



Recipe Corner

Canadian Chili

Sil Scott gave me some venison steaks.

Here's what happened:

Crock pot on low with the following from bottom up:

Sweet onion chopped

3-4 minced garlic cloves

Cubed raw venison steak

Cup of mild salsa

Cup of wild rice almost fully cooked

On low for 4-6 hours.

Serve with dollop of sour cream.

Note: I found a source of Canadian wild rice.

It's 3/4 inch versus 1/2 inch of MN wild rice.



When our five kids were little, we repeated the fable that animals could talk at midnight on Christmas eve.

To prove it, I woke up my two sibling feral cats. Peter (left) said "the food dish is empty" while Paul said "the litter box is full"...and then they went back to sleep.

Fully rested, they proceeded to use me as a trampoline at 4am Christmas morning.

Maybe I should ask Santa for a puppy next year?



12.28.2024 #468

All the news I see fit to print.

Freedom of the press belongs to those who own one.

Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) released his 10th annual Festivus of incredibly wasteful government spending. The 41 page (2.2mb pdf) identifies over \$1 trillion in ridiculous expenditures.

To quote him: "I was a one-man DOGE before DOGE was a gleam in the eyes of amped-up tech executives, and new media barons got behind the idea. Don't get me wrong, I'm VERY happy they're here. I passed along 2,000 pages of waste to Elon and Vivek in the interest of curbing government waste. They don't have to work too hard to find what I've already found."



To put the costs in perspective...those are \$100 bills stacked on pallets for a total of just ONE BILLION DOLLARS. Those same pallets of \$100 bills would need **four football fields** to handle ONE TRILLION DOLLARS...the amount we're paying in interest each year on the nation's 40 TRILLION DOLLAR debt.



Have no doubt that these congress critters are already spending the money D.O.G.E. and Rand Paul will save.



Elon Musk, owner of social media platform X, shared that Grok, the company's artificial intelligence chatbot, will be soon capable of summarizing large bills passed by Congress for citizens to better understand. "In the coming weeks, Grok will summarize these mammoth laws before they are passed by Congress, so you know what their real purpose is," Musk wrote.

Grok is a word coined by American writer Robert A. Heinlein for his 1961 science fiction novel ***Stranger in a Strange Land***. The meaning is "to understand intuitively or by empathy, to establish rapport with" and "to empathize or communicate sympathetically (with); also, to experience enjoyment".

Let's hope our congress critters use it before voting.



Netflix action film ***"Carry-On"*** pays homage to Transportation Security Administration (TSA) workers and the on-the-job struggles they encounter during the holiday season. Rivals ***Die Hard***.

CURMUDGEON QUOTES



To all the people who couldn't stand me this year, just letting you know that next year will be even worse.

Computers were infected with viruses to sell anti-virus software. Then people were infected with viruses to sell vaccines. Way to go Gates!

Please be patient. I am ruining things as fast as I can.

There are times my greatest achievement is keeping my mouth shut.

Mother Nature is wonderful. She gives us 12 years to develop a love for our children before turning them into teenagers.

Apparently, I am not young enough to know everything.

The best part of old age is that it doesn't last long.

Old people smile a lot because they can't hear a word you're saying.

The best time of my career has been retirement.

I've noticed that the older I get, the earlier it gets late.

Does the bathtub safety bar count as pole dancing?

Worrying is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do but it doesn't get you anywhere.

You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough.

If love is the answer, what the hell was the question?



Fond memories of California...first of five kids, first sports car and a conservative/Democrat governor (an oxymoron today). Pat Brown was then followed by Ronald Reagan. This month California business owners were blindsided by surprise payroll taxes after Governor Gavin Newsom (D) and Democrat legislators failed to repay a \$20 billion federal loan. The state's Democrats failed to budget properly and repay a \$20 billion federal Covid loan back on time so the costs got passed down to unsuspecting business owners who are already taxed to death. This is after Newsom forced small businesses to close down (*many went bankrupt*) during the Covid pandemic. Still have a grandson and new wife in San Diego. They were here for Christmas.



OK...yeah, I staged this picture of Jack and Elisa being subjected to one of my home made pizzas. So it's now five kids, four kids-in-law, seven grandkids, three grandkids-in-law and 1 1/2* great grandkids. (*Granddaughter-in-law Becca is creating #2 due in April).

Life is good and getting better.

Tidbits

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

Wells Fargo will face a class lawsuit brought by borrowers who say the bank overcharged them rate lock extension fees on their mortgage applications. Wells Fargo wrongly charged them the fees when they were at fault for delays in closing.

San Francisco Health Department Hires 'Fat Acceptance' Activist as 'Weight Stigma' Consultant.

Records Reveal Nancy and Paul Pelosi Cashed in on Federal Covid Bailouts...\$millions!

University of Minnesota tried to give money to children to play with dolls with swappable genitalia.

Republicans Win Minnesota House Majority After Judge Rules Democrat State Representative-Elect is Not Eligible For Office

Tim Walz Posts Bizarre Video of Him Opening an Action Figure of... Himself

A Canadian startup awarded a US\$40-million grant from Bill Gates' climate solutions initiative is preparing to extract carbon directly from the atmosphere at its Alberta Canada site by this spring. (*What could possibly go wrong?*)

Gates and Bezos spend \$10million for cow vaccines to eliminate farts. *Bless their little hearts!*

Until next week...

**email: fns@franksiegler.com
blog: www.franksiegler.com**

This newsletter is published Saturday mornings by subscription. email me requesting to be added. or visit my blog.

Please feel free to pass it on.