



Recipe Corner
"Mad Dog" 20/20

*Absolutely perfect for this year.
Maybe it was a warning? Cheap and
lots of alcohol. Formerly poor college
students will remember this stuff.
Don't try smelling the "cork".
You'll cut your nose!*

**If we start calling
it 'potato juice',
Vodka becomes
a health drink.**

Betcha an Irishman came up with this.
I've been experimenting with various
new recipes and promise to return to
normal suggestions in this column but
only after the political scene has
cleared and it's back to "normal".
Figure sometime early spring 2021?



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*All the news I see fit to print.
Freedom of the press belongs to those who own one.*



Given the viscousness of the Trump Derangement Syndrome, this seems to be the only safe way to display a political sign. If you're brave enough to use a Trump bumper sticker, you can be sure your car will come out of this silly season with dents and scratches. What is with these people? Are their political ideas so tenuous that they have to use threats and violence to protect them from any type of disagreement? My choice of drink recipes for the duration of the campaign may have been in haste. These people are NOT going to be happy drunks. It may bring out even worse from their insecurity. Nancy Pelosi is sure proving that during her recent press conferences where she had obviously been imbibing. No wonder poor ole Joe Biden is hiding. Any old school politician who has survived 47 years in the arena must be totally confused with what's been happening. I'm sure Joe is. I know I am.



My yard sign. Guess who I will vote for.

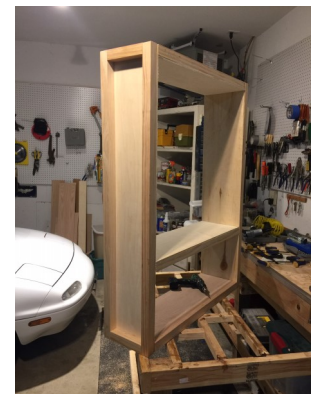
Bon Mots

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"WTF" so many times
a day before you just
start drinking.**



Book Report

Taking a break from the Jack Reacher binge. Masello's portrayal of H.G. Wells very believable. Interesting plot of WW1 espionage. Was free ebook from Amazon prime. Recommend and would buy more from this author. The last five **Jack Reacher** books in the series are in the mail to me. After I buy the latest in October, I will have read all 24. Looks like I'll have to build another bookcase.



The New York Times

CALIFORNIA TODAY

California Today: 100 Million Dead Trees Prompt Fears of Giant Wildfires



Patch of dead and dying trees near Cressman, Calif.

By Thomas Fuller
Jan. 19, 2018

This week a group of scientists warned in the journal *BioScience* that the dead trees could produce wildfires on a scale and of an intensity that California has never seen...

"It's something that is going to be much more severe," said Scott Stephens, a professor of fire science at Berkeley and the lead author of the study. "You could have higher amounts of embers coming into home areas, starting more fires."...

Restrictions on logging have allowed forests to accumulate an overload of vegetation.

The New York Times

FACT CHECK

Trump's Misleading Claims About California's Fire 'Mismanagement'



Firefighters battle the Steeple fire in Malibu, Calif., on Friday.

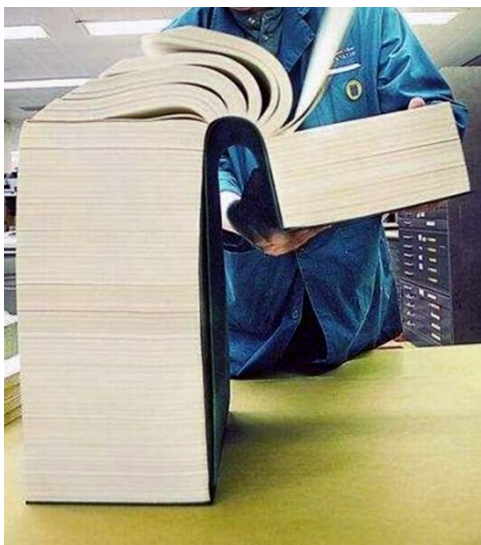
By Kendra Pierre-Louis
Nov. 12, 2018

President Trump took to Twitter over the weekend, blaming the infernos on forest management...

His statements, which drew outrage from local leaders and firefighters, oversimplified the causes of California's wildfires...

The administration and Republicans in Congress have supported calls by the timber industry to clear out potential fuel by letting the land be logged...

I have survived several of these forest fires while living in the White Mountains area of Arizona. Our home was less than a mile from the Apache reservation. The fires were restricted to the state owned land because the tribal elders had practiced good forest management. Ask an Apache what they think about the spotted owl and they'll tell you "they taste bad".



Laws have consequences. They are also so confusing that there exists a special group of people called lawyers that have evolved to explain to non-lawyers what the law means because the laws have been (*generally*) written by other lawyers. Only elected people get to write laws. Most of them are lawyers. There are 297 words in the ten commandments. There are about 800,000 words in the bible. Federal tax laws and regulations are over 10 million words in length. The Federal Register has about 73,000 PAGES of laws, rules and regulations each year. My calculator has a massive hernia. Shakespeare's advice aside, maybe we should pass a law that only English teachers can write them. Or pass a law that lawyers must get a passing grade in English? And don't get me going on MN Governor Timmy's Executive Orders! Even the sign language lady can't keep up with him.

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