

**For Daughter Mary:**

Wife: "hi honey...how was your day?"  
Husband: "great; performed two heart operations and removed a kidney."  
Wife: (silence)  
Husband: "who you calling?"  
Wife: "911"  
Husband: "why are you doing that?"  
Wife: "honey...you're a mailman".



**Antifa Hijab?**

Or just a Dreamer's nightmare?

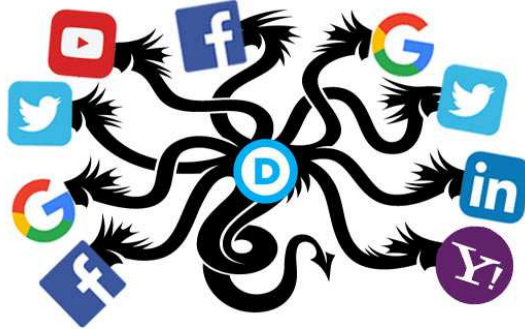


Meanwhile, grandson Hunter heard about a fishing contest at Lake Bemidji and said "Hold My Mountain Dew" (he's 20). Won first prize of a power auger with the largest fish caught that day. His dad Chris taught him how to fillet Northern Pike so no bones. With luck, this one will wind up in my freezer with the walleye.

**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.



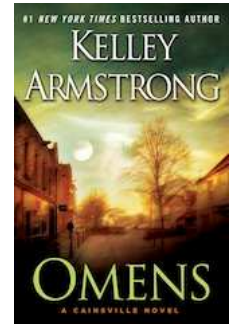
Social media is a phenomenon used by millions but controlled by a few. The recent changes in their algorithms (built in censorship) gives them the means to block users who do not conform to their ideology except for the very public (POTUS) people using their social media services. I get into more detail on the next page but would encourage people to use one of the social media venues nobody can control: email. Your email address is as specific as the address the USPS uses to send snail mail. You have the ability to group email addresses so that sending a message by email...including any attachment like a picture...can be done with one click. No one but those you chose will receive that email. Given the complexity of Facebook in managing who gets what, why would you NOT use email instead. One of the digital mysteries of life I guess. That email will even show up on any smartphone, including attachments. What Facebook offers is the herd mentality of showing everyone how accepted you are in their social arena. Likes? Face it...friends will always like you and family has no other option. Enemies will find ways to diss you on any social media e.g. unfriending or removing you from their wall. This grade school?



Busy this week with major renovation at the VFW Post. Substantial grant from Home Depot I pushed while son Chris (left) found the contractor to make it happen. Volunteers included our Korean War vet commander (third from right). Painted and replaced over 3000 sq ft of ceiling and converted lighting to LED's. Should substantially reduce the electric bill.

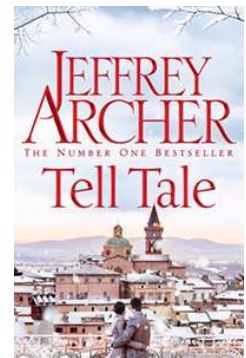
**Bon Mots**

The world is not full of assholes, but they are strategically placed so you'll run across one every day. Every. Day.



**Book Report**

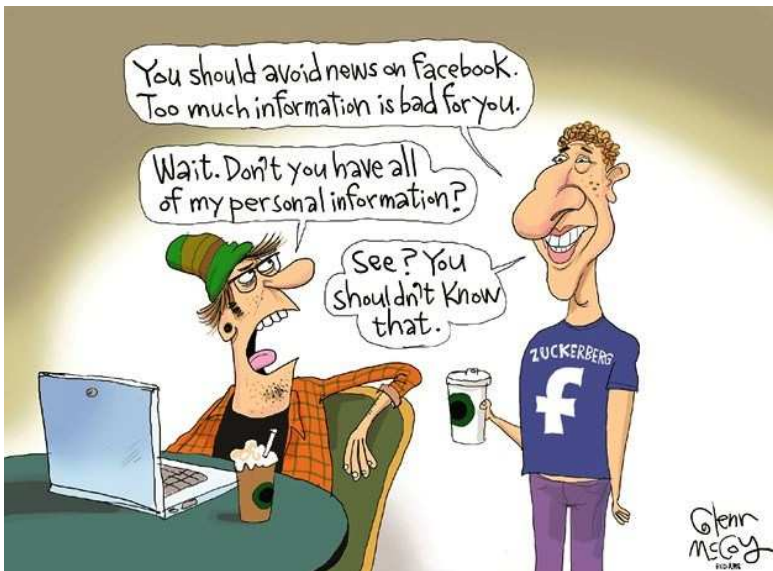
Another dud using 20 words when one word would suffice. Maybe she gets paid per word? Used all those words to introduce main character who couldn't interest me even if she started shooting everybody.



