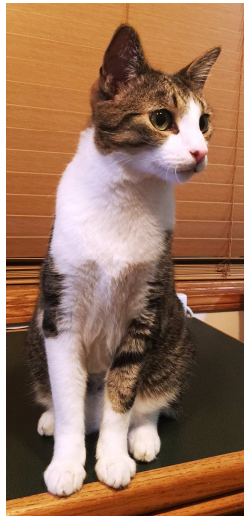




**You Cannot Make This Up**

When people in central Oregon's Madras, Culver and Metolius turn on their taps, untreated spring water flows forth. It costs them less than a penny a gallon.

A company in California buys that same water and sells it in big glass jugs for up to \$8.60 a gallon around Los Angeles and San Francisco. The jugs are flying off the shelves. I'll bet both states are taxing it and laughing their heads off.



Told The Boys about the Vikings Eagles game and they seemed interested. Until the second half.



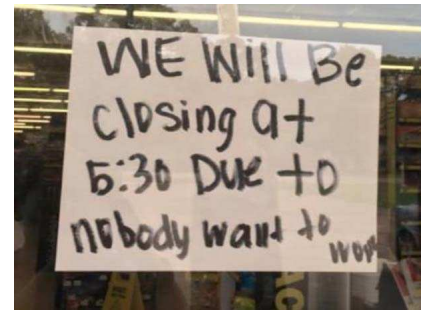
**THE FRANK REPORT**

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All the news I see fit to print.  
Freedom of the press belongs to those who own one.

**Bon Mots**

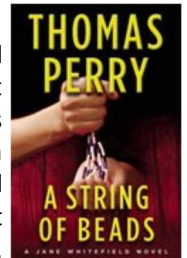
When my kids introduce me to anyone new, they always say "be nice".



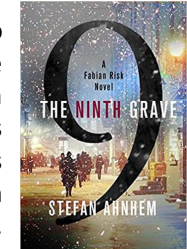
Government shutdown was so fast there was no time for a proper sign which forced them to tell the truth.

**Book Report**

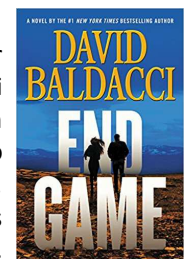
Jane Whitefield series. You don't mess with this lady! Found it on my tablet; I had downloaded but forgot to read.



Got 20 pages into this one and gave up after the 15th character was introduced; it was like reading a phonebook.



Another dud... Baldacci must have hired an illegal alien to write this. Nowhere near his other books.



**Health Report**

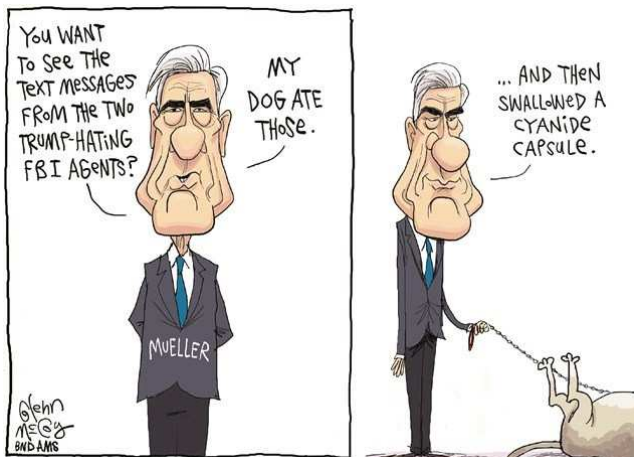
For the Miata @ 162,000 miles was great; many more miles predicted. That's 26 years of operation with 24 no car payments, just standard maintenance. As for me, lab work this week to see where the synthetic thyroid hormones have my T3 and T4 levels which indicate stability and all systems functioning normally.

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Yes, MN had snow. This shows half way through the storm that included 30mph winds. A foot total outside.

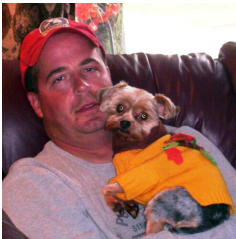
None indoors though! Keeps the riff-raff\* out of the state and fascinates The Boys. **Meanwhile, Ian Calderon\***, the Democratic majority leader in California's lower house, has introduced a bill to stop sit-down restaurants from offering customers straws with their beverages unless they specifically request one. Under Calderon's law, a waiter who serves a drink with an unrequested straw in it would face up to 6 months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000.



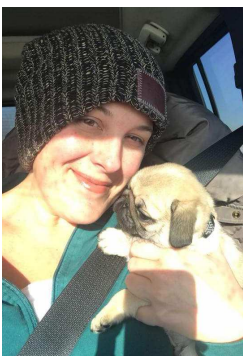
Tip of the iceberg...I'm predicting HUGE backlash with questions about how G.W. Bush was given bad info about WMD's by the "intelligence" community.



Alex has a new pug puppy who he likes better than his sisters Brianna (left) and Grace. Kara sent Bill to us for other Gracie's 16th birthday celebration so the new puppy wouldn't bond on him. He has been a magnet for every animal we have ever had. See proof below...



Dog, horse, cat, fox, and a goat named Billy. Didn't matter...he was the go to guy for them.



Kara reports it's been easier training Buster than William. Sit! Stay! You too Buster. Thyroid surgery after brain surgery but everything is going well. She's ready for some Buster love.



Some of the 22 people at Gracie's surprise b'day party at Olive Garden the 20th: From left clockwise: Bill, Scott and Mary Watry, proud father Chris, Larry, Zachary and Margaret Mills, GMA Judy and GPA David Bessel, Kate and David Weierke with daughter Abbey and son Luke; then the birthday girl then mom Brenda's camera. Continuing off camera would be Rebecca Taggart, Hunter's friend who has had her first exposure to this group...the expression on her face may not be shock? Maybe just hunger as the food had not arrived when we were taking pictures.



**Feline Wisdom:**

*Just because you woke up doesn't mean you have to get up.*

Figured they were into something due to a weird noise. Turned out to be the furnace motor dying...sounded like a squirrel was in there having a good time. Shut it down and used service company website at midnight for help. They had it fixed and running by noon. Also serviced the humidifier. Only lost seven degrees so house must be well insulated. The Boys thought the extra blanket on my bed that night was for them. Asked the furnace company to bid on the Aprilaire air filtration system, model 2210. This would be the third one in the 14 houses we've lived in. It virtually eliminates dust and odor which will keep me healthy and Gin Behnke happy.



Gracie is old enough now so I shared my secret recipe and the four crucial steps for perfect pizza:

1. the crust
  2. the sauce
  3. the meat
  4. the cheese
- Takes a 24 hour cycle for all to come together but well worth the time and effort...just ask Gracie.