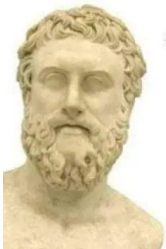




### Recipe Corner

Son Chris happy to have mastered the art and science of **Lasagna**. (using my tips and secrets). **First layer:** homemade sauce with browned half ham-burger and half sweet Italian sausage. **Second layer:** home-made pasta or “no boil” store bought. **Third layer:** Ricotta cheese with egg and Romano cheese stirred in. **Fourth layer:** Quesadilla (not mozzarella) cheese because 100% vs 2% milk. Then repeat the layers a second time. Then sprinkle Parmesan cheese over the top. Spray foil and cover to bake then foil off for last few minutes to brown. Sit for five minutes then serve with Chianti.

Chris is an expert with garlic bread using bread from another of my special recipes.



*"ehh, good enough"*  
~ Mediocretes

Greek historical character created by today’s politicians? Certainly seems so.



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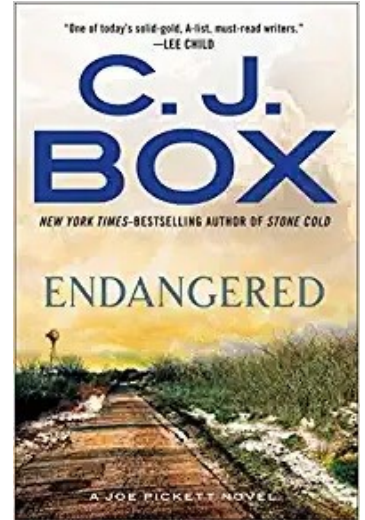
*All the news I see fit to print.*  
*Freedom of the press belongs to those who own one.*



Of the 27 amendments to the Constitution, the first ten are known as the Bill of Rights. The first amendment currently under scrutiny considers the subject of freedom of speech (which is second to the first protection mentioned: freedom of religion). Social media, e.g. Facebook, (sic) Twitter and others, have been co-opted by socialists and being used to eliminate conservatives from expressing their ideas contrary to those of the socialists. The conundrum: they are private companies and can do that if the management of those companies are socialists themselves. Here’s where it will come back to bite them: they are for-profit companies and sell the personal information of their subscribers; both socialists and conservatives. If the conservatives believe in capitalism, they can’t complain about this fact. They can only question their own stupidity for subscribing to those private companies that sell their personal information while denying them an equal voice on the platform. The bite begins with the establishment of new platforms with true freedom of speech to compete with Facebook et al without the loss of personal information. If you’re a conservative and believe in capitalism, what the hell are you doing on the platforms controlled by socialists? **TRY Parler Gab Telegram** Meanwhile, the socialists are beginning the move on cable with a ban on Fox, Newsmax and others. See a pattern here? Use the power of your dollars. Stop playing their game. Grab your bat and ball and stay out of their playground.

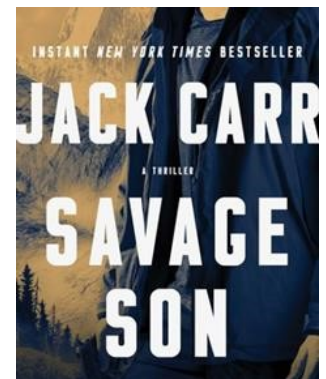
### Bon Mots

*I smile a lot because I don't know what the hell is going on.*



### Book Report

C.J. Box and **Joe Pickett**...just finished four of them. Above one of them. I see Chris Cooper cast for the movie; he’s in **Breach** and **Return to Lonesome Dove** if you want to check him out. **Joe** is a humble straight shooter who will go western on you if you cross him. Long fuse with big explosion. I can relate.



Third in the series and heavy on nomenclature for gadgets and weapons but hell of a story. I’m looking forward to the Amazon movie.

-more-



*Photo of Jeff Bezos in 1999. Think about this the next time you think you can't do something great.*

### **What About Amazon?**

I'm going to lay out some facts about the Amazon empire and let you make your own decisions about further use of his services. At the end of a remodel of my home office, I needed an HDMI cable for one of my monitors. Best Buy wanted \$20 and I would have to get through the mask guard at their front door to get it after driving a couple of miles. With Amazon Prime, I found the same cable for \$8.83 and it was delivered with free shipping to my front door the next day. How can Jeff do that and make money? The answer is...he can't.

Except...he is using the retail business to establish mass support from that retail operation as a firewall against any government action that would threaten his growing empire. It's a loss leader focused on customer support and he makes some profit from the big ticket items. Given the depth of Amazon's customer service, *(follow up and tracking and even a picture of the package at my front door in an email to tell me it has been delivered)* is it any wonder the government is now buying that expertise and renting portions of the Amazon tech farms around the country? If you dig deeper, you'll find the majority of Amazon's income comes from the server farms and not from the retail operation. Bezos has a net worth of over \$200 BILLION *(including \$60 Billion his ex-wife got)*. Jeff is literally changing the face of retail as other retail operations are getting on the internet storefronts to compliment their brick and mortar operations. Manufacturers are getting smart bypassing retail and offering direct selling to their customers as end users rather than distributors. If you don't like socialists telling you how to spend your money...why would you want to tell Jeff how to spend his? I'll enjoy his capitalist side but ignore the Washington Post. Jeff is also building huge warehouses/traffic centers in my area boosting local employment and tax revenue.

***There you have it: keep that knife away from your nose.***

***Ironically, socialists are pushing the \$15 minimum wage and Amazon employees are starting to unionize.***

## **Mal Mots**

***Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.***

***You're welcome.***

I use the free VPN (virtual private network) from Norton. It hides my actual location and sends the signal all over the world making it almost impossible to track. I switched from Singapore to Poland and now getting ads in Polish. FYI: in a normal day of web surfing, you'll pick up over 4,000 trackers and cookies. You can use cCleaner *(free download version)* to strip them out. Read the download instructions carefully as they try to sneak in a Google download as a replacement of your browser. Do NOT use Google...search "Google bubble filter" and you'll see why. I've also attached a rant/rave about Facebook along with this newsletter. More info you never wanted to know about what's going on behind your keyboard. Grandson Shane is a Marine learning all about this stuff to protect his unit from cyber enemies. Every technology is going to be bastardized by idiots thinking it's going to fool people. Example: we see the telephone with party lines and dial phones transition to telemarketers warning us that we must buy their car repair insurance. Prior to the telephone, it was the Post Offices system that would not allow junk mail. Guess what product started that? *(email me for the answer)*. Here's a new blog from me that's been picked up by the news aggregate Whatfinger.com: [thefrankreport.net](http://thefrankreport.net) quit your bitching

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