



Recipe Corner Potato Patties

Stage one: mash potatoes with 1/2 and 1/2, sour cream and butter.

Stage two: ingredients

- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1 small onion, minced
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons butter

Mix the mashed potatoes, beaten egg, and onion in a medium bowl. Add the flour, cheese, salt, and pepper, and stir well. Medium heat the olive oil and butter together until it starts to sizzle. Add about 1/4 cup of each patty into 3-inch circles that are about 1/2 inch thick until browned, 3 to 4 minutes on each side.

Stage three:

Place potato patties flat on parchment paper on baking sheets then into the freezer for a couple of hours. They are now ready for stacking between parchment paper in freezer bags and will keep up to three months. Stage three works great with an air fryer but **you can enjoy at any stage.**

This one's for friend Sharon who calls mashed potatoes Irish guacamole.



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

Senator Mitch McConnell had two stroke like symptoms in public last month. His term ends in early 2027.

So what happens if he has to resign?

At the urging of Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell in 2021, the Kentucky General Assembly changed a law that determined how the state would fill any potential U.S. Senate vacancies, shifting appointment power from the governor to the party of the senator leaving office.

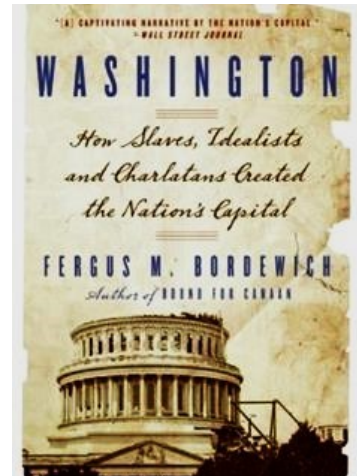
Under the amended law, the governor now may only choose from three names recommended by the executive committee of the outgoing senator's state party and must make that selection within 21 days of receiving the list from the party.

With both of Kentucky's senators currently being Republican, the choosing of those three nominees would be up to the executive committee of the Republican Party of Kentucky, which is made up of 54 members.

I'm sure politicians are working to screw this up even more. Think about it...Founding Fathers came up with a perfect check and balance between the Senate and the House. Senators were chosen by their state's legislature which guaranteed equal voice for all states and this key check/balance kept the Senate safe from election fraud.

Then the politicians figured they were smarter than our Founding Fathers and started messing with the Constitution... with the 17th Amendment and popular vote for the Senators... throwing them into the same conundrum as the House representatives...they have to raise a lot of money and lie a lot to get elected. Oh...and they get to keep the money they raised if they don't get elected.

IMHO McConnell would have been out of there a decade ago if not for the 17th amendment and the money from groups that control him...same with his BFF Schumer. In the meantime, we're paying for the largest nursing home facility in DC.



Book Report

This is not your father's history book. Make sure the kids today start reading history about the battle between Jefferson and Hamilton re: federal vs state control...they'll start to understand and support their state Governors telling the federal government to butt out of state issues. Author breathes life into the formative years of our nation.

The development of the slavery question and final resolution is very interesting. Emancipation was delayed until 1860 because the North was too weak to stand against the South until then. I have ordered three more of his books. I don't recommend it for any book club since it would surely result in fisticuffs rather than discussion. Facts always get in the way of opinions. My thanks to Dr. M for sending this one to me.





I am presently experiencing life at the rate of several wtf's an hour.

I could be better but I am considering being worse.

I've been at my last straw for about 300 straws now.

Going to bed at 10pm and waking up at 6am. Does that require some kind of surgery?

I feel like a dog in a car. No idea where I'm going.

My insults may be rude but my sarcasm has become an art form. You're welcome.

Pretending to listen is one of my best skills.

I'm not free tomorrow. I'm expensive.

If you don't repeat your mistake, it will become valuable experience.

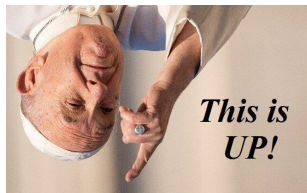
A closed mouth should be a mandatory feature of a closed mind.

Whenever a politician starts talking, I wonder where they got the idea that anyone cared.

I don't really have a short temper. It's just a quick reaction to bullshit.

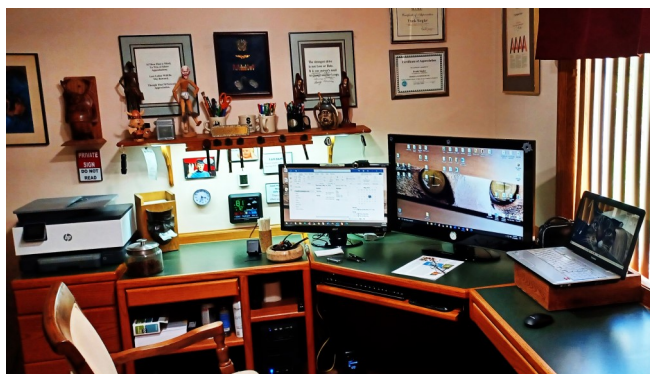
If opportunity hasn't knocked, try kicking the damn door down.

My little spark of madness sometimes turns into a raging inferno.



Pope Francis intends to publish a second encyclical letter on the environment on October 4. He has doubled down on his personal war on fossil fuels while condemning "extreme practices" such as fracking. "It is absurd to permit the continued exploration and expansion of fossil fuel infrastructures," he said. "Let us raise our voices to halt this injustice towards the poor and our children, who will bear the worst effects of climate change."

Jesuit logic?



My backup computer died at age 14. Found an almost new replacement from tekrefurbs.com for less than \$200.00. All my software (Norton, MS Office, etc) were multiple license so automatically loaded on the new backup after signing into my MS account. The backup computer now has better stats than my main computer!

Tech tip: Although Norton is the best protection, their marketing tactics, since LifeLock bought them, is getting very shady. The auto renewal went up to \$96 for the year but they eliminated Utilities and now charge extra for that feature. Curiosity sent me to Amazon and I found the price to be \$20 for the same package. I cancelled the auto renewal after a "chat" with them and added a note on my calendar to renew through Amazon. Tip: do NOT use renewal on any software. Check Amazon first before buying direct from the source. **Jeff Bezos scores again!**

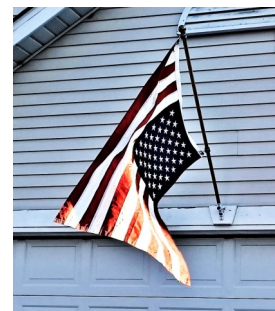
Now I'm checking out IONOS, my website host, since they bought 1and1. Very confusing pricing and monthly charges. I keep telling them I just want to know what time it is and not how their watch is made.

It's not looking good.

These companies fail to realize that it's better and cheaper to keep customers than to try and find new ones.



Texas House Bill 393: the court shall order a person convicted of intoxicated manslaughter "to pay restitution for a child whose parent or guardian was the victim of the offense. The court shall determine an amount to be paid monthly for the support of the child until the child reaches 18 years of age or has graduated from high school, whichever is later." Similar laws are being considered in over 20 other states. I'm guessing this law came about because of multiple lawsuits that created the same result. Apparently there are still some politicians who operate within the bounds of common sense. *Of course, there's always the possibility of an exception made if Butt Light beer was involved.*



Until next week...

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