

Recipe Corner

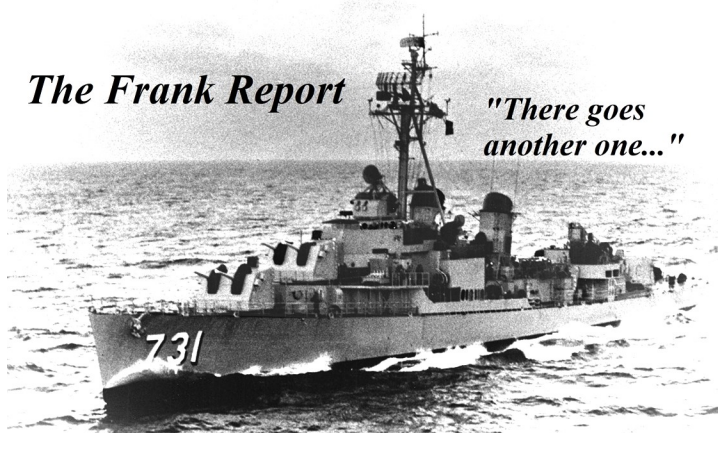
Gluten is NOT free. This package costs \$19 at Amazon. I use three TBS for each bread recipe.

Gluten is the protein that helps the flour to expand and trap gas bubbles. The starch granules in the flour absorb moisture and swell in the batter. Gluten and yeast work together to produce bread rather than that paper they used to call Wonder bread.

5000 years of eating bread and suddenly everyone is allergic to gluten.



Obama's private chef (*who was an excellent swimmer*) drowned in their pool. The Clinton's private chef also drowned. Maybe it will become a standard safety precaution to keep the kitchen door closed so you can't hear what's really going on in the dining room?



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All the news I see fit to print.

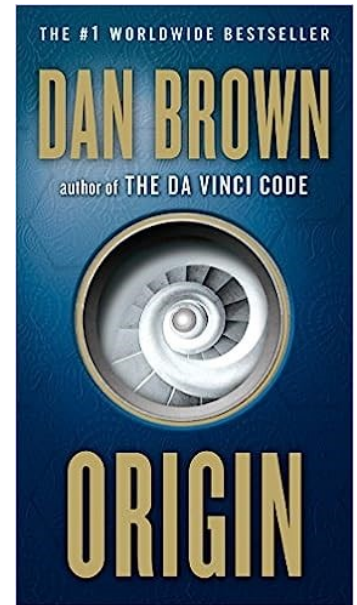
Freedom of the press belongs to those who own one.

That's a quote from the Combat Information Officer (CIC) aboard the USS Maddox on August 2, 1964. I was tracking a dozen RNV PT boats circling her as I was vectoring F8 Crusaders from the Carrier Ticonderoga to protect her. The chatter during this battle was intense...and then he says...*"there goes another one"*...referring to torpedoes running under his ship. The Maddox was at the end of her time on station so was low on fuel thus running high...and the torpedoes were set too low to hit her. Not often you hear laughter during a battle but this was one of the highlights of my first tour in Vietnam. Of course, the New York Slimes "newspaper" says this never happened...



...which is the reason my certificate as a member of an honorary journalism fraternity hangs upside down...in my bathroom... above the toilet. Hung it high to avoid temptation.

A new report from the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee, which lawmakers created as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Security Act, or CARES Act, tracked pandemic relief funding to just six communities. The team found that the 10 federal agencies included in the review provided about \$2.65 billion in pandemic relief funds to the six communities through approximately 89 pandemic relief programs and subprograms during the first 18 months of the pandemic. The report found that "data gaps make it difficult for taxpayers to know how much money their community received and for what purposes." The \$2.65 billion is part of \$FIVE TRILLION in federal relief given out during the pandemic. They had to access five internal databases to determine the recipients in a single program. There were some programs where **they didn't know how much money was spent.**



Book Report

His 2017 novel tackles the religion vs science battle that kept me up until 4am. If you belong to a book club, pick this one and I'll bet your meeting will run three days and through a case of wine. Hollyweird ran from this one screaming with their hands over their ears. Too much truth and an ending with a bang as loud as the one that may have started creation.



