



Recipe Corner

Mexican Lasagna

Ingredients

1 pound lean ground beef
 2 sweet peppers, chopped
 1 onion, chopped
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 2 tbs taco seasoning
 1 cup salsa
 3 large flour tortillas
 2 cups shredded cheese

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 F.

In a large skillet, brown the ground beef.

Add the sweet pepper and onions and cook until they begin to soften.

Add the garlic and taco seasoning. Stir well.

Stir in the salsa, set aside.

In a round baking dish or deep dish pie plate, add one of the tortillas.

Add half of the beef in an even layer, then top with $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cheese.

Cover the first layer with a second tortilla, add the remaining beef, and half the remaining cheese.

Top with the last tortilla and the remaining cheese.

Bake for 20-30 minutes or until the cheese on top is melted and the edges of the tortillas are crisp.

Remove from the oven and allow to sit for 5 minutes before cutting.



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All the news I see fit to print.

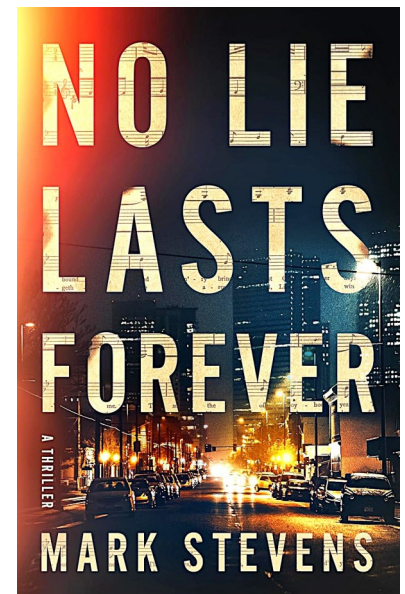
Freedom of the press belongs to those who own one.

The Democratic-controlled MN Legislature in 2023 made undocumented immigrants eligible for MinnesotaCare — the state's health insurance program for the working poor — as of Jan. 1, 2025. Nearly 17,400 undocumented people have enrolled in MinnesotaCare. The Department of Human Services had 3,378 claims for service, costing Minnesota about \$3.3 million as of April 1 during the first quarter. The state budget office projects the cost for the next four years would be around \$200 million. *That's a deficit. Guess where the revenue is going to come from".*

Also: Minnesota Rep. Jess Hanson (D) claims illegal immigrants are "statistically far more peaceful than Americans" while opposing an amendment to end taxpayer-funded college tuition for illegals.

CA Highway 1 in Big Sur has been closed for 838 days. In that time China has built 3500 miles of high speed rail, and California hasn't been able to fix a quarter mile of highway.

Compared with spring 2019, the national household income required to buy a median-priced home has jumped by nearly \$47,000, largely driven by increasing home prices and elevated mortgage rates, according to the Realtor.com® April 2025 Inventory Report. To purchase a house at the national median list price of \$431,250 in April, a household needed to earn about \$114,000 annually. **Hidden taxes in this:** property tax is based on "value" of your house and NOT what you paid for it. Escrow accounts on mortgages hide the property tax. I don't have an escrow account so have watched my property tax DOUBLE in just a few years while the "value" of my house is now a taxed **unrealized** asset. Maybe the IRS will now tax your next pay raise...before you get it? Shhhh



Book Report

This is the book that kept me up late last week (*not that that's an unusual occurrence*) with a very unusual plot. Serial killer enlists help from investigative reporter to prove he didn't commit the latest murder. Add a cop as the reporter's ex and a father who is a famous, but retired, reporter.

Our heroine is a TV reporter while the father was newspaper so the author addresses the disparities but never notes the impact of social media, using it only to dig out tips to follow in her quest. The book is a freebie for Amazon Prime members but well worth the \$2 kindle price.

Ken Follett

Cmdr. Q reminded me about this author and I dug into his list. Found a trilogy about the wars and ordered them. Of course, books two and three showed up but I'm waiting for book one to start the 1,000 pages (each).

Pillars of the Earth is the one I'm most familiar with. **Eye of the Needle** is the best of his many thriller novels.

CURMUDGEON QUOTES



I was born to be wild but certainly not in the morning.

Coca-Cola should either put the cocaine back or leave it alone.

