



Recipe Corner

The Irish Avocado

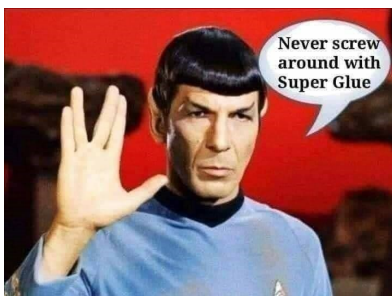
Forest Gump's buddy Bubba chanted a silique about the many ways to cook shrimp. The same could be said for the ubiquitous potato. Here are a few tricks I've learned:

Baked potato: coat with olive oil and sprinkle coarse Kosher salt. Slit lengthwise then three across. Then wrap in foil for soft skin or without for crisp. Save the crisp skins and fill with cheese, onion, and your favorite dip and then back into the oven for an appetizer.

Mashed Potatoes: the secret is to drain the water and then put back on burner to get rid of moisture; add milk, sour cream and butter and let it heat up before mashing with a beater.

Potato Patties: Always make more mashed potatoes than for that first meal. Then refrigerate or freeze leftover. Add an egg, dry Cream of Wheat and minced onion. I throw in some minced garlic too. Chopped sweet peppers work too. Fry over low heat in butter.

Potato Scramble: chop potato and fry until almost soft; add chopped onions, sweet peppers and garlic. Fry until done and toss in beaten eggs. Great breakfast treat; think fried rice.

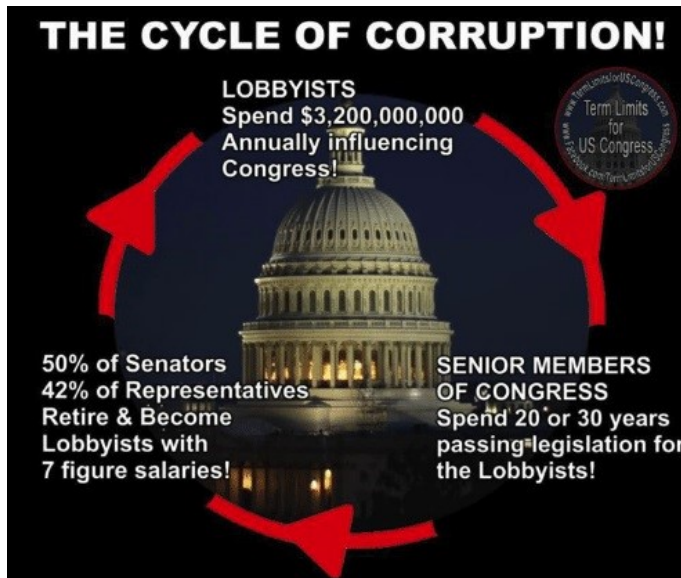


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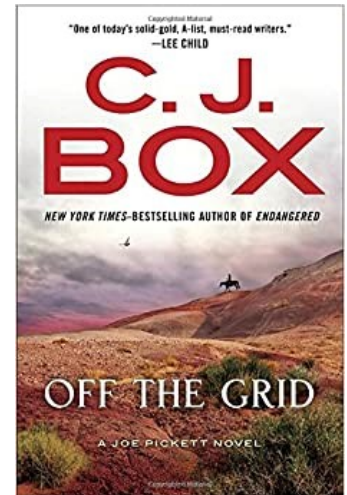
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All the news I see fit to print.
Freedom of the press belongs to those who own one.



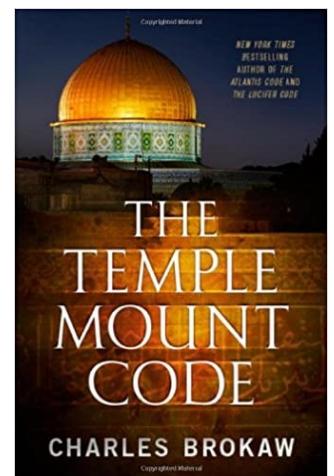
Ever wonder how the Deep State got established? The cycle of corruption sucked the elites of Washington D.C. into a bubble they nurture with a revolving door that makes it an exclusive club. Unelected bureaucrats are sprinkled into the mix giving the Deep State a second layer of protection involving all three branches of the government. The two party election process ensures a steady stream of new and complicit politicians to maintain the cycle. Funny thing happened in 2016. Suddenly one of the government branches was controlled by someone outside the elite circle and all hell broke loose. The entrenched bureaucrats in the executive branch had a new boss who would not play the Deep State game and had the Constitutional power to investigate the other two branches. The legislative branch went ballistic with Mueller investigation and impeachment...didn't work. He was still there after almost four years. Facing another four years with that outsider in charge, they pulled out all the stops for his re-election and were blatant about how they did it. With a handful of billionaires owning the six corporations that control all media, they were sure they could get away with it. How the game will play out is unknown. What is known: that outsider does not play by Deep State rules. He will use the Rule of Law that the Deep State created but ignored.

Bon Mots
To remind my kids:
Having a weird dad
builds character.



