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Channeling My Buddy Jack



Jack: "Dad, up here in Dog Heaven we hear there are going to be more *NO Kings* rallies this weekend." In my sleep, I replied, "Yes Jack they are uniting with the *NO Dinosaurs*, and *NO Unicorns*, protesters for a combined 'NO Brains' rally this weekend."

Jack: "Up here in Dog Heaven we see Taylor Swift writing all kinds of songs about guys dumping her." In my sleep I laughed and said, "Yeah, maybe it's just a coincidence that she never sings anything about making her guy a sandwich or getting him a beer."

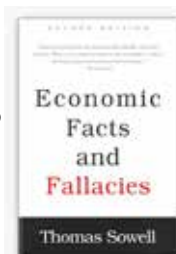
Jack: "Dad, it seems to us up here in Dog Heaven that the cities that have adapted leftist/socialist policies are losing the very citizens who have been paying for these failed socialist policies." In my sleep I sighed and said, "Yes Jack, the history of socialism is if you keep voting left, soon you have nothing left."

Jack: "Dad, we were talking the other day about the famous Thomas Jefferson quote. 'If serving in an elected office ever becomes a career, corruption will surely follow.' In my sleep I replied, "Well, Jack, I think he nailed it."

Jack: "Dad, up here we find it odd that two of the angriest people on TV are named Whoopi and Joy." In my sleep I laughed and replied, "Jack you have to remember that these are two of the same people who thought Joe Biden was competent."

Book Report

Economic Facts and Fallacies by **Thomas Sowell**: This book is an absolute must read by virtually all of us. Sowell, one of the great thinkers of our day, has a genius for explaining many of the complex economic issues affecting every American. Sowell explains these issues with unassailable data, common sense and the ability to simplify complex issues. Finally, he does it without the political spin that pervades, obscures and complicates almost every discussion of today's economics. Pages 204 and 205 have some especially relevant information for all of us and especially our youth. Basically, these two pages say there is nothing we can do about the past, but much can be done in the present to prepare for the future. Sowell summarizes this so perfectly in the sentence: "Whatever we wish to achieve in the future, it must begin by knowing where we are in the present-not where we wish we were, or where we wish others to think we are, but where we are in fact." Read it, have your kids read it, and talk about it. Then take your knowledge and VOTE.



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.

Story Time

Hummingbird Whisperer

So many times, God and nature talk to us at the most unexpected moments. These moments are rare, but though brief, they stick with us forever. A few years ago, my friend Gene Reiling had such a moment. In his own words, here is his story.

At first, I couldn't figure out what the buzz, thump, buzz, tap, tap, buzz, sound was, or where it was coming from. Going from room to room to locate the sound, a trapped hummingbird trying to escape through the high windows in the living room, proved to be the source. The little guy had somehow gotten into the house, and now was frantically trying to exit. Picking up a broom, I tried to guide the little missile toward the patio door in the adjoining room. It was simply no use, so leaving the door opened, I left the room, hoping the bird would eventually find the way out. However, when the buzzing stopped, and I came back into the room, the poor little bird was laying, motionless on the living room floor. Thinking he was dead, I went and got small sheet of cardboard, slid it under the tiny body, and was almost out the door on the way to the trash, when I heard the tinniest little squeak. My little buddy was alive!

Now what to do? Going outside, I picked a few trumpet flowers that I had seen hummingbirds get nectar out of, and slowly, gently, carefully, I slid the trumpet flower over the little soldier's beak. To my happy amazement, the little bird, seemed to be taking nourishment from the flower. After a few more minutes, I removed that flower and replaced it with a new one. This went on till I was out of flowers. Then, as it seemed the little guy was possibly recovering, I took my tiny patient, still laying on the flat cardboard, outside and put his beak up to another flower. To my delight, it was obvious the little guy was gaining strength, because he was able to push his beak into several more flowers. Suddenly, recharged from the infusion of life-giving nectar, my patient, took flight, sampled a few more nearby flowers on his own, and buzzed off into the trees. It was an amazing few moments, and if nothing else had happened, it still would have made a story worth re-telling many times. But what made this event literally a God moment, was what happened the next day.