Jeffrey Archer to the rescue with short stories and economy of words Ms. Armstrong should study. Lots of laughs and wows! in this one; specially the challenge from The New York Times he accepted to create a complete story using 100 words, no more, no less!



Scott Watry b'day Feb 7th condolences to: enmfd@yahoo.com -more-



Facebook (sic) was created by a group of friends in college to get revenge on the smart women who would not sleep with them. When the algorithms they developed started to generate money rather than sex, one of the friends figured out a way to grab control of the intellectual property rights and cut his friends out of the business created from their original idea.

Does the term “unfriend” ring a bell?

People want me to register and create a Facebook page. They claim I can limit the information to just them. To do so, I would have to provide Facebook with personal information beginning with my private email address. My kids and a select few people already have my email address...and my address...and my telephone number.

My wife had a registered Facebook account. I had also registered her computer for protection by Norton Internet Security. It was a constant battle between the two to keep her computer running. I had to use a full system scan and Norton’s Power Eraser program to find and identify two major viruses and three hacks into the registry on her computer that were traced back to ...guess where.

Now, before anybody claims I have not kept up with the times, may I remind them my first computer was purchased and mastered back in 1975...when some of my “tech savvy” kids were still pooping and throwing up on me. I have also been hired as a business consultant by leading edge high tech startups...one of them was acquired by Intel for several millions of dollars. By leading edge I mean temporally accessed spectral multiplexing...give me an hour and a glass of wine I will explain how this technology is about ten years down the road and will make most of your current gadgets obsolete.

If you’ve read this far, I want to thank you since the “modern” culture of Twitter limits conversations to 140 characters. Personally, I think some of those conversations should be limited to their IQ number.

You also have to wonder where technology is going when the software on a computer costs more than the computer. It’s cheaper to buy a new computer than buy the new software for your old computer...and a new printer than new ink cartridges.

My kids know I have a hearing problem thanks to Vietnam. The VA has provided hearing aids that use some of the new technology that enables me to use my cellphone. I do have a landline useful as a 911 emergency since it is identified by address rather than the nearest tower used by a cell phone. It also works during power outages since it has its own separate power source. My kids send me an email to give me time to hook up the gadget to the cell phone.

Don’t get me wrong. I love new technology and social media as it destroys the monopoly the main stream media (MSM) has had for far too long. They used to dump stories at odds with their ideology on Friday so it would get lost over the weekend. People interested in what’s going on in the world use the weekend and the internet to catch up on “news” and have even invented a new Tweet to express their outrage at some of the news the MSM tries to hide:

*Monday...Tuesday...WTF...Saturday...Sunday*

Look up the term “filter bubble” ...it’s why I don’t use Google. If you do sign up...try using a fictitious middle initial (like X) and see how much spam uses that same initial. Example: fxs@gmail.com  
Finally, if you Google me...will I giggle?

#### Recipe Corner

##### ***Magic Bean and Beef Stew***

Found these beans at a local upscale store. Toss a cup into a small crockpot  
*Look up beans and flatulence and you’ll find why you shouldn’t soak them.*

*You’re going to normally fart up to 22 times a day.* Add two cups homemade beef broth. Cup of chopped sweet onion. Tbsp crushed garlic. Chopped carrots. Celery with lots of leaves . Sweet peppers diced. Cubed round steak (raw) Top with V8 juice to cover. Turn it on high until beans done. About 4-6 hours.

Add sour cream when serving.  
My 3 triple 2 bread goes great.  
I like a strong porter beer with it.



The number 22 in the recipe will fascinate some to the point of counting. No need to report back.

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