



Recipe Corner

Brenda's Mom Judy brought me apples fresh off their trees. Way gooder than store bought. Here's a quick way to enjoy:

Apple Cobbler

Apple Filling:

- 5 cups tart apples, peeled, sliced
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 tablespoon butter, softened

Topping:

- 1/2 cup flour, sifted
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 egg, slightly beaten

In a medium bowl, combine apples, 3/4 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons flour, cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon salt, vanilla and water. Turn into a lightly buttered 9-inch square pan. Dot apples with 1 tB butter.

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Combine all topping ingredients. Beat until batter is smooth. Drop batter in even portions over the apples. Batter will spread during baking. Bake 35 to 40 minutes at 375° or until apples are tender and crust is golden brown. Serve warm with cream or ice cream. Don't know if it will freeze...didn't last long enough to find out.

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



This news aggregate brave again linking one of my blog articles (<http://thefrankreport.net/politics-and-human-history>) . Makes me want to see just how outrageous I can go with the next. Suggestions?



Update on The Boys...Peter (I) and Paul once again have a red dot to chase thanks to Margaret. This is the "before" picture as they patiently wait.



Time to share a sunbeam after a red dot session.

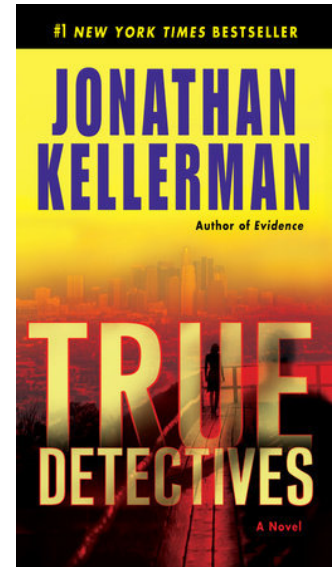


Peter may look a bit "chunky" but he can make it up a wall nine feet tall...chased by Paul, of course.

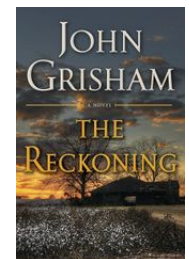


Bon Mots

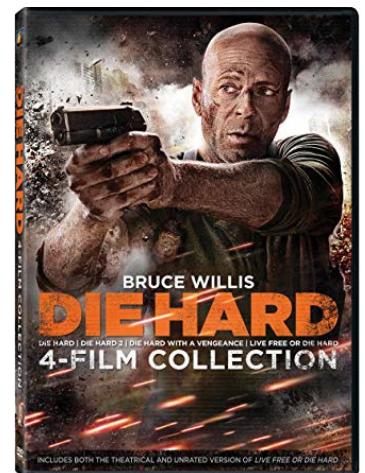
*I'm so old
I can still
diagram sentences.*



Good plot but the sub plot of detective brothers; one white, other black, a bit strange and adds some intrigue to the book.

