



Just a week ago, some had to improvise to get mail after snowstorm. This week, had to open the patio doors (*much to the delight of The Boys*) as the sun pushed temps inside to near 80 while the furnace didn't run for two days.



Recipe Corner

The four basics of a great pizza: crust, sauce, meat and cheese. Last week the crust basics; should be baked until light brown then the hot sauce spread over it making sure there is an edge all around to keep the sauce from overflowing below (*which burns and makes it stick to the pan*). Now, the sauce: olive oil and minced garlic should be fried which gives the garlic a sweeter taste. Then tomato sauce or pureed tomatoes. If too runny, add some paste. I use sweet basil as the spice; also sugar and a bit of red wine. Simmer all day for best results...simmer, not boil. Taste while cooking and adjust the ingredients to get a consistency like apple sauce. *Next week: we have the meats!*

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All the news I see fit to print.

Freedom of the press belongs to those who own one.



Allegations, charges, suppositions, innuendo, rumors, accusations, implications...isn't it about time to put someone in jail? We're running out of synonyms in the Thesaurus. I'm sure Chucky Schumer is about to unleash his "poopy head" diatribe. Well, at least they haven't discovered quadrillion comes after trillion. Maybe POTUS Trump should offer the Democrats a bargain: if they stop telling lies about him he'll stop telling the truth about them. In the meantime, a shooting in Florida catches all the headlines while people in Chicago and Baltimore say "meh". In fact, the only headline for Baltimore...no murders in ten days...which didn't last long. Stop and think about that...the media is shocked that Baltimore went ten days without a murder. The lame stream media is on the "blame guns" rant again with no coverage of the fact that the FBI was warned about the FL school shooter...BY NAME...months ago. Just what the FBI needed; another spotlight on incompetency. The only constant will be the parade of politicians pushing for gun control rather than people control and blaming the other party for the actions of an individual nutcase. In Chicago's de facto segregated schools, they hire armed guards to keep the gangs apart and use metal detectors as the kids enter. Maybe we should start using *mental detectors*? But then that would offend the gang members. Students are entitled and teachers are arrested...arrested...for making students stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Even George Orwell would wonder what in hell was going on. Of course, you'll have to explain who George was to most students. In the meantime...



Bon Mots

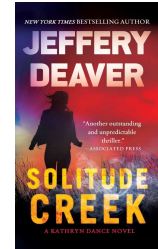
I'm not a complete idiot. Some parts are missing.

Book Report

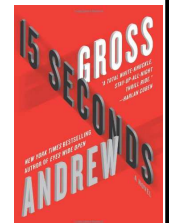
Quick read and about a five out of ten.



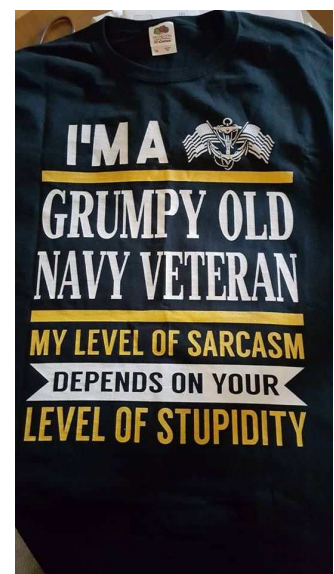
Much gooder An eleven! Made me dig for his first novel which is on order from library.



Another quickie which is probably why I read three this week.



I'm wondering where the hell this came from...I don't have an account. Makes you want to check behind the shower curtain...but what would you do if there was someone behind it?



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Teach or educate?

A school faced a unique problem. A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick, they would press their lips on the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints. Every night the maintenance man would remove them, and the next day the girls would put them back. Finally the principal decided that something had to be done.

She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night (*you can just imagine all the yawns from the little princesses*).

To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required. He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it. Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

There are teachers. . . and then there are educators.

Customer Service in today's world...don't believe me? Try reaching any customer service number and be prepared to punch buttons...the VA is the worst. I counted seven before reaching someone to make an appointment for my annual warm body check. Once I was connected with the VA caregivers, it is just that: caring and giving.



BTW:

GUNS

We defend our President-----with guns
We defend our Congressmen-----with guns
We defend our Governors-----with guns
We defend our celebrities-----with guns
We defend our sporting events-----with guns
We defend our jewelry stores-----with guns
We defend our banks-----with guns
We defend our office buildings-----with guns
We defend our factories-----with guns
We defend our courts-----with guns

We defend our children----- with a sign that reads:
"THIS IS A GUN FREE ZONE."
...and then call someone with a gun if there's an emergency.

THE PARADOX OF OUR AGE

"WE HAVE BIGGER HOUSES, BUT SMALLER FAMILIES;
MORE CONVENIENCES, BUT LESS TIME;
WE HAVE MORE DEGREES, BUT LESS SENSE;
MORE KNOWLEDGE, BUT LESS JUDGEMENT;
MORE EXPERTS, BUT MORE PROBLEMS;
MORE MEDICINES, BUT LESS HEALTHINESS;
WE'VE BEEN ALL THE WAY TO THE MOON AND BACK,
BUT HAVE TROUBLE CROSSING THE STREET TO MEET
THE NEW NEIGHBOUR.
WE BUILT MORE COMPUTERS TO HOLD MORE
INFORMATION, TO PRODUCE MORE COPIES THAN
EVER, BUT HAVE LESS COMMUNICATION.
WE HAVE BECOME LONG ON QUANTITY,
BUT SHORT ON QUALITY.
THESE ARE TIMES OF FAST FOOD
BUT SLOW DIGESTION;
TALL MAN BUT SHORT CHARACTER;
STEEP PROFITS BUT SHALLOW RELATIONSHIPS.
IT IS A TIME WHEN THERE IS MUCH IN THE
WINDOW, BUT NOTHING IN THE ROOM."
~DALAI LAMA



Thoughts While Thinking

Got my bill from Frontier for internet connection and a landline. Thought about the landline and remembered all of the telemarketing calls I was getting. Most of the calls were robo-calls generated by a computer. I have been paying to receive these calls. Also thought about the coming election season where politicians are immune from the laws they passed about the Do Not Call lists. Coincidentally, most of the robo-calls I was receiving came shortly after I registered my landline number.

I have cancelled my landline number.

AI stands for artificial intelligence. It presupposes that computers can be programmed to be as intelligent as humans. In this case, it generated artificial stupidity when one technology (*robo-calls*) adversely affected another technology (*Frontier's landline sales*).

Critics of social media contend that computers (*including smartphones*) are causing everyone to withdraw from normal human interaction.

Texting has replaced phone calls. Ironically, those smartphones allow anyone to have a video conversation with another human anywhere in the world using a small handheld device that was science fiction a few decades ago. Of course, technology obstructs this new video conversation as Apple will not allow Facetime software to be available on any gadget they do not sell. There's Skype; but the suits who control that push to monetize their technology by charging for the phone calls.

Politicians have no clue as to what is going on. They look to the FCC for answers while the FCC continues to push laws that reap more taxes such as the tax on phone calls to pay for the Spanish American War; a tax just recently rescinded. Congress uses a computer program (*called Captcha*) so computers actually make humans take a test to prove they are human before the computer allows the human to connect to the politician's computer. Another example of artificial stupidity?

My new congress critter, Jason Lewis, (*replaced John Kline*) at least has given me a direct email address to reach him. Whether he will respond to any email is another matter depending upon the competency of his staff.

I've probably pissed off enough people this issue, so until next week:

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