a celery stalk - \$1.30. I suppose you could price the spices needed at \$1.00 for a total cost of \$18.20. One of my favorite things about pot roast is you can have many meals from it. In our case we had 3 meals over the next week and I made numerous wonderful sandwiches as well. Of course, I also used probably an entire loaf of Dave Shomento bread over that time period so I suppose you could add another \$5.00 to the cost. Still, plenty cheap eating.

Very Cheap Eating: Next on the list is homemade chicken noodle soup. Here Linda bought a pre-cooked chicken for \$5.00, a large onion - \$1.00, a bag of egg noodles - \$2.00, and various spices - \$1.00. Again, over the course of the several meals that this combination provided, we also consumed a stack of saltine crackers, giving us a total cost for several meals of \$10.00. A nice side benefit of chicken noodle soup made in quantity is after the soup cools, you can bag it and freeze it in small zip lock bags to provide an enjoyable quick microwave lunch weeks or even months later. I suppose I could mention a few of my other ‘cheap’ favorites like Chili, Tuna Hotdish, and Spaghetti, but you get the point. Furthermore, this ‘cost of food’ issue is certainly not a new one. I remember eating these very meals as a child, and Linda and I made these same recipes when the kids were growing up. These meals never get old and are now, and were then, very affordable. I realize that if you are eating at restaurants, or fast-food outlets, or if you are buying prepackaged, processed foods, premier cuts of steak and specialty items, you can spend lots of money to eat. If you just want a good wholesome meal for a ridiculously cheap price, try the above; courtesy of your local ‘well stocked’ grocery store and the American Farmer. Bon Appetit!



Parting Thought: We in America have never starved and are thus blissfully ignorant of famine. Americans have always enjoyed such an abundance of food at totally affordable prices, that we are the envy of the world. Virtually no place on earth has this incredible luxury. Want to see some REAL riots? I mean not the ones where ‘poor little rich kids’ are demonstrating about causes they really know little or nothing about? Try depriving people of food. Think about it folks. If we ever get to a place where foreign governments or even our OWN government controls the supply of food. We, as a free people, are in mortal danger. Think, read, look around you OBJECTIVELY. Then vote.

Immigration Numbers: In the 62 years from 1892 to 1954 approximately 12 million people came to our country as legal immigrants. These people were largely admitted to our country legally though the facility located on Ellis Island in New York. There they were processed, registered, and started on a citizenship track to becoming productive taxpaying American citizens. If they were sick, they were held in quarantine until they were well enough to find work. It is, of course, a historical fact that most of our ancestors came to America in this way. They adopted our way of life, they learned our language, they obeyed our laws, and they helped propel our nation to become the beacon of the free world.



However, for whatever reason, politicians closed down the Ellis Island facility; becoming an American citizen required applicants to seek the assistance of a new class of expensive 'Immigration Lawyers,' and the process became a far more difficult and expensive undertaking. Needless to say, ILLIGAL immigration soon became rampant in America. Rather than fixing this now broken immigration issue, since it was politically unpopular and a difficult issue to deal with, both political parties simply ignored the growing problem by, year after year, 'kicking the immigration can down the road.' Now, in the four short years of the current Clown Show that has been masquerading as our administration, estimates put the ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION numbers in these four years at well over 16,000,000. Remember, these illegal immigrants were not vetted, they were not sent back home or quarantined if they were sick, they did not have to get a shot for the Wuhan flu, and they are not on an orderly citizenship path. Most of all, they do not pay for the medical care, and social benefits they are receiving. We, the TAX PAYING citizens of America, are. This influx of illegal immigrants is overwhelming our social services, and schools, to the detriment of our ACTUAL LEGAL TAXPAYING citizens. Remember this: Sneaking into a country illegally does not make you an immigrant any more than breaking into a house makes you part of the family. No sane person would be against LEGAL IMMIGRATION, however, by the same token, no sane person would condone ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

You're Fired (Or You Should Be): From my earliest adulthood, I always thought getting fired would be one of the worst things that could happen to me. It would mean I had done a bad job, failed at what I was working at, or was simply too incompetent to accomplish the needed work. However, when you look at the recent performance of some of our political appointees, or should I say those in the private sector who are connected to the ruling political commissars, this is most certainly not the case. For instance, remember the failed solar company Solyndra? This was the company who was given \$500,000,000 by the Obama administration and spectacularly went bankrupt after only 2 years under CEO Brian Harrison's leadership. You would think this colossal failure would have branded Mr. Harrison as not being the best CEO. However, now we see the same Mr. Harrison is President of TSMC Arizona, the giant Taiwanese chip factory being constructed in Phoenix, Arizona. TSMC Arizona was reportedly given a \$6,600,000,000 (yes, the zeros are correct) grant under the CHIPS act. History shows us that in business, as it is for a Broadway play, it is not unusual for a big 'play' to fail. It does however, seem unusual to see basically the same failed director running a new 'play'. The only difference being that now it is vastly more of our hard-earned taxpayer money paying for the tickets.



