



Recipe Corner

Half Wheat Bread

- 2 cups of warm water
- 2 tsp salt
- 3 tsp yeast
- 3tsp gluten (optional)
- 2 tsp molasses or honey

Mix until yeast is dissolved...
add alternate cups of whole
wheat flour (2) and bread flour
(2). Knead for about 5-8
minutes. Then into a bowl
sprayed with oil...and turn over
and cover with cloth towel. Let
rise for about an hour.



Punch down and cut in half for
two bread loaf pans. Cover and
let rise again. About an hour.
Oven at 350 degrees for about
30-40 minutes until bread
sounds hollow when tapped.



Brush with butter and let cool.



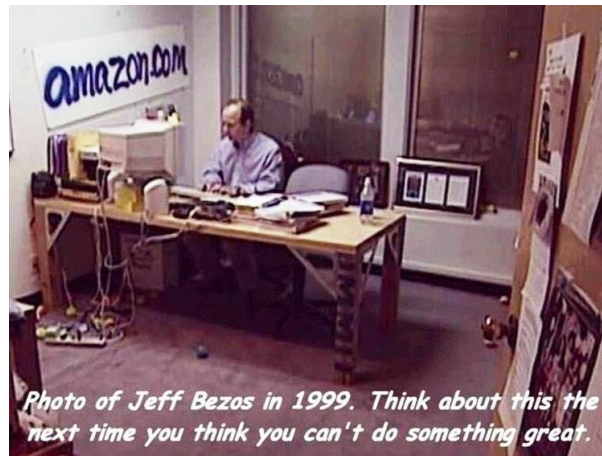
Turned out great...added gluten
helps the wheat flour.
Haven't tried it without.

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All the news I see fit to print.

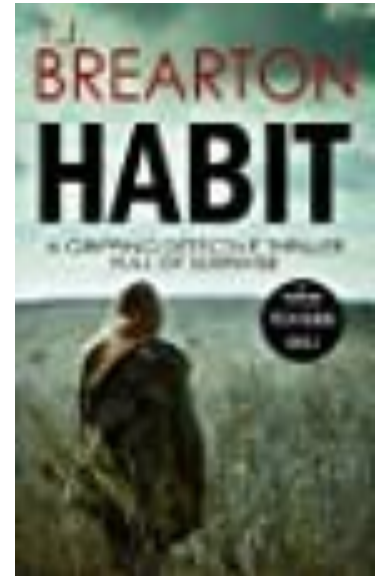
Freedom of the press belongs to those who own one.



Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos is reportedly on track to become the world's first trillionaire, with a recent study showing that his net worth has grown an average of 34 percent over the last five years. The research predicts Bezos will become a trillionaire in 2026. He frequently calls customer support during staff meetings to check whether he'd been told the truth about support wait times. Amazon is famous for having a cut-throat management style and driving employees hard...just like high tech companies. The business press blames Amazon for the failure of traditional retailers. Sears had great customer service and went broke. Bezos is fanatical about customer service and is hyper successful. Liberals are very confused about how they should either attack or defend him since he owns the Washington Post...their source for Trump bashing. He's the quintessential capitalist and I think he did the WaPo thing just to confuse the liberals and keep them at bay. Even his divorce from wife MacKenzie has people confused as she still works with him as she did in that garage in 1994 when she negotiated the first shipping contract for Amazon. She even gave up Amazon shares in the divorce so Jeff wouldn't lose control of the company. Politicians claim Bezos is not worth the money he's earned. Think about that claim for a moment. Maybe Bezos should send those politicians a free mirror...with overnight free delivery? As long as Amazon continues to provide the highest quality at the lowest price, I'm a fan. If Bezos wants to buy spaceship toys with the profits...go for it! Like Musk, he'll probably embarrass NASA.

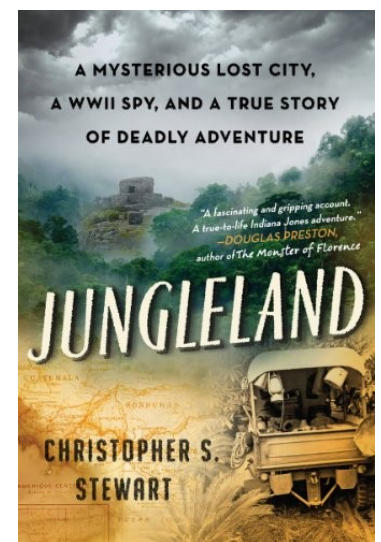
Bon Mots

**You have a right
to your opinion.
I have the right
to ignore it.**



Book Review

Neurobiologist becomes police
detective. Prolific author but
didn't get published (*this could
be considered his debut novel*)
until 2014; then went into
hyper speed with a dozen more.
Looking forward to reading.