It was early morning and I was sitting outside on the sunny patio enjoying my morning coffee. Suddenly, not two feet in front of my amazed eyes, was a beautiful, iridescent, emerald-green, hummingbird suspended in the air. For many long seconds, in his shimmering, brilliant, colors, the little bird hovered motionless, as only hummingbirds can do, and it was as if he was looking directly at me and thanking me for the prior days rescue. Was it the same bird, I can't tell you, but those brief few moments were real; it was as if a powerful current passed between me and the little creature. I can assure you; the hairs stand up on the back of my neck telling you the story. Fly safe my friend.

This & That

Visible Building Numbers a Lost Art? Is putting the building number correctly on a commercial building a lost art in Scottsdale, Arizona? In other words, is it too much to ask to place the building number in a location where it can ACTUALLY BE SEEN, by a person trying to locate AND SPEND MONEY at your business? A few days ago, after driving around the area for over 15 minutes trying to locate the correct building, finally, on a side of the building not even visible from the street, and even then, partially obscured by a Palo Verde tree, we at last located the building number. Many times, in searching for a given building, in the Scottsdale area it seems the building numbers either:

1. Never got put on the building in the first place.
2. Are totally obscured by the ever-present Palo Verde trees.
3. Are located on a side of the building not even visible from the street.

Nobel Prize Winners: It was recently said by one of the Iranian clerics, that he would not use, touch or otherwise be involved with anything Jewish. I hope he never needs penicillin, or consumes anything that has been pasteurized, or needs polio vaccine, or virtually any of the thousands of products that make our lives easier and illness more survivable. He apparently doesn't know the vast majority of these things were invented by people of Jewish descent. Just a note: In spite of Jews being only .02% of the world's population, 22% (221 people) of the Nobel Prize winners from 1901 to 2025 have been of Jewish descent. Their major contributions have been in Medicine, Physics and Economics. Muslims on the other hand, who make up 23% of the global population, have only earned 14 Nobel Prizes. The prizes awarded them were for Peace, and in Literature. Something to think about when you keep hearing 'Death to Isreal' on the lamestream news.



High School Students Protesting: How incredibly sad and dangerous. High School students being allowed out of classes to protest ICE. Kids at a Scottsdale, Arizona school were recently seen standing along busy Shea Boulevard and Via Linda Road, holding Anti ICE banners and waving Palestinian flags. Wow! How do these school administrators keep their jobs? Unbelievable! Young, impressionable students being told to protest LEGAL government actions by officers enforcing ACTUAL LAW. Wow! These students should be in classes watching Shindler's List. A movie about the horrors committed by actual Nazi's. Or the recent documentary concerning the hundreds of people, both Israelis and Palestinians murdered by Hamas. These kids don't realize that if they were actually in Iran, holding up signs and protesting government action, they, like the over 40,000 Iranians, would be gunned down and killed. Unbelievable! Incidentally, students in this particular high school, are reported to have some of the lower scholastic scores of public schools in the Phoenix/Scottsdale metro. The blame for the low scores is not on the kids. The blame lays squarely on the people who should be teaching them needed life skills of critical thinking, history, truth, logic and, in particular, HOW to think, not feeding them political propaganda, by telling them WHAT to think.



Reporter Race Rant: A recent article that ran in the North Dakota, *Bottineau Courant*, written by Rebecca Tallent, took up nearly a half page to decry the fact that ICE officers have stopped and detained 'Indigenous Americans'. The reason for her article is apparently, across the entire United States, there have been occasional cases where a Native American has been stopped 'because of their physical appearance'. The fact that countless other people of 'non-native American' decent have also been stopped 'because of their appearance' is not discussed by Tennent's article. Of course, the article also does not say WHY these particular individuals were stopped; Tallent is indignant, only about the fact, they WERE stopped. Once again, nothing is said about the hundreds of other UNITED STATES CITIZENS who have also been stopped for various reasons. In addition, without any proof or any example of a situation where, or even if, this has EVER happened, the article pushes a 100% false narrative by saying; "tribal members are concerned their physical appearance will mean they too can swept up, arrested, and detained: Plus possibly deported." Folks, what a bunch of sensationalist, inflammatory, unsubstantiated bullshit! Of course, 'tribal' members as well as many 'non-tribal' members have been stopped, to be make certain they are actual US citizens. The vast majority of these stops are the result of a traffic infraction, or a person's presence at a time or place that is questionable. ICE has detained and removed tens of thousands of criminals by doing this and it most certainly is not a nefarious attack on any particular ethnicity of people. Basically, this is a reporter that wants to abolish ICE and is trying to push a sensationalist, inflammatory narrative, in yet another left-wing attempt to hobble law enforcement, and ignite yet another race war. The fact that ICE has rid our nation of untold thousands of criminals: drug dealers, child molesters, human traffickers, and murderers, just to mention a few, is conveniently left out of Tennent's article. It surprises and disappoints me that the *Bottineau Currant* will print such crap. The article by this reporter is not news; it is Socialist propaganda.



