



Recipe Corner

Manicotti

Ingredients

- Two cups ricotta cheese
 - 1/3 pound 90% lean ground beef
 - 2/3 pound sweet Italian sausage
 - 1/4 cup onion (chopped)
 - 2 cloves garlic (chopped)
 - 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (divided*)
 - 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 - 1 large egg (lightly beaten)
 - 3 1/2 to 4 cups marinara sauce
 - 14 manicotti pasta shells
- Tip: put shells in hot water for about 30 minutes until el dente.*

Instructions

Skillet over high heat, brown the meat, season with salt and pepper, then add the onion and garlic, cook about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat, and cool. In a medium bowl, combine the ricotta cheese, cooled meat, cup mozzarella cheese, Parmesan cheese, egg, salt and pepper. Stuff each el dente manicotti shell with about generous 1/4 cup each. Spread 1 cup of the sauce mixture into a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Arrange stuffed manicotti shells in a single layer over sauce. Top with remaining sauce. Cover tight with foil and bake at 375F, 60 to 65 minutes, until the pasta is tender and cooked. Uncover; sprinkle with remaining cheese and bake uncovered 3 minutes longer or until cheese is melted.

Yes, freezes well either cooked or uncooked. Thaw before cooking.

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



US forces killed the barbaric leader of ISIS, Abu Al-Baghdadi, near the Syrian–Turkish border.

Al-Baghdadi was the leader of the ISIS Caliphate. He was held by the US in 2009 until the Iraqis and the Obama administration agreed to let him go.



Will President Trump Give ISIS Leader Al-Baghdadi a Proper Islamic Burial as Obama Did Osama Bin Laden? How did CNN report this news? One of their star idiots complained that POTUS was 20 minutes late for the announcement scheduled for 9am. **CNN : Evidence Hero Dog Sniffed Dozens Of Butts Back In College**



Obituaries

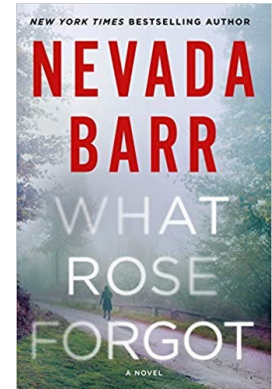
Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, austere religious scholar at helm of Islamic State, dies at 48

The Washington Post headline...forgot to mention the AK47 behind the pillows...maybe next time.

Bon Mots

My liberal friends aren't really stupid.

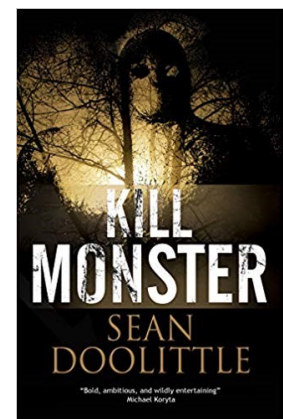
They just have bad luck when they try to think.



Book Report

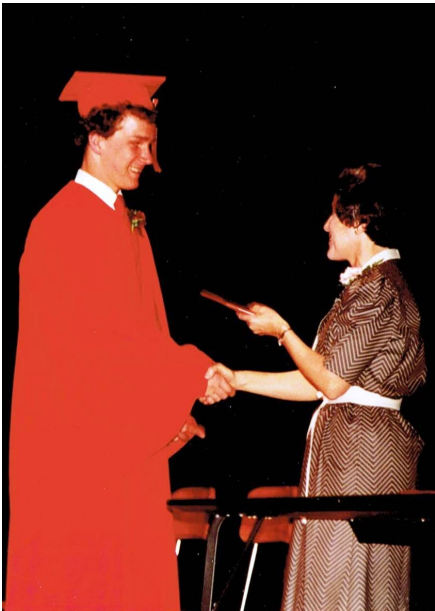
Tried to read this one since the NY Times gushed over it. Author found a new word in the dictionary and attempted to use it as a noun, verb and adjective.

Plot was confusing mix of characters with 68 year old yoga expert leading the charge. Included a bad guy wearing a Donald Trump mask and (for some reason) a change to her will to give Planned Parenthood several million dollars. Plot got very complicated but sorted out in last two pages. Would like to get name of whatever she was drinking. Glad it came from the library. Would hate it even more if I bought it.



Spooky fun. Think I found another great author.

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Martin Pape was an exchange student living with us in Belle Plain, MN and graduated several decades ago. He now owns a veterinary practice in Germany and has a daughter who is an exchange student in Delano, MN just 50 miles from us.

(From l to r) Martin, Imke, Berit and Thorben.

We had a great visit with Martin and his parents in Germany not long after graduation.

Looking forward to their visit with us in June next year. Granddaughter Gracie and Berit are about the same age and have been introduced.

Granddaughter Jenna is in Paris with mom Susan this week. How do I sign up for one of these exchange programs? With my luck, I'd wind up in Detroit.



The manicotti recipe on previous page is one of my challenges from granddaughter Gracie. Directions on how to fill the shells were complicated but Gracie found fingers work best. Suggests you do likewise!

She's conferring with a classmate about the next challenge. My secret weapon is a local grocery store that has every exotic ingredient you can think of.

Democrats are upset about all the attention given to dog...



...dogs chase bad guys. Cats demonstrate better use of the sandbox than regime change.



Apparently this is the best auto theft prevention feature. My 1992 Miata failed me for only the second time in 28+ years. Hydraulics in the clutch gave up and she had to be towed. Both times she failed in my driveway which I think is very kind. With 168,000 miles, I'm still getting both great mileage and now compliments from younger drivers in parking lots and thumbs up when driving.



Busy week ahead. Finalizing all the paperwork for the VFW Post Voice of Democracy winner. Young lady has a very compelling message that may just take her to State level competition. She was fascinated that I had won the competition waaaay back in 1957. Also helping reorganize the Post as the current Commander retires after 20+ years. Biggest hurdle is digitizing and centralizing all the files. Most of the operational file details rest between their ears.

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