



Grandkid and new wife here for dinner. Had her challenge me and she selected:

Butter Garlic Shrimp

Ingredients

- 4 tbsp. butter
- 1 lb. shrimp
- kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 3/4 c. dry white wine
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- Rosemary/garlic flakes
- 3/4 c. grated Parmesan, plus more for garnish
- 12 oz. cooked angel hair

Directions

In a large skillet over medium heat, melt one tablespoon butter. Add shrimp and season with salt and pepper. Cook until pink, two minutes per side. Transfer to a plate. In the same skillet, add remaining butter and garlic. Cook until fragrant, one minute. Add wine, lemon juice, and rosemary; and simmer two minutes, then add Parmesan and parsley and let cook two minutes more. Add cooked angel hair and shrimp and toss until combined.

Of course we used my pasta machine with 'Becca in charge.

Hunter fascinated by this computer controlled gadget.

Fun evening and she now has my 2000+ recipe collection for my next challenge.



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All the news I see fit to print.

Freedom of the press belongs to those who own one.

Over one hundred radical leftist pro-Palestinian/Hamas insurrectionists illegally entered the atrium of the Hart Senate Capitol Office Building, disrupting the operations of the Senate offices there and defying multiple warnings from Capitol Police.

both the USCPR as well as Jewish Voice for Peace and IfNotNow which breached the building in October have all been funded directly or indirectly by George Soros. If convicted, (*hah!*) the intruders (*insurrectionists?*) are looking at a possible fine and up to 90 days in prison, a far cry from the 17-22 year sentences being handed down for J6 protestors. Most of the J6 protestors are in jail still waiting for court dates, well beyond the mandated 90 day sentence.

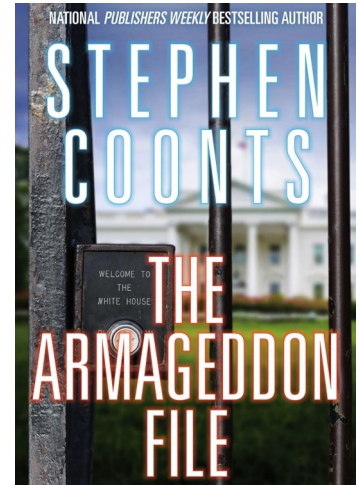
Blue-city gun buybacks are feeding a secondary arms and gun parts market. The company contracted to receive the guns then destroys the part on which the serial number is located and sells the remaining gun parts on the gun parts market. They averaged more than \$90,000 a week in combined online sales of hundreds of disassembled guns from the buybacks.

The list of banned guns in Illinois under the new "assault weapons" law currently sits at 170, with more expected to be added, "as needed". Anyone who fails to register their guns could be charged with a Class 2 felony. Database on Chicago homicides shows that 473 people were killed January 1, 2023, through October 21, 2023. Good luck...there are 434 million firearms in civilian possession (that "they" know of), with 214 million since 1991. The AR-15 accounts for an estimated 19.8 million. While Chicago banned guns (and turned criminals loose without bail), from 1994 to 2019, homicides and violent crime in general fell to historic lows in the U.S. while the number of civilian-owned firearms doubled.

Interest expense on US Federal debt is nearing \$1.1 TRILLION.

To put this in perspective, 2023 defense spending was \$821 billion. This means the US is on track to spend 34% MORE on interest expense than defense spending.

Maybe we could borrow some money from Zelensky?



Book Report

Coonts had to be laughing all through the creation of this 2017 offering as the plot centers on how the 2016 election was rigged. The plot runs in all directions as he includes actual mechanics of how the government runs our elections. Don't miss this one...and hope for the result he offers at the end.



It's going to be very interesting how the Lame Stream Media handle this fact:

Trump-appointed judge will oversee Hunter Biden's tax evasion case: First Son faces 17 YEARS in jail for four-year \$1.4m tax evasion scheme and is accused of spending over tax deductible (?) \$700,000.00 on 'drugs, hookers and cars'

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*curmudgeon
quotes*



I don't know where people get their opinions but I hope they kept their receipts.

Disney has produced more bombs this year than Lockheed Martin.

I don't try to offend but it's a huge bonus.

If it's the thought that really counted, I'd be in jail.

I'll never be over the hill. I don't have the energy to climb it.

Never regret anything in the morning? I sleep until noon.

Nothing is impossible? Hell, I do nothing every day.

I'm at that age when I can forget what I'm doing while I'm doing it.

Of course I did stupid things when I was young. That's why I'm smiling now that I'm old.

Forget what people say. Watch what they do.

I refuse to grow up. I'll just let my age become inappropriate.

If cats could send Christmas cards...they wouldn't.

Common sense is a punishment because you have to deal with people who don't have it.

The last day of 2023 will be: 123123 while 11524 and 12025 will be a new beginning.



Former Fa(r)cebook executive Barbara Furlow-Smiles has pleaded guilty to stealing \$4 million from The Zuck.

The former **global diversity** executive for Fa(r)cebook used the cash "to live a luxury lifestyle in California and Georgia." *Go woke, go broke?* Maybe she would have gotten away with it if she had claimed it was really just reparations?



Meanwhile, the U.S. added 199,000 nonfarm payroll jobs in November from the government, health care or leisure and hospitality sectors ... 77,000, 49,000 and 40,000 jobs. The number of public sector jobs under Biden is close to setting a new record for the highest number of government employees: 22,967,000...30,000 short of Obama's record. Don't know how many of them are "diversity" experts buty here's an interesting twist showing

If you're wondering what these people do, here's an interesting anecdote:

John Beale was the EPA's highest-paid "climate expert". Beale told his EPA bosses he was a CIA spy working in London, India and Pakistan so they shouldn't question his absence from his job. He was actually relaxing at his vacation home. Beale pulled off the ruse for nearly 20 years, defrauding taxpayers of nearly \$1 million. Beale received retention bonuses even after his "retirement".

The bonuses were authorized by the EPA's deputy assistant administrator Robert Brenner. Brenner co-owned the vacation home with Beale.

Couple more Tidbits:

For the Army-Navy football game, 500 Navy midshipmen slept on cots in an auditorium, because Biden booked all the hotels for Illegals.

The average monthly mortgage payment in Joe Biden's America has soared to \$3,322, the WSJ reports; up from \$1,787 when Donald Trump left office.

Are we having fun yet?

Tidbits

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

"Those who DO NOT 'affirm' the LGBTQ rules because of their Christian faith will be deemed 'unsafe' by the Biden Administration and ultimately rejected as foster parent candidates."

Under Biden, Department of Veterans Affairs processed 161,000 medical and dental care claims for ILLEGALS in 2022 while delaying claims for US VETERANS.

In 2021, the Democrat-controlled Congress gave Joe Biden \$7.5 billion to install electric vehicle chargers, but two years later not one charger has been installed. *But I bet there's some cancelled checks in the files.*

The \$73 million settlement of liability claims from nine families of Sandy Hook shooting victims marked the first time a U.S. gun manufacturer was held responsible for a mass shooting. Remington will close its 200 year old gun factory.

Election irregularities, fraud have led courts to overturn, order new elections in 2023 in Connecticut, Louisiana, Texas, and Wisconsin.

California goes from a nearly \$100 billion surplus to a \$68 billion deficit in just two years.

MN's \$17.6 billion surplus became a \$2.3 billion deficit with the Democrat's new budget. *That darn Covid thingy again?*

Until next week...

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