Liberals come to a potluck, complain about the food everyone else brought and take all the leftovers home.

You'll learn more from mistakes than from theory.

Richest women on that list got there with a divorce.

RFK Jr says orange #47 gooder than red #3.

Someone also said "that iceberg is no match for the Titanic, full steam ahead".

BTW: April 15 is tax day. Also the day Titanic sank.

Sarcasm (n): is the gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

Ignoramus (n): A person who's both stupid and an ***hole.

"Your call is important to us." No it isn't or you would have answered it!

My frequent reminder: Never sneeze when a cat's sleeping on your lap.

Alcatraz expanded using a fence around San Francisco?

They've voted for a new pope. We get a catholic this time?

Corporal Klinger cheers military trans ban. All of his dresses offered on craigslist.

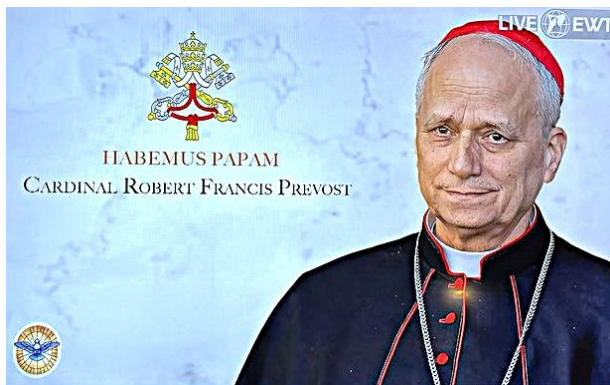
A restaurant owner in Minneapolis was robbed by a man with 50 PRIOR ARRESTS. After the thief's arrest, he was released from custody and robbed the owner's restaurant AGAIN. Given DA Moriarty's racial profiling being easy on skin color, want to guess on this one?

Why do Soros backed DA's claim special handling of blacks. Does that make them racist? Or maybe they are pandering for the black vote?

They claim the justice system is racist. A doctoral candidate's thesis was begun to prove that the justice system is "racist against blacks"...she was stabbed to death by a black male in Chicago before she finished.

A musical based on Luigi Mangione, the 26-year-old man accused of gunning down the CEO of a healthcare company in cold blood, planned for San Francisco theater. A DEI policewoman may cause his release.

She searched him without a warranty.



Pope Leo XIV, the first American to hold the position.

No concession speech from Trump yet but Adam Schiff has begin impeachment proceedings to replace Leo XIV with BFF Pelosi citing centuries of misogyny.

The new pope spent most of his recent work in Peru which is under travel advisories from the US State Dept...much like the City of Chicago, his hometown.

The world is anxiously waiting for the Lame Stream Media to tell them what to think about the new pope. 60 Minutes has planned a comprehensive interview with the new pope to confirm the pope's endorsement of Joe Biden, a fellow catholic.

Bernie Sanders and AOC claim Elon Musk is ignoring the church's wealth and claim most of it could be used to support 25 million illegals in the US.

Mad Max Waters is screaming racism due to the white vestment wardrobe the pope inherits.

The new pope's first words: "God, Help Me!"

Tidbits

(a small and particularly interesting item of gossip or information)

A MA college student charged with setting Tesla vehicles and chargers on fire has been freed from custody to proceed with sex change procedures he/she began on the month of the alleged attacks.

23 companies promise \$8 Trillion new US investment (so far).

Tim Walz Claims He Was Chosen as Running Mate for Kamala Harris Because He Could 'Code Talk' to White Guys. (*mumble?*)

Mayor Jacob Frey of Minneapolis: *These are residents, they work here, they've got kids here, they're not illegal aliens.* Wanna bet?

BTW: Gang Bangers Go on Wild Shooting Spree in Minneapolis, Kill Four Native Americans. (*Racists?*)

Amazon is investing \$4 billion to expand its network in rural America for delivering packages faster in less densely populated areas.

All Horses in 151st Kentucky Derby Descended from Secretariat.

US Taxpayers subsidize Coca Cola \$10 BILLION dollars every year. Congress cleverly hid the funding in the annual "Farm bill".

Minnesota's Supreme Court has ruled that it is legal for women to go about in public, topless.

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Until next week...

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