



Recipe Corner

another recipe for disaster

I guess Twitter, Giggie and Farcebook are the latest examples of ego and self importance subverting the original concept of their enterprise. We saw it with journalism where “reporters” decided they could change the world instead of documenting what was happening in that world. If you use any of the three social media above, take heart in the fact that these three have decided you are nothing more than lab rats as they use complicated algorithms to see if they can control you while you are connected to their world. Politicians on one end of the spectrum truly believe these guys have that kind of power and are protecting them from the other end of the political spectrum that believes it is some sort of Orwellian plot to control minds. When you remember that half the population are of below average intelligence, you may wonder what the above average group get out of social media. These three nerds have convinced someone that they should pay them for the power they can exert over the users of their social media. Whoever is paying them should correctly be placed in the very lowest depths of the below average group. The recipe for disaster looms its head when it’s the politicians who use taxpayer money to share the nebulous power these three nerds claim. Funny how President Trump used Twitter and Facebook. The more they tried to control him by banning him, the more people heard his message.



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All the news I see fit to print.

Freedom of the press belongs to those who own one.



I see where Sharpton has made it to Minneapolis in time for the trial. Probably looking to get some of that \$27 million settlement. The four reminders on that tree about his previous escapades also brings up the question of whether he has paid any of his back taxes. I was surprised that Gov Timmy wasn’t on hand to welcome the “Reverend” Sharpton to town and agree with him that Chauvin is guilty. Maybe he was too busy with a new plan I report on the next page. *(Big thanks to granddaughter Jenna for help with the number crunching).*

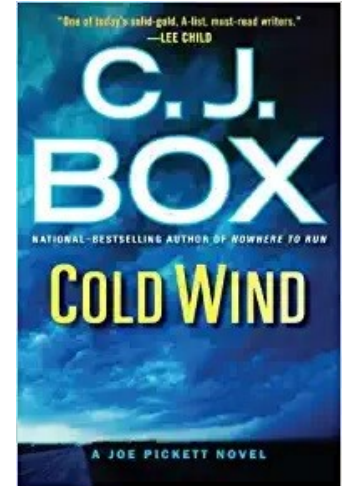


No matter how the “trial” turns out, you can expect a reaction that will require police control. Innocent? They riot. Guilty? They celebrate. Any wonder the following statistics indicate an underground swelling of average citizen preparedness? *There were nearly 4.7 million gun background checks run through the FBI’s national instant check system in March — the highest-ever monthly total in the more than 20 years since the system was set up.*

***“When government fears the people, there is liberty.
When the people fear the government, there is tyranny.”***

Bon Mots

Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.



Joe Pickett tangles with wind power...literally. Great plot with interesting facts about the technology. Mark of a great author is their ability to be read out of order...they can fill you in on the previous plot and not drag down the current plot. Lee Child’s **Reacher** and **Joe Pickett** characters very adapt at this. Cussler has multiple characters and not as adapt so I do recommend finding the order of publication for your favorite authors at:

bookseriesinorder.com

Includes great bios of the authors as well as a list of all their offerings.

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Movie **Phase IV** is free; from 1974 pre-CGI with amazing cinematography but really bad plot and acting. Weird ending but overlook all that for the ants running amok.

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Gov Timmy Walz wants to raise the MN gas tax by 20 cents a gallon for a ten year plan he has for fixing our roads that will cost \$8 billion.



OK...Timmy has ten fingers...thus ten years. Discount the thumbs and he has reduced the budget to only \$8 billion. Where he came up with the 20 cents is anybody's guess. Took his shoes off? Glad it wasn't 21! Let's jump in here and help Timmy figure out what's going on...

State transportation revenues currently come from three sources: the gas tax, vehicle registration fees (tabs), and the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax. The average annual per capita use of gas in Minnesota is 528 gallons. The population of Minnesota is 5.7 million. The excise tax on gasoline in Minnesota is 28.6 cents per gallon not counting the additional 18.4 federal gas tax and 24.4 on diesel. That comes to \$151.1 per capita annually raised in Minnesota from a MN tax. Gov Timmy wants an additional 20 cent gas tax to fund an \$8 billion ten year plan...the math says he will be getting almost twice that in the same period **without raising taxes.**

1. Minnesota gas tax annually = \$861,270,000.00
2. Vehicle registration fees annually = \$490,000,000.00
3. MVST annually = \$390,000,000.00

TOTAL: \$1,741,127,000.00 **annually** from MN vehicle taxes

This figure does NOT include any federal funding for transportation. The 18.4 cents per gallon federal tax totals \$98.00 per capita for another \$558,600,000.00 paid by MN drivers as a tax on gasoline.

\$2,299,727,000.00 currently paid annually by MN drivers.

There ya go Timmy...no need for raising the gas tax. And we haven't even included the 28.5 cents diesel tax paid by the 3,028,038 trucks in MN.

You're already collecting enough to fund your ten year plan.

BTW: MN spent \$93 million on a computer system that totally crashed and they had to do it all over. After investing nine years and \$93 million implementing a new licensing and registration system for the Driver and Vehicle Services...a Colorado-based IT company contracted by the state to handle the implementation of the MNLARS driver's license program—for a fee of \$26 million. MNLARS Project Director Paul Meekin was fired and paid \$43,000.00 if he would promise not to sue them. The license renewal charge was then adjusted to include a \$2.25 "technology surcharge". **Way to go Timmy!!!**

Mal Mots

If you use a paper bag to stop a panic attack, make sure there's a bottle of wine in it.

You're welcome.

Disagreement with my lawyer about use of Oxford comma. This news item says I win:

The University of Oxford is considering proposals that would remove sheet music from its curriculum over woke claims that teaching the Western form of musical notation has roots in "colonialism" and "complicity in white supremacy".



More fun with Amazon:

Start with your favorite wine. When the bottle is empty, log on and see what rare bargains await. When the packages start arriving, it'll be just like Christmas because you won't remember what you ordered.



Timmy is after more money from the gas tax...here's why I still drive a 1992 Miata: New Miata = \$34,000 (to match features of my 1992) plus \$2210.00 in MN sales tax and \$388.00 title, registration and plate fees. And then there is the annual license tab fee; goes from current \$35 to \$200 based on value. **Cost of maintenance is a lot less than car payments and MN taxes.**

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