



# The Frank Report

This is what 54 years of marriage...five kids...and two tours in Vietnam will do to you.

Coincidentally, today is my 82nd birthday and the 300th consecutive issue of this newsletter.

Thanks for tolerating me.

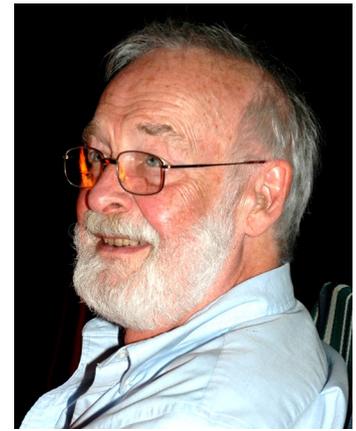
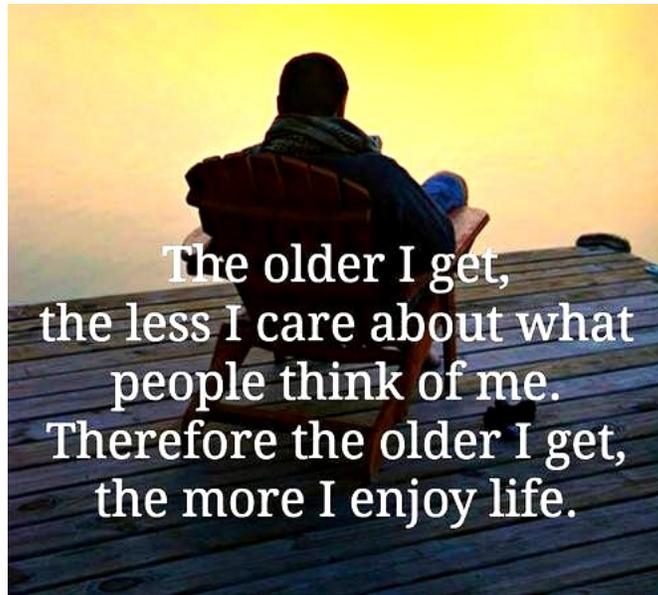
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*All the news I see fit to print.*

*Freedom of the press belongs to those who own one.*

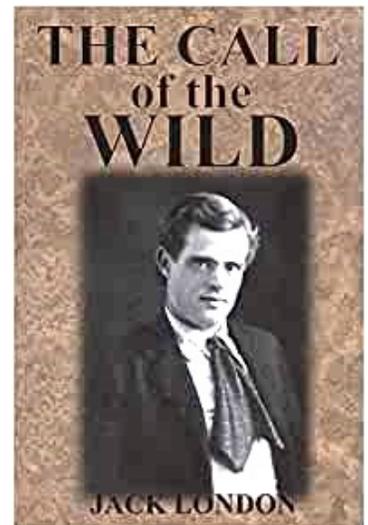
**As I explain to my grandkids, this picture of me is black and white since color wasn't invented yet.**

*Some interesting facts about the year I was born...so was Batman. Postage stamps cost three cents while a gallon of gas was a dime and they cleaned your windshield and checked your oil. Minimum wage was 30 cents an hour.*



## Bon Mots

**I really don't mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly.**



## Book Report

This is the book that got me into reading for enjoyment rather than what a nun made me read. Then it was **White Fang** followed by a short story **To Build A Fire** which will still send chills in the middle of summer. London is buried in CA. The rock my kids will find in my desk drawer is from his gravesite. Jack London's life is as interesting as his books. Hollyweird bastardized this book with the movie "staring" Harrison Ford which was made in 2020 and BOMBED now selling for 50cents at Walmart...hah!

**Thoughts while thinking:** I was going to skip adding this year to my age since I didn't really use it. That mask thingy really had me worried about my ears...loop hearing aids around them...add glasses...suddenly no room for the mask. Then the airlines mandating masks...if flying is so safe, why do they call the airport a terminal? About those hearing aids...the problem with wearing them is that people think you want to hear what they have to say. I never experimented with drugs. I can now get the same effect just by standing up fast. I do confess that the closest I ever got to a 4.0 in college was my blood alcohol content. Getting old compensates by giving you moments of meditation about things you took for granted when young. For example, why is it that rain drops but snow falls. Why do you get on a bus and a train but get into a car? Then there's the language thingy: What's the opposite of opposite? Why are they called stairs inside a building but steps outside? Then there is "wall-to-wall"; once a magical term in our homes. In the '50s, everyone covered hardwood floors with, wall-to-wall carpeting! Today, everyone replaces their wall-to-wall carpeting with hardwood floors. "Coast to coast" is a phrase that once held all sorts of excitement and now means almost nothing. Now we take the term "world wide" for granted. While adding years you are supposed to be adding wisdom. I never understood that supposition. I know a lot of old people who are still dumb...primarily politicians. Here a few of my favorite "wisdoms": Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself. The early bird may get the worm. I'd rather own the worm factory and sleep late. Corollary: The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese. Here's a line I used to use with clients just for the reaction: I don't work here. I'm a consultant. And finally, for those who have been subscribers for some time: Sarcasm is just one more service I offer.