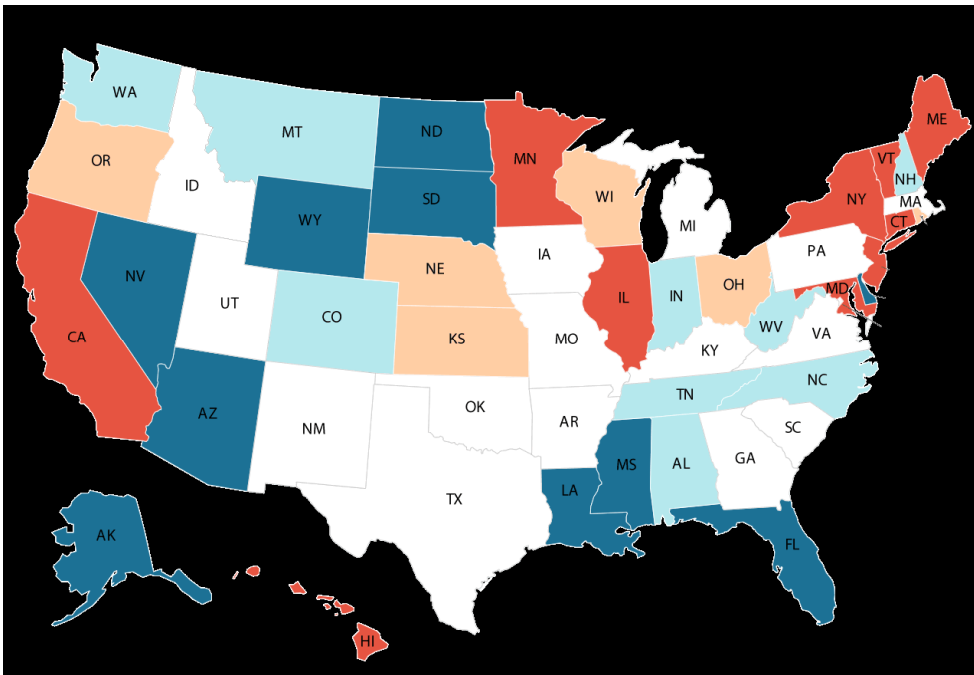


Meh!
Time To Kill only good one.



For ten bucks I got four **Die Hard** movies that began 30 years ago and still good.

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Dark blue = most tax-friendly
Light blue = tax-friendly
White = mixed
Peach = not tax-friendly
Red = least tax-friendly

According to Kiplinger research, the red states are the worst for taxes. I'm sure you also notice that the red states have been dominated by Democrats for years. The blue states are best for low taxes. Another notable fact when you consider the party in power. I still maintain that elections should be held one week after we pay taxes.

Try this:

Send a registered letter to the IRS and your state dept of revenue. Tell them you cannot pay your taxes until you receive paper copies of all of the tax laws and regulations. If they claim they offer them online, ask them to provide the computer to read them. The imminent danger to every tree on the planet would motivate the tree huggers to force the politicians to simplify the tax codes.

Minnesota hits hard with **income tax**. It added a new top income tax rate of 9.85% in 2013. But what makes Minnesota really stand out is that its lowest income tax rate is 5.35%. And thanks to the federal tax overhaul, it could get worse. Minnesota uses federal taxable income as the starting point for calculating state taxes. An estimated 300,000 Minnesotans will pay higher state taxes due to the loss of personal and dependent exemptions on their federal tax returns...one of Kiplinger's top ten least tax-friendly.

Sales Tax

6.875% state levy. Localities can add as much as 2%, with an average combined rate of 7.43%, according to the Tax Foundation.

Income Tax Range

Low: 5.35% (on less than \$25,890 of taxable income for single filers and on less than \$37,850 for joint filers)
 High: 9.85% (on more than \$160,020 of taxable income for single filers and on more than \$266,700 for joint filers)

Motor Fuel Taxes (in addition to Federal taxes)

Gasoline: \$0.29 per gallon. (+18.4)
 Diesel: \$0.29 per gallon. (+24.4)

Property Taxes

The median property tax on Minnesota's median home value of \$191,500 is \$2,234.

Vehicle Taxes

6.5% sales tax is due at purchase.

Sin Taxes

Cigarettes and little cigars: \$3.00 per pack
 Premium cigars: 90% of the wholesale price with a \$0.50 per cigar cap
 Moist snuff: 95% of the wholesale price, or at least \$3.04 per container
 Other tobacco products: 95% of the wholesale price
 Beer: \$0.49 per gallon
 Wine: \$1.20 per gallon
 Liquor: \$8.96 per gallon
 Vapor products: 95% of wholesale price.

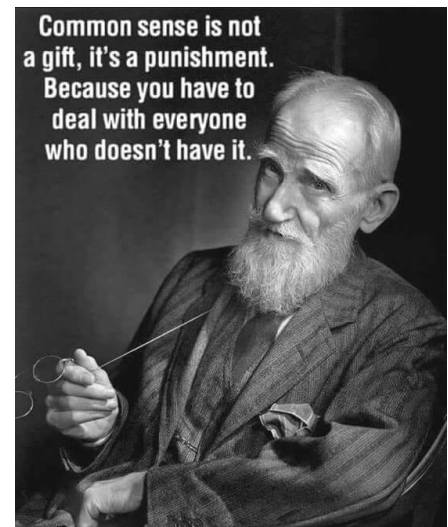
Travel Taxes

Hotel: There is no statewide lodging tax. Localities, however, can add their own lodging taxes. Sales tax is also due. In Minneapolis, this adds up to 13%.

Rental cars: 9.2%, plus sales tax.

Taxes On Wireless Service

10.11% which means you are paying a tax to read this information.



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