

Bob's Corner

Never have been much of a cook, and I suspect that some of the Boy Scouts who were in the Raven Patrol of Troop 899 in National City, Calif. still remember the dinner I cooked at one summer camp.

It really wasn't my fault. I mean, I had heard that the way to cook was to simply put everything into a hot pan with some oil or grease. That's what I did. However, fish fillets don't take well to that sort of treatment, especially if the pan is turning white hot.

When the patrol sat to eat, my fellow Scouts and the advisers with us looked at the food rather oddly. One of the advisers opined that he had never before eaten oversized potato chips that tasted vaguely like fish. That was the last time during that summer camp that I cooked any meal.

Although I did win the pancake-cook-and-heave (no jokes, please) competition. The contest involved cooking a pancake (no oil allowed) over a campfire, then running with the pan and cake some 30 yards; moving the pan up in fast mode so the hotcake would fly out and go over a wire about 7 feet up; catching the cake; then running back to a judge, who would sample the cake.

Yeah, it was a Boy Scout thing. But I did win. Somehow. I think there was some skulduggery by one of our advisers who managed to slip me a spatula. Otherwise that pancake probably would still be stuck in the pan.

Another of my cookery adventures involved making some bread pudding when we lived in Escondido, Calif. I had managed to save a whole bunch of bread crusts and small slices. One Saturday when Jan was not at home, I went to work. I was so proud of my efforts. I put in all the ingredients I thought necessary. But unfortunately I left out sugar. So we had a glut of bread pudding that no one could eat, even when we tried to sweeten it after the fact.

The birds liked it though.

More recently, I wanted some hotcakes for breakfast, and with Jan's advice managed to cook three. The first one was not too good. The second was better, the third was the best-tasting one yet.

And I didn't have to throw any of them over a wire.

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We need more Daniels From Derwyn Cugley Cave Junction

The greatest government devised by man is a representative democracy. It was forged in America as a democratic republic approximately 233 years ago. The benefits of America's democracy that have accrued to the world are too many to recount, and the world owes America a debt of gratitude it will never repay.

But for democracies to function successfully, they require a certain level of morality from their citizenry. We were above the required level of morality for some 200 years. As a result, America became the greatest nation in history. By no means perfect -- but great.

However, in recent years as a nation we have fallen well below the minimum level, and our contemporary government is a reflection of the moral bankruptcy of its citizens. Washington, D.C. reflects the character of America, and it does not make a lot of us proud.

Like the prophet Daniel, we in America have sinned; we have rebelled and departed from God's precepts. Even many of our churches are spiritually bankrupt. Their candles are about to flicker out. Yet, many of us wonder why America is coming unglued before our very eyes. Could it be that America with all its advantages, opportunities, prosperity and freedom has become like a basket of summer fruit ready for divine

judgment?

Daily I listen to the decisions of our government -- including Democrats, Republicans, and independents -- and as a result of the actions of our courts, Congress and the administration, I just want to cry. Where have truth, common sense, morality, honor and nobility gone? How low our nation has sunk from its former days of greatness.

We have, during the past 40 or 50 years, progressively tossed out the unchanging moral principles of God's Word, many of which our founders built into our Constitution, and all the while we thought we could get away with it. We can't. God cannot be mocked. As with individuals, what a nation sows, it also reaps. We have sown to the wind; we are beginning to reap the whirlwind.

My down-deep feeling is that, like an airplane that has crossed more than half an ocean and cannot turn around, we have passed the point of no return as a nation and judgment is coming.

Our national problems cannot simply be reduced to the label of Democrat or Republican, the far right or the far left, the conservative or liberal. It's not about the ideologies of men: It is about morality, right and wrong, good and evil. America's problem is with us -- all of us. Our national sin and rejection of God's timeless truths has brought us to this low place.

America today desperately needs more confessing, professing Daniels. That's us, all of us.

The prophet Daniel is set forth as one of the Godliest men in the Bible. Nothing negative is ever said of his life. Yet as he prayed to God on behalf of his very sinful nation, he included himself in his petition.

Believers should ask the Lord to help them regain their lost love for Him, and when

He does, become a Daniel for America.

Unbelievers can believe that Jesus is the Christ, their Lord and Redeemer. I suggest that they confess their sin and ask Him to make them His. When He does then they too can become a Daniel for America.

It's our personal decision if we contribute to the rise and restoration of America, or to its further decline and eventual fall. However one chooses, our benevolent king will return. Maybe soon. And so we pray, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus;" (Revelation 22:20).

Food From Friends From Robert Cornett Cave Junction

Just as the Dorcas gang members were about to pass out food to the needy at the SDA Community Service

Center at 265 S. Old Stage Road on Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 1 p.m. there was a knock on the back door.

Boy Scouts had arrived with 1,779 pounds of non-perishable food -- and as we would discover when we weighed everything, some cash too.

This, along with the 181 pounds of food donated by a young woman on Nov. 18, totaled almost 2,000 pounds. Great!

We were almost overwhelmed, but we can still say this simple prayer in His name. He, who has redeemed us, "The Lord bless thee and keep thee" Numbers 6:24... to the Boy Scouts and all those involved, and, oh yes, there was at least one young woman unloading the food. We love her too.

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Cave Junction

Wednesday, Dec. 2
Sunshine
High--57 Low--23

Thursday, Dec. 3
Sunny
High--57 Low--22

Friday, Dec. 4
Cloudy
High--47 Low--23

Saturday, Dec. 5
Sunny and chilly
High--43 Low--20

Sunday, Dec. 6
Clouds and sun
High--38 Low--22

Monday, Dec. 7
Some sunshine
High--38 Low--22

Tuesday, Dec. 8
Sun hidden by clouds
High--39 Low--26

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall recorded at The End of the Road in O'Brien by Cheryl & Harry Johnson:

*Fri.,	Nov. 20	52	37	.98
*Sat.,	Nov. 21	48	31	.39
*Sun.,	Nov. 22	49	33	.43
*Mon.,	Nov. 23	44	34	.00
*Tue.,	Nov. 24	45	34	.00
*Wed.,	Nov. 25	46	34	.00
*Thu.,	Nov. 26	50	35	.67

Following are the high-and-low temperatures and rainfall recorded at Oregon Builders Guild in Cave Junction:

*Fri.,	Nov. 20	51	36	.98
*Sat.,	Nov. 21	47	32	.48
*Sun.,	Nov. 22	49	33	.33
*Mon.,	Nov. 23	43	34	.01
*Tue.,	Nov. 24	44	35	.00
*Wed.,	Nov. 25	44	35	.01
*Thu.,	Nov. 26	50	37	.67

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