

Recipe Corner

Perfect Mashed Potatoes

Previous newsletter provided the Shepard Pie recipe (*I can send upon request*) that used mashed potatoes as topping. Here're the tips: Use peeled baking potatoes cut in chunks. Boil in salt water at low setting until they fall apart. Drain water and place pan back on stove to eliminate as much moisture as possible. Drop in garlic buds, butter, sour cream and half 'n half. Heat until butter melts. Then use hand held mixer to break up the chunks before turning it on. Mix until no more chunks. Make it gooder by folding in beaten egg. Then into a casserole dish; brush melted butter on top and sprinkle sweet (*also called Hungarian*) paprika. In the oven at 350° for about 20 minutes; browned on top. Now, about that picture of toilet paper at the top of the page: That's a picture of the original patent and shows you the correct way to hang it. Some people claim to have had a busy day when all they did was change the roll.



Dad Joke

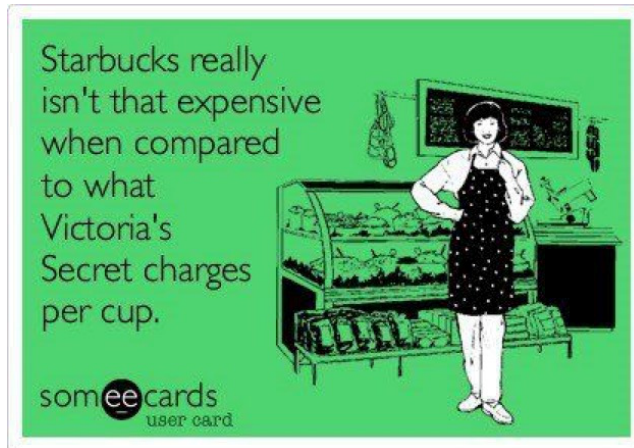
"The only thing worse than having diarrhea is having to spell it."

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.



The coffee giant says that by 2020 it hopes to have eliminated all single-use plastic straws at its 28,000 stores worldwide. It will now top all its cold drinks with fancy new strawless lids that the company currently serves with its cold brew nitro coffees.

Starbucks will actually be increasing its plastic use. The new nitro lids that Starbucks is leaning on to replace straws are made up of more plastic than the company's current lid/straw combination. Right now, Starbucks patrons are topping most of their cold drinks with either 3.23 grams or 3.55 grams of plastic product, depending on whether they pair their lid with a small or large straw. The new nitro lids meanwhile weigh either 3.55 or 4.11 grams, depending again on lid size. Virtue signaling potential: you don't have to make a difference, you just have to sound like you are doing something.

Try this: brew your own coffee...holler and mispronounce your name and then light a five dollar bill on fire.



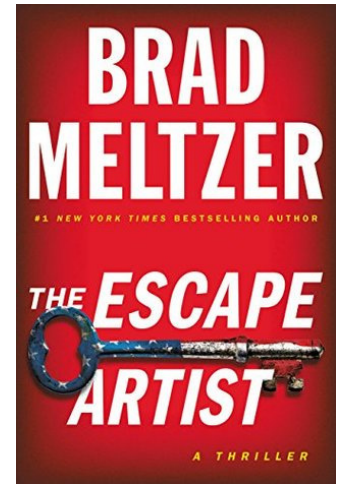
Which Kennedy...one is retired, the other dead.



SCOTUS gonna handle that?

Bon Mots

We squint at the sun because it is bright. We squint at people because they're not.



Book Report

Plot and characters in this one so bad that I actually cringed. Read all the way for the info about Dover AFB and how fallen military are handled by morticians. Really an unusual and interesting book!



TV: lo and behold, found first season (2006) of **The Closer** with 12 episodes; each seemed like a synopsis of some of the good detective novels I've been reading. All the acting is good but Kyra Sedgewick's southern accent a bit over done. It morphs into the **Major Crimes** series which I found boring. Just started the second season and one of the episodes already off the rails. Will be interesting to see how long it takes them to ruin it.

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Photo of Jeff Bezos in 1999. Think about this the next time you think you can't do something great.

Jeff Bezos is now worth \$150,000,000,000.00

He did it with one obvious advantage over his competitors...customer service. While Walmart has 16 registers manned by two employees, Target is focused on remodeling their bathrooms so everyone can use them all at the same time. Amazon offers any product for lowest price with free and fast shipping with follow-up from the company who sells the product on Amazon to make sure it meets your expectations. Winner!

The **University of Minnesota** has proposed a policy that would punish students and professors for not using someone's preferred gender pronoun. Failure to do so may result in expulsion for students or firing for professors.

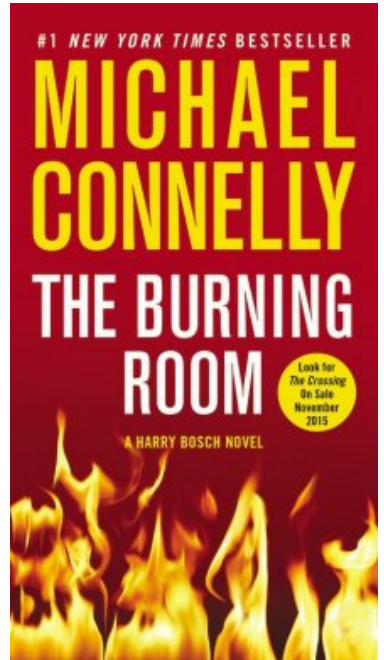
The school will allow students and faculty to "specify a name and/or gender identity that differs from the name and/or sex, sex assigned at birth, and/or gender identity listed on their legal documents." They will also be allowed to specify their preferred pronouns (such as he, she, ze, or something else) "without being required to provide documentation of their gender identity."

Gender identity:

*How do you tell an 'x' chromosome from a 'y' chromosome?
Pull down the genes!*

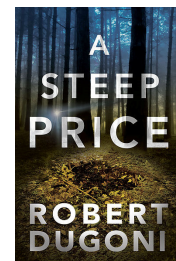


150th anniversary celebration of the Golden Retriever in Scotland...lots of good boys and girls.

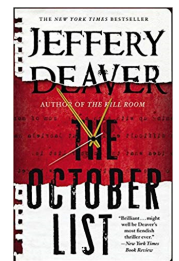


There's a John and a Michael Connelly. Michael much gooder. John assumes you've read his other books so forgets to explain other character associations which confuses the reader wondering who he's talking about. Above is one of the **Bosch** detective books (*TV series too*) while his other famous character is the Mickey Haller **Lincoln Lawyer** (movie).

Bad



Good



The New York Post said Sunday that Hillary Clinton is considering a run for the Democratic nomination for president again in two years. The pundits are weighing the pros and cons. Hillary Clinton does have tremendous name recognition, and if she can overcome that, she could win the nomination.

Lame stream media always there to help so maybe why they are now "ignoring" her?



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