Subsidies Are Not FREE MONEY: Electric Bus Bullshit: A few issues ago many of the small-town North Dakota newspapers also published an almost full-page article on the fact that several North Dakota school districts had purchased 'electric school buses'. Many reasons were given for doing this, one of the most bizarre was the article claimed that 'diesel school bus exhaust fumes cause asthma in children'. Basically, the actual reason the school districts fell for the electric bus hoax was the government (United States Taxpayers) were subsidizing a huge part of the cost. One little problem! The electric busses are basically useless in a cold windy North Dakota winter, because their range is completely inadequate for the needed rural winter mission. When I contacted the editor of the *Westhope Standard* newspaper, rather than discuss the inadequate range of the vehicles, he said the busses 'had a software issue' and when the Westhope school district tried to get a fix for it, they found the school bus manufacturer, a Canadian company, had 'went broke' and was no longer in business. He expressed 'hope' that the EPA would 'maybe help us get our money back' on the school bus purchase. Of course, it would be nice that, after getting scammed, the Westhope School District could get their money back. But let's not forget that first of all, the big wonderful 'subsidized' discount in the original purchase and any 'EPA help' are BOTH going to be paid for by the US TAXPAYER.

In a recent issue of the *Westhope Standard* newspaper, the school board meeting minutes were published. I find it sad and odd that not a word was printed about what if anything the school board was doing to actually try and get their money back. Apparently, 'hope' is their only strategy. Sadly, the person I talked to had never heard my daddy's old saying: "Son, if you have dog shit in one hand and hope in the other, you need to understand; you have dog shit in both hands."



We Need Small Town Newspapers: What we don't need is bullshit 'green' propaganda about how great these worthless electric school busses are, and we don't need some ridiculous article attempting to reignite the race wars. I'm disappointed that the *Westhope Standard* does not print an article explaining what happened with the 'wonderful' (but unusable) electric busses and I would hope that the *Bottineau Currant* would print an article that SUPPORTS law enforcement and immigration reform. Once again, we need small town newspapers, but they need to print news; not socialist propaganda. Do I expect either paper to do this? Nah.

Shorts & Quotes:

Kentucky Derby Amish NASCAR? This year's Kentucky Derby was won by 23-1 long shot horse, Golden Tempo, ridden by jockey Jose Ortiz. In winning this year's Kentucky Derby, an event that many call Amish NASCAR, Golden Tempo charged from a last place start, passing the entire field, to capture the win. Golden Tempo was also the first winner, by a female trainer, Cherie DeVaux.



Ronald Reagan: "The best social program is a job."

Thomas Sowell: "The next time some academics tell you how important diversity is, ask how many Republicans there are in their sociology department."

Will Rogers: "The only difference between death and taxes, is that death doesn't get worse every time congress meets."

Obama care: Before we had it, 70% of US citizens were happy with their healthcare. Dems said Obama Care would be cheaper. It didn't get one Republican vote. Dems said it would pay for itself. Now our healthcare costs have skyrocketed, and they need half a trillion dollars to keep Obama care afloat. Similar to most things they touch lately, Dems have almost destroyed the health care system in the US.

Spam Calls: When you don't recognize the caller, why answer the phone? If it is important they can leave a message. Anyway, most of the time the call is initiated by, and you are talking to, an algorithm. .

Lazy Afternoon

Its afternoon, on the back porch,
In the summer, in the shade.
There are trees to trim,
And hay to be made.

The tall grass is ripe;
I'll cut it tomorrow.
The farm's very busy,
But today's time I will borrow.

The sky between clouds,
Impossibly pure blue.
The ripening prairie grass,
A soft brownish hue.

The Mourning Dove's cooing,
The Robins peep peep,
The Finches quiet twitter,
The Weeping Willows...weep.

The greens are impossible,
Too many here to describe.
Fluffy clouds on the sweet breeze,
Quietly ride.

