

Don't wear headphones while vacuuming. I've just finished the whole house before realizing the vacuum wasn't plugged in.

Recipe Corner
Pop Up Pizza

Brown the following:

- One pound hamburger
- One cup chopped onion
- One cup chopped peppers
- Can (drained) mushrooms

Place in 9x13 pan

Then add:

- Jar of spaghetti sauce
- Cover with 6-8 Oz mozzarella

For the topping:

- Two eggs
- One cup milk
- One T cooking oil
- One cup flour

Mix well and pour over the above

Add parmesan cheese on top

Bake 400 degrees for 25-30 minutes

And Chianti, of course!

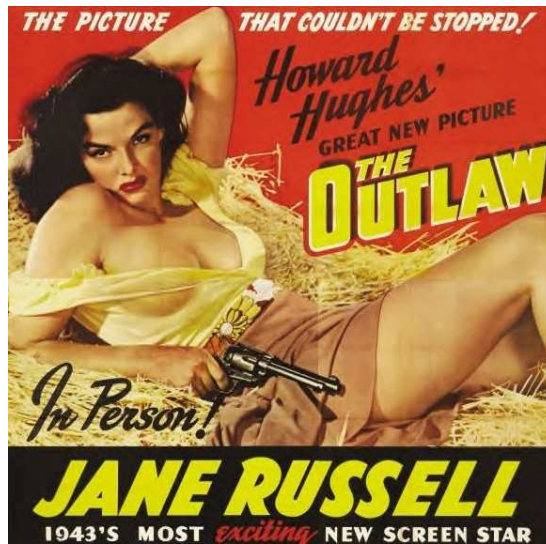


My niece Maggie (in red backed by four of my five daughters) is having a birthday on the 20th.

Someone remind husband Drew at Dta4210@gmail.com not to forget.

mmsiegler@yahoo.com to ask where she buried the body if he does forget. You do want Maggie with you if the bar has karaoke...ask my daughters.

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



Apparently Hollyweird had another self congratulatory event where they 1. condemned sexual harassment, 2. trashed POTUS, 3. and nominated Oprah for president. They call it **Golden Globes** so I did a little research and found the origin of the title. Seems Howard Hughes was the only honest *purveyor* in 1943 as the public expressed their "shock" with big box office receipts for Mr. Hughes. In the meantime, Hollyweird continues their "ban guns" movement while arming their heroes with every type of firearm they can find. Took a while but I think I now know the meaning of the word "disingenuous".

A man followed a young girl into a Target bathroom in Texas saying he self identified as a woman. The man's teeth were knocked out by the girl's father, who says he self identifies as the tooth fairy.

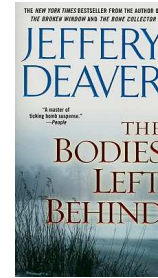
The VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) District awards were 100 miles south and our Post CDR rode with me in the Miata in minus 15 degree weather. He's a Korean War Air Force vet and we had a good time comparing wars. My hope for the future is that none of our grandchildren will ever be eligible for membership in our organization.



Jessica was our VFW Post winner and competed at the next level at District among over 1,000 other students in MN. She placed third and as a junior, intends to win next year. I believe her.

Bon Mots

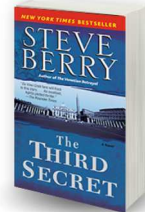
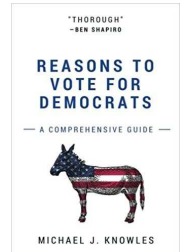
Some people lack the ability to laugh at themselves. That's where I come in. Hold my beer.



Book Report

Deaver ten years ago and a chase through the woods murder mystery with more twists than a pretzel. Left unanswered: who shot Hart?

A in-depth study with amazing results...yep: Lots of blank pages. And then another Steve Berry history thriller based on the third secret from Fatima. Good read for recovering Catholics.



I may be overdoing the book thingy. Had to find TV manual; forgot how to turn it on.



Granddaughter Gracie Lee will be 16 on the 17th which means sweet sixteen this year and golden b'day next year.

Wish her well at: graciesiegler@icloud.com

Got a smartphone?

You have a device you can hold in your hand where you can talk face to face with anybody in the world. Spooky!

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The Importance of Being A Horse's Ass

The US standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet, 8.5 inches. That's an exceedingly odd number. Why was that gauge used? Because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates built the US Railroads.

Why did the English build them like that? Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the Pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did "they" use that gauge then? Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

Okay! Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing? Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

So who built those old rutted roads? Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe (and England) for their legions. The roads have been used ever since.

And the ruts in the roads? Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing.

The United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot. And bureaucracies live forever.

So the next time you are handed a specification and wonder what horse's ass came up with it, you may be exactly right, because the Imperial Roman army chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the back ends of two war horses.

Now, the twist to the story:

When you see a Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRBs. The SRBs are made by Thiokol at their factory at Utah. The engineers who designed the SRBs would have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but the SRBs had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the Mountains. The SRBs had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track, as you now know, is about as wide as two horses' behinds. So, a major Space Shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of a horse's ass. And a clear explanation of the term "we've always done it this way".

Thoughts While Thinking:

Why is the guy who invests all your money called a broker?

Does your bank account look like a phone number? (\$9.11)

Just because nobody complains doesn't mean all parachutes are perfect.

If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody.

A conscience does not prevent sin. It only prevents you from enjoying it.

Until next week...

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So Hollyweird is pushing Oprah for POTUS? Could be worse!



Much worse!



Daughter Susan and Ronnie enjoying night out in Boston during the "bomb cyclone". Note the piles of snow out the window in back. Once you've lived in MN, a "little" snow adds to the ambience.



Grandson Hunter and GPA Bessel; more MN fun in the snow.

Leftists don't believe a border wall will work to control illegal Immigration, but they think a climate treaty will control the weather. 😂