Old Dinosaur Rant: Before I go to my doctor's appointment, I have to take MY time and figure out how to use my PORTAL on MY computer or phone so I can get pre-registered for a doctor's appointment I have already registered for. This morning, I tried to get this pre-registration for an existing appointment done and my phone tells me I have to 'update' the phone and waste more of my time, before I can use the phone to confirm my attendance at the appointment I have already registered for. But wait, of course I have to pay for the needed medical care, and my tax dollars also help subsidize this very medical institution. We United States Citizens by and large accept the cost of our excellent medical care, and understand that we have no say in where tax dollars go anyway, but it does irritate me that MY time is considered worthless.

But I digress: The reason for this silly little rant is that the other day Linda and I were at the clinic waiting for our turn to see the doctor, and a new arrival to our country was ushered in to his appointment. Apparently, since the guy could not speak English, he was provided with an interpreter. We both wondered a few things: 1. Did he pay taxes and have an insurance policy to pay for both the health care he was receiving and the services of the interpreter? 2. When he came into the waiting room he was talking on his cell phone. We just wondered if it was 'advanced and updated' enough so he too was able to 'pre-register' for his appointment? 3: Was he even a legal United States Citizen? Watching the scene unfold, we both wondered if this guy was one of our counties recent 'new arrivals' that gets free medical, who don't have to go to their portal, but who simply go to the nearest emergency room to be ushered into their appointment by the interpreter provided. It seems funny, under the Obama administration, if we did not purchase health insurance, we United States citizens, were fined. Yet, these 'new arrivals' get free care because 'they are in need.' Of course, we American's are passionate about HELPING people in need. My question: What about the 'need' of those who are paying for the entire thing? Another old saying is, "Charity begins at home."

Virtue Signaling Center of Scottsdale Located: The Mayo Clinic parking lot on Shea Blvd in Scottsdale, Arizona was recently named the Virtue Signaling center of Arizona after reporters confirmed that location as having the highest concentration of electric powered vehicles anywhere in the city (other than the local Tesla sales center). But wait, there's more! Not only does that location have a large number of electric vehicles, they have many chargers available for such vehicles, and even better, these chargers are conveniently located very near clinic entrances. We unfortunate folks who drive fossil fuel powered vehicles, most likely because we suffer the financial embarrassment experienced by all 'less fortunate' people in the world, are relegated in many cases to being forced to take 'the walk of shame,' for a much longer distance, to reach a clinic entrance. The joke of the month is that we 'financially disadvantaged' folks relegated to driving 'fossil powered' vehicles, are subsidizing the 'privileged wealthy' driving the electric joke-mobiles. One can only hope we poor folks can hold our heads up high until this ridiculous Green Clown Show is over.



Gender News: Recently, Algerian male/female boxer Khelif, who the Olympic committee keeps referring to as a 'woman,' beat up an actual 'for real' biological female boxer on worldwide TV and the world cheered? Furthermore, Khelif continued on to

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Barbara's Porch

Nestled high on Spring Mountain,
Not far from St Helena, California,
Is the home of Barbara Richards,
Proprietor of Vinyard Paloma.

A magical place,
With views of forever.
With hummingbirds swirling,
In bright sunny weather.

Barbara talks quietly of the struggle,
Carving the vineyard from the
mountain.
While keeping the land safe,
Under the vine's soft green curtains.

In a voice soft but steel strong,
She describes caring for the vines.
The trimming, the forming,
Each of thousands of vines; nine
times.

How fruit harvest must not be done,
All at the same time.
The soil type, how much sunlight, the
amounts of shade,
Affect each vine.

Her fruit she harvests carefully,
Each plot picked at the perfect time.
In the end yielding, a perfect blossom,
A strong, smooth nose, of Merlot
wine.

A toast to Barbara,
Who let us visit.
One quiet May afternoon,
Told us the story in a way we could
'see' it.

Fine Paloma's birth and long journey,
Are a story of struggle; the story
of a vintner,
A lady bonded to the land,
We are so honored we got to meet
her.

