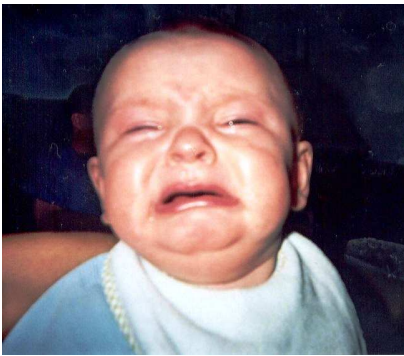


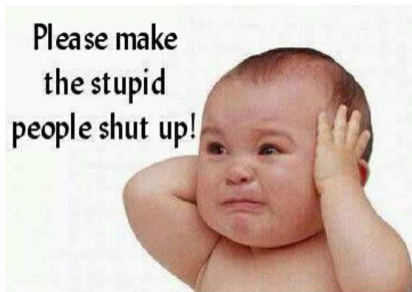
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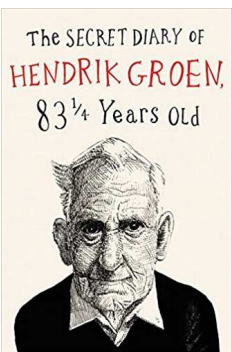
Liberals



Conservatives



Independents



Book Report
Old guy in assisted living home in Amsterdam provides comments in a diary about life. It's a good one!

Berry again; great mix of history and chasing spies all over the world. Cotton Malone is hero with teenage son introduced.



If you enjoyed the Tudors on TV, this book will add some unique twists to Ireland's history.

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.

With Franken stepping down, Minnesota losing biggest political celebrity

Headline...Twin Cities Pioneer Press 12.31.2017



Maybe the folks at the Pioneer Press should wrap one of those diapers around their heads to catch their tears? For those who don't remember, Franken "won" election after 211 votes were found in the trunk of an election "officials" car. Then there was the lawsuit charging Franken with stealing funds from a charity. Or his outrageous salary at Air America that killed the left's attempt to continue Franken's battle with Rush Limbaugh. Celebrity assumes celebration...about what? This "newspaper" is desperate for subscribers to the point of tossing their paper in driveways hoping to get subscriptions. Daughter Margaret and I both threatened to file a littering complaint and they were forced to retrieve it.



CA Approves Pot

What could possibly go wrong? About \$17 per joint. Wonder if they accept EBT cards (*food stamps*)?

Amazing hypocrisy of the political class. Sin taxes designed to discourage alcohol and nicotine then realization of how much more money they get from those 30+% taxes. They even have their own liquor stores so do expect the same for pot stores in the near future. Taxes not enough; they want the sin profit too. I just paid a 2% tax on new eyeglasses. At least MN quit taxing my VA benefits but still come after Social Security; MY MONEY THEY WITHHELD AND RELUCTANTLY RETURN TO ME.

Bon Mots

"You'll understand when you're older".

I'm older

and even more confused.

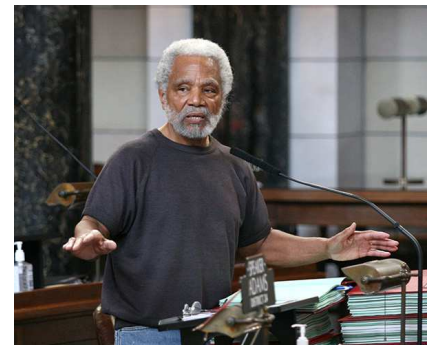


My Cat



Bruce Jenner's Cat

(that's actually Tom Brady's dog...look him up.)



MN elects Al Franken while Nebraska state senate tries to silence the voice of their conscience, Ernie Chambers. I fondly remember many hours in the Student Center at Creighton University with Ernie where he gently questioned many of my opinions. At that age, I had many. He had a profound effect on my life as I decided to focus on learning rather than on grades. The Jesuits weren't very happy but I got the education I paid for. It's worth the internet search on Ernie, specially the time he sued God. The state actually passed a term limit law to get rid of him but he was re-elected again and is the longest serving state senator.