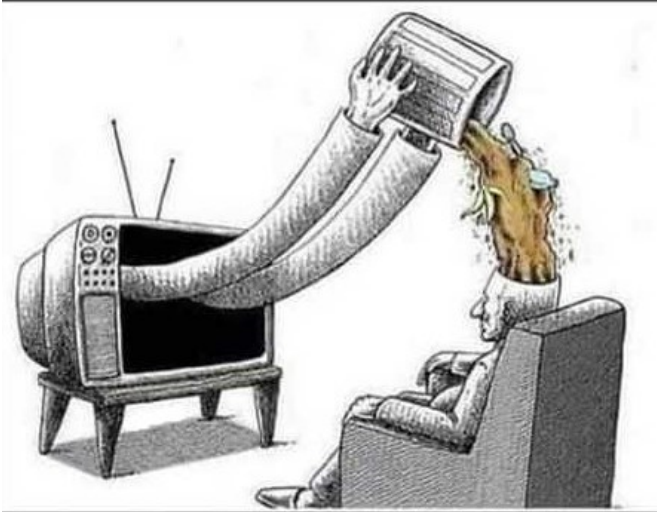
Book Report

Joe Pickett and friend Nate take on a black ops plot that is one of Box's best yet. I'm gradually gathering the entire collection except for his hardcover debut novel (**Open Season**) that's selling for hundreds of dollars. Paperback and Kindle will have to suffice. I have a shelf full of hardcover debut novels of favorite authors.



Finished the four Brokaw novels. This one my favorite but all excellent. Wonder who he is?

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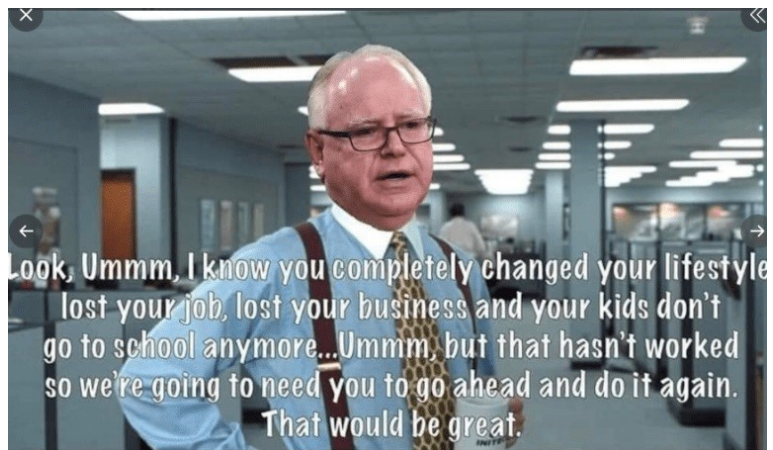
There are six corporations that control 90% of the media. In 1983, there were 50 corporations and the programming was much better because it was based on ratings that determined what programming people watched. The more that watched, the higher the advertising rates. Programming today is based on political philosophy rather than ratings. The six corporations share the same political philosophy so their programming has the similar story line: typically liberal and virtue signaling. Those six corporations also own cable companies and charge hundreds of dollars a month to enable you to watch this garbage. Biased news such as CNN gets a percentage of your cable bill which allows them to stay in business in spite of their disastrous ratings. Nobody likes them yet they make money even from the people who don't watch them. All media means even the streaming media via internet such as Netflix, Amazon, Hulu, etc. Local programming is a ping pong regurgitation of stories carried by newspapers...then to TV...and back to newspapers that mimic the national media's story lines. Local TV news programming is still based on segments created in the early days...national news...then local...then weather...then sports. It's very similar to having every restaurant in town use the same menu and serve the same bland food. If you have an internet connection, you have access to the same information that local programming uses to stage their news shows. If you like infobabes and wise cracking weathermen, here's a way to get local news without paying for cable access: one time purchase of an OTA antenna for as little as \$10. **OTA** is over the air...and you can use this website to figure out what antenna will work best for you depending on how far you live from their transmitter: www.nocable.org You own the airways the government leases to these companies. Maybe start (or resume) using them? Cut the cable!

Mal Mots

*The starfish has a mouth in the middle of its body
with teeth that can crush stone.
Disney's mermaids use them as a bra.*



MN Gov Timmy says you can have 10 family members for Christmas dinner if they stay six feet apart. That means a table 60 feet long? Then you have to provide outdoor seating for any more than the ten lucky enough to be able to eat indoors. Restaurants can serve outdoors too if they can find customers willing to brave the below freezing temperatures. And don't forget to wear your mask while you're eating. **In other news**, there is a nationwide shortage of ammunition in all calibers and gun store shelves are empty.



Minnesota Nice has evolved into Minnesota NUTS.

Failed candidate Stacey Abrams celebrated news Friday a "record 7.7 million Georgians" are registered to vote ahead of the highly contentious Georgia Senate runoff elections. Population of Georgia is 10 million...evidently 77% are over the age of 18 and not only eligible to vote but actually registered? C'mon man!

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