5/10/13 - Thanks Babaa for showing
us your vines and explaining how
Paloma was created.



defeat other actual biological women and eventually 'won' a gold medal. The fact this person has been previously banned by the European boxing associations in Europe from competing against biological female boxers, was completely ignored by the Olympic officials. Whether this person is possessed of a penis or has a vagina/womb configuration and is capable of conceiving and bearing a child was not discussed. Possibly, to help us properly understand the situation, it should have been. All that was discussed was the person possessed 'chromosomes' of a male. Khelif when interviewed, said his/her main focus was to stop 'bullying'. Of course, in his/her case he/she was not 'bullying' the woman he/she had just beaten to a pulp, because, wait for it, Khelif identifies as a WOMAN. As to the current gender confusion; remember, when archeologists unearth ancient skeletons, these skeletons are readily identified as either male or female, because, since the beginning of time, there have been, and rightly so, only two genders. Now we are supposed to accept there are literally dozens of different 'genders'. Linda and I will go with the known TWO genders and accept the fact that there are obviously dozens of different MENTAL disorders.

Lifetime Fitness Not in the 'Rapid Learner' Program: Recently, it was reported in the state of Alaska, at a Planet Fitness facility, a woman complained about the presence of a biological male disrobing in the women's locker room. One of the reasons she complained was the presence of a 12-year-old girl in that locker room at the same time. Who got kicked out? Not the actual biological MAN. Nope, they kicked out the biological WOMAN who had complained. The good news? When the event hit social media Planet Fitness stock tanked. However, not to be deterred by the bad publicity they garnered by not kicking that man out of the women's dressing room in Alaska, this corporation tried to allow the same thing in Missouri where another man 'identifying' as a woman, disrobed in the women's locker room at one of their facilities in that state. Once again, instead of kicking the biological man out, this company reprimanded the actual biological women who were there for bringing up the obvious fact this 'man' was not in the correct place. Luckily, at least in Missouri, the state is going to step in and set this company straight. Me, I think the ONLY people patronizing this 'gender confused' company should be gender-confused men. A logical person would think it could be a bit tough for this corporation to stay in business catering to that miniscule tiny percent of men in the United States population that 'identify' as women.

Oh My; Goodness Sakes, Some Politicians are Not 'Nice': Gee, do yah suppose? Maybe it is time for folks to wake up and smell the coffee on politics, by realizing that politics is now and always has been a tough, difficult, and treacherous game. Of course, when you have a media that absolutely highlights every controversial statement a given politician makes, they can portray him as bad, a bully, a racist, a woman hater, and literally dozens of other uncomplimentary labels. The fact that his opponent in this presidential race is a woman, has now elevated the woman, in the eyes of this controlled media, to sainthood status. Ignored is the fact she is an absolute avowed socialist, her parents are avowed Marxists, and she championed a California law reducing to a misdemeanor any theft of \$940 or less 'to help with overcrowded prisons.' This law that has caused thefts and robberies in California to skyrocket, and closed countless businesses, has quietly been shoved under the media rug. Furthermore, her running mate, who is portrayed as a nice affable all-around common-sense guy is the same man who, as governor of Minnesota, allowed Minneapolis to burn for days, and signed legislation mandating women's menstrual products be placed in men's bathrooms. Me, I'm going with the guy that the controlled media hates. I could absolutely care less if he is 'nice.' Just one of his stances that I like is his position on oil. He wants to free our energy sector once more and give the United States back its energy independence. His opponent, on the other hand, wants to use the United States oil reserve and buy foreign oil, to artificially keep gas prices low. To me that makes as much sense as using up your 401K money instead of simply getting off your ass and going to work.

Sheffler Makes \$37,000,000: A common thread of socialism is to portray anyone who makes a large sum of money as being a bad person, or a person who has 'rode to success' at the expense of other 'less fortunate' people. Propaganda works in insidious ways. Now, it seems we are constantly treated to information on 'how much money' people are making on any given endeavor or career, and of course, due to his supernatural skill at golf, the money professional golfer Scotty Sheffler has made in 2024 is big news. What I wonder is why the media does not run the headline, "Scotty Sheffler GIVES BACK \$18,500,000 to the United States Treasury in the form of taxes. Actually, considering all the other 'taxes' levied on his income, I would expect the number is probably more than that. People, think! Just because someone MADE \$37,000,000 does not mean they KEPT all of it. Call it a donation, a contribution, or whatever. If this media was not trying to 'slant' how people perceived this bit of so called 'news' to make it look like Sheffler was in some way plundering and abusing society, why not say how much he is GIVING BACK instead of how much he is making!



Thanks for reading Crapper, and as always, we have our family, our friends, our health, and time. The rest is smoke and mirrors! Chuck