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**Hidden gems In The News:**

Fast-food chain Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers is sending a significant number of its corporate employees to work as cashiers and fry cooks amid labor shortages. Of the company’s 750 total corporate employees, 250 will work as fry cooks and cashiers while another 250 will move from marketing and training positions into restaurant jobs and recruiting positions. ***I’ll bet this company is going to improve drastically as “executives” are forced to live in the real world and experience what really happens in their companies when interacting with customer...you know...the people who pay money for your product.***

Southwest Airlines continued to cancel and delay thousands of flights Tuesday although it expects "exponential improvement by the hour." The Texas-based carrier has mandated all employees to get vaccinated. Evidently thousands of pilots and other employees took a few days off to consider their options. ***Their CEO is a nutcase who has reached well beyond his competence level...as is the case with any CEO who forgets why they are in business. Board members will soon replace him as they watch their equity fade away as their stock tanks. Air traffic controllers joined the rejection of the Biden mandate with 6,0-00 staying home and shutting down one of the major ATC centers. Watch this one for the power sift from the mandate to freedom of choice. BTW: Did you know the “mandate” has never been voted on in Congress? It doesn’t even exist on paper!***

Dr Robert Malone, the inventor of mRNA vaccines, says he was branded a “terrorist” by the media in Italy and warns that physicians who speak out are being “hunted via medical boards and the press.” ***It’s even worse when you consider that the mask mandate is still in place and you cannot get medical treatment unless you surrender to the demand that you wear a mask when at ANY medical facility. That includes the Veterans Administration. Personal experience with this as my doctor and I have found work arounds and I have access to medicine and medical advice. They push her too far and she’ll retire early and they lose.***

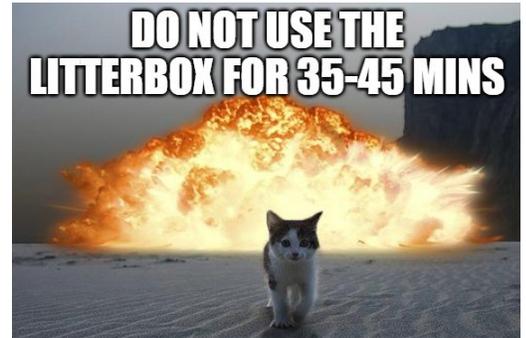
**About that supply chain problem:**

Home Depot on Tuesday is reportedly joining other large companies chartering private ships to circumvent the supply chain crisis. Vice President of transportation at Home Depot, Sarah Galica, told the Wall Street Journal October 10 that such an idea of private shipping: “It was almost started I think as a joke” Galica said. While the large chartered vessels only contribute a small amount of Home Depot’s imported goods, Galica said the method helps the company maintain flexibility to keep certain items in stock. Those items include “plumbing supplies, power tools, holiday decorations, and heaters.” Business Insider reports the chartered vessels are not as large as the typical container ships, “They move an average of about 1,000 containers, as compared to typical vessels that haul as many as 22,000 20-foot containers.” The objective is to use smaller ports where the lack of truck drivers is not a problem. ***Now there’s a lady who solves a problem rather than complaining about it. Interesting fact: this is how Japanese business approaches any problem. Find a solution instead of blame. US Companies blame anything or anyone while they perform a personal CYA.***

**Mal Mots**

***Don't irritate old people.  
The older we get  
the less "life in prison"  
is a deterrent.***

***You’re welcome.***



The Boys have a very large litter box and their own bathroom. I clean it every morning but have some suspicion that they allow friends to use it while I’m asleep. One of those friends has got to be an elephant. For those not up to speed on cat facts, these predators cover their “business” and odor so they won’t alert any prey in the area. If your cat does NOT use the litter box, you can take that as a personal message and an editorial comment by your cat. They are mysterious creatures who, by some magic, can turn five pounds of cat food into ten pounds of “stuff” in said litter box. Although known to be very curious, I have yet to be asked by any cat to explain why I am collecting their “stuff”.

BTW: although their “stuff” can be bagged and placed in the trash, you can place the bag in a Amazon Prime box, seal it and leave it on your front steps. Disappears overnight!

Also, I did not know cats can help with house cleaning chores. I’ve attached the instructions I received from friend Jean B.

***Until next week...***

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