Russian Olive trees, soft, silky grey,
The Canadian choke cherries soft red.

My muscles are tired,
So many thoughts in my head.

The breeze soft and warm,
The wine full, mellow, and oakey.
Shade makes afternoon perfect,
Unplanned, restful, smoky.

A saucy red fox,
Bounces...darts... quickly, crossing
the yard.

Not seeing the rabbit in my flowers,
Who bunches up; gets on guard.

Shadows stretch out,
The breeze is so clean,
A doe and her fawn,
Appear on the scene.

The flowers are blooming,
Juneberries purple ripe,
My God, it's so perfect,
When North Dakota is right.

If we merit Heavens' perfection,
It must be like this.
But North Dakota's soft summer
afternoons...
Are a thing I will miss.



Fun Fact: Business owners have never had to board up their stores because of Republican protesters.

Good News: At one point we had reached 110,000 needless deaths per year in the United States from drug overdoses. This number is down 21% as of latest 2025 data. When you realize total deaths in the Vietnam war were 58,200 it is great to see our national focus is starting to turn towards eradicating the drug scourge from our country. If blowing up drug runner boats helps accomplish this, the benefit to our country far outstrips the moral outrage of those who oppose it. They claim these boats could be 'innocent fishermen'. If that is so, who knows what they were using for bait: Recent testing of fish caught in that area now show traces of cocaine.

Arab Support for Iran Conflict: Middle eastern countries have been de-stabilized by the radical ideology of the Iranian mullahs for nearly 50 years. These Islamic countries, like most of the world, are justly concerned about these radicals getting atomic bombs. The current conflict is strongly supported by most Arab countries; United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Jordan, Kuwait, to name just a few. A couple notable ones who have not declared support are England and France. Maybe in France's case, a quote attributed to General Norman Schwarzkopf would be appropriate: "Going to war without France is like going hunting without an accordion."

No Kings: Where were the No Kings rallies when Fauci needlessly locked down the entire country? Where were the No Kings rallies when Obama told us to get his healthcare or pay a fine? Where were the NO Kings rallies when Biden told us to get the vaccine or lose your job? When will the people participating in these Socialist/Communist sponsored rallies, without really knowing what they are protesting against, realize that one of the main architects of Communism called such uninformed people such as themselves: "Useful idiots."



Overriding Message: The overriding message of virtually all socialist/communist rhetoric, activity and propaganda is to convince the American population either how evil the United States is, or try and convince everyone how tough they have it. Yet in actual fact the United States leads the world in quality of life, and of giving charity and assistance to other countries around the world. It is amazing these folks can't see why literally people from every corner of the globe want to live here. Funny isn't it if things are so bad?

Hypocrisy: Canadian Prime Minister Quote: "We cannot trust America." This statement is a perfect example of hypocrisy at its finest because: If what is reported is accurate; that his wife lives in the United States much of the time, all four of his children live and study in the United States, 91% of his investment portfolio is in the United States, and he owns a house in the United States; what exactly is it he doesn't trust?

BS: Those who say you don't need a gun to protect yourself, have private security protection. Those who tell you to reduce your 'carbon imprint,' travel around the world on private jets. Those who warn you about rising sea levels, like Obama, purchase beach homes. Those who told you to stay home to stop Covid-19, like Newsome, attended private dinner parties.

Gorebaloney: 20 Years Ago Al Gore predicted that Africa's Mount Kili-manjaro would have no snow. It didn't happen.

Glacier National Park would lose its glaciers. It didn't happen.

Greenland's ice sheet would disappear. It didn't happen.

Global sea levels would rise 256 inches. It didn't happen.

Folks, to date literally trillions of dollars have been spent and wasted trying to solve the bogus 'man-caused climate change' catastrophe this political blowhard helped dump on the world. Just think, if all that money had been spent to find the cure for cancer, eradicate malaria, or help solve so many ACTUAL problems in the world, millions of lives could have been saved. Other than waste literally trillions of dollars accomplishing nothing, all this clown has actually accomplished in the past 20 years is coin a new word. Gorebaloney.



Prayer Corner: Please take a moment to say a prayer for a friend, a prayer for a loved one, or a prayer for yourself. The Power of Prayer is real. Give it a try.

Thanks for reading Crapper and as always: We have our family our friends, our health, and time: The rest is smoke and mirrors. Chuck, Linda and Jack.