I check the national "news" once in a while...If you are really interested in truth-seeking and you want to locate "the North Star" in confusing, disordered, post-industrial America, then you need to look for the "thought criminals."



My mind not only wanders...sometimes it totally disappears.

I'm at that age where Happy Hour is a nap.

I am under no obligation to make sense.

Gender affirming care? I'd rather have some FREEDOM affirming care!

The door of your first car weighed more than the car you're now driving?

Sir Isaac Newton invented calculus and died a virgin. Karma?

Chrysippus, an Athenian philosopher, died from laughing at his own jokes. Way to go Chrys!

If the income tax isn't robbery, why does the IRS have 4,600 guns and three million rounds of ammunition?

People who respond to my sarcasm with their sarcasm are my kind of people.

I'm somewhere between playing my cards right and not playing with a full deck.

I used to insult people one at a time. Now I have social media.

Never sure if I should apologize for the mean, awful but very accurate things I say.

I love the way my sarcasm confuses stupid people.

If people don't walk away from me shaking their head, I must be doing something wrong.



The Boys are always "helpful" with chores around the house, specially laundry. They have an exception when I bring out the Hoppe's. Price of 250 rounds of 380ACP went from \$70 to \$100. Still delivered to front door in three days. Gun range charge still only \$15 for unlimited time. Tip for semi-auto owners...never full load the magazine. That avoids metal fatigue in the spring. If four rounds won't do it, learn to run away faster.

Yes, I have a concealed gun permit. Moved here from Arizona where you didn't need one...and they give you one for free for use in reciprocal states. In Minnesota, you have to apply for one...pass a gun safety test...get an OK from the county sheriff...and then pay for the permit. Total cost is \$256.00. Probably why MN loves their permit system. About 390,000 annual permits were issued. I'll let you do the math.

Speaking of math...here's one my granddaughters didn't solve:

Minnesota has a 28.5 cent tax on gasoline. There are 5.7 million cars in MN with 3,391,057 licensed drivers who average 17,909 miles driven annually with an average mpg = 23-30. What's the annual income from the gas tax? BTW: average net profit for the gas station is 10 cents/gallon. This doesn't include diesel nor the taxes for registration and license. Yet St. Paul wants to raise their sales tax on everything to 10% to fund streets and bridges. Which brings up another conundrum: businesses have to collect and send the sales tax to the government. That's a cost of accounting, special software to keep track of the sales, and then the cost of new software and increased accounting costs.

Have you noticed that the government gives retailers payment for fishing/hunting licenses sold? That's because all retailers are not forced to sell those licenses. However, they force every retailer to collect and send the sales tax with no reimbursement for the cost of doing so.

Try this: send the government digital copies of all the sales receipts showing what was purchased and tell the government to collect their own damn taxes! Customers will appreciate the lower cost at the retailers.

Thomas Jefferson University President Mark Tykocinski has resigned from his position after liking "controversial tweets" after the Philadelphia Inquirer ran a story about his Twitter history. The tweets he liked:

"Two years after their introduction, the mRNAs Covid vaccines have proven to be what we all should have expected. Another in a long line of overhyped, rushed, profit-driven Big Pharma flops with weak long-term efficacy and a lousy side effect."

and

"Doctors lied and coerced a 13-year-old into an irreversible 'gender affirming medical procedure. Now she is fighting back and suing them. Donate here to support the lawsuit and help stop child mutilation."

Filthydelphia Inquisitioner?

Maybe he couldn't find a lawyer brave enough to take them on? Deposition of the editor to force them to hand over *their* tweets? Maybe say that he doesn't pay attention to anything a pedophile says without saying he thinks the editor is a pedophile...just stating an opinion as he did in liking (but didn't write) the tweets the editor found so offensive? Then...tell the editor you find him offensive and ask him to prove he's actually taken a shower in the last month.

Until next week...

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