-more-

Recipe Corner

Caramel-Pecan Sticky Rolls

3 1/2 to 4 cups bread flour
1/3 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon salt
dry yeast (4 1/2 teaspoons)
1 cup very warm milk +120°F
1/4 cup butter, softened
1 egg

Caramel Topping

1 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup butter, softened
1/4 cup light corn syrup
1 cup pecan halves

Filling

chopped pecans and raisins
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 tablespoons butter, softened

Directions

1. mix 2 cups of the flour, 1/3 cup granulated sugar, salt and yeast. Add warm milk, 1/4 cup butter and egg. Beat with electric mixer on low speed 1 minute, then on medium speed scraping bowl frequently. Stir in enough remaining flour, 1/2 cup at a time, to make dough easy to handle. 2. Place dough on lightly floured surface. Knead until dough is smooth and springy. Place dough in greased bowl, turning dough to grease all sides. Cover with plastic wrap; let rise about 1 hour 30 minutes or until dough has doubled in size. 3. Heat brown sugar and 1/2 cup butter to boiling, stirring constantly; remove from heat. Stir in corn syrup. Pour into 13x9-inch pan. Sprinkle with pecan halves. 4. Mix all filling ingredients except 2 tablespoons butter; set aside. 5. Flatten dough with hands or rolling pin into 15x10-inch rectangle on lightly floured surface. Spread with butter; sprinkle with filling. Roll rectangle up tightly, beginning at 15-inch side. Cut roll into 15 slices. 6. Place slices slightly apart in pan. Cover; let rise in warm place about 30 minutes or until dough has doubled in size. 7. Bake 30 to 35 minutes at 350° until golden brown. Let stand 2 to 3 minutes. Place plate upside down on pan; immediately turn tray and pan over. Let pan remain 1 minute so caramel can drizzle over rolls.

Baltimore Residents Blame Record Murder Rate On Lower Police Presence

For the third year in a row, Baltimore, Md., has had more than 300 murders, reaching a new record of murders per number of residents in 2017. This follows demands of the Black Live Matters activists for less police in their neighborhoods. Duh? Gotta love them Democrats.

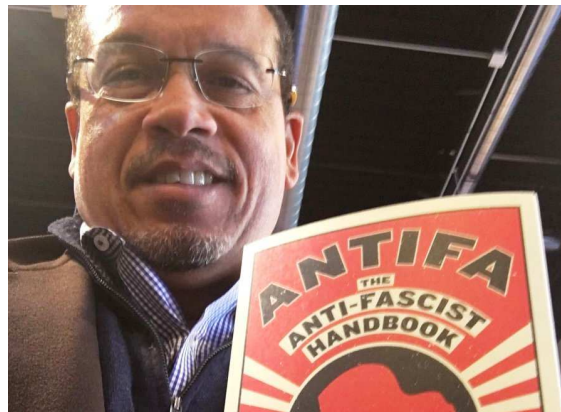
A Message from

Mayor Catherine E. Pugh

"Baltimore, I want you to know how much I truly enjoy being your mayor! ...My Cabinet and I go on regular bus tours throughout the City so they can see what I see and fix problems right away".



Wonder what they saw while hiding under the seats? The previous mayor, Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, who praised the riots after Freddie Grey was shot, is now secretary of the DNC.



Meanwhile, in MN, DNC Deputy Chair Keith Ellison (a member of the religion of peace) endorsed Antifa on Wednesday, tweeting a picture of himself with an Antifa handbook.



Now you know the difference; you're welcome.



Enough about the idiots in the world...here's Hope for the Future which was the theme of the Voice of Democracy VFW contest this year. Our post winner is one of the finalists at district level...we are one of 38 posts but won't know if Jessica won until the meeting this afternoon. District meeting is 100 miles south in Wells, MN. If she wins, I get all expense paid trip for the next level of competition as chair and judge of the contest. And my USMC drill instructor said never volunteer? Our Post Commander is riding with me in the Miata. He keeps volunteering to drive but the Miata is a smoking zone and I'm taking my pipe. Can't wait for his reaction when I use both hands to fill it while I steer with my knees.



Haven't heard from son William. His siblings haven't been hearing from him either. Been checking milk bottles for his picture. If I'm missing, put my picture on wine bottles so my friends will see it.

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Maybe if everyone reading this contacts him, let him know his father is looking for him.

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