Dr. Marshall sent this. Not my
usual genre but held my
attention. Alternating story as
he follows clues left by
previous explorer...finds what
he's been looking for at home.

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Some things you may not know about Amazon:

Their \$208 billion in retail sales (worldwide) produces “only” \$5 billion in operating income. They have 50% of the online international retail sales revenue frequently operating at a loss to drive out competitors.

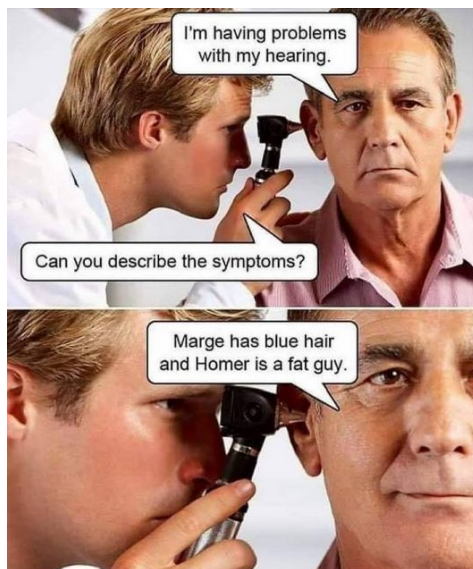
So, where is Bezos getting all that money? AWS, or Amazon Web Services...one of the many cloud computing services. Over 50% of his operating income comes from The Cloud.

There are 21 top cloud computing services. There is a rationale behind companies using these services but I could never figure out why the average consumer would use it. I hope they realize that “cloud” is, in reality, just someone else’s computer.

I use an external hard drive for backup with large USB flash drives for secondary backup of critical information. Both cheaper than the \$60 annual cost of Amazon's AWS cloud...others much higher.

To learn more about cloud computing, search for the fight Microsoft and Amazon had over a government contract. Ultra Top Secret information stored on computers owned by Amazon and Microsoft. Gives you a warm feeling all over, doesn't it? Now toss in the ability of hackers to access these cloud computing centers and you'll start searching doomsday prepper websites.

VA has been closed for “normal” testing but I will remember this one for the hearing test. My hearing aids are now augmented with a Bluetooth gadget for video conferencing with my computer. It also enhances audio on news videos. Catch **whatfinger.com** for greatest aggregate of both sides.

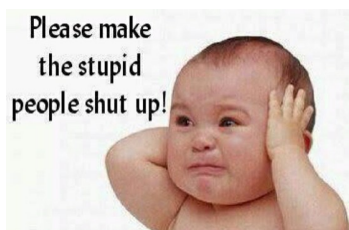


Hope you’re doing well. I encourage you to watch the press briefings. The new press secretary scares hell out of the press corps and actually gives them questions to explore. DNC now not the only source...now the target?

Update on the dishwasher saga...

After watching couple thousand dollars go down the drain (*pun intended*), because of faulty circuit boards, my new dishwasher was installed this week. Works great and the simple control using mechanical relays eliminates the problem inherent when relying on “computer technology”. Haven’t figured out who is the bigger idiot...the marketing “genius” who wanted “computer technology” on Whirlpool dishwashers...or the timid engineer who should have told him to go back to school. Yeah...”him”...no woman would be that stupid. Special tip of the hat to Home Depot and their multi-step process of buying appliances. Got confirmation of every step in the process from initial sale to final installation...using email, phone calls and voicemail. My only complaint was with the installer...7AM? Are you kidding me? In fairness, Home Depot told me he could be there that early that day. Guess I was first in line.

Some of the following headlines are from **The Babylon Bee** and **The Onion**. See if you can spot the real one...



Stacey Abrams Says She Will Step Down As Governor If Asked To Run For VP

Florida Ruled To Be In Violation Of Science For Not Having More People Die

CNN Praises Governor Cuomo For Killing Off The Elderly Since They Probably Would Have Voted For Trump

'I Can't Believe Christians Think It's Safe To Go Back To Church,' Says Woman In Line At Walmart

Updated Patriot Act Finally Legalizes 80% Of Current FBI Operations

Nancy Pelosi Assures Democratic Reps They Don't Need To Try Being Productive During Stressful Pandemic

Wisconsin Primary Voters Receive 'I Voted' Gravestones

Congress Sets Aside \$1,200 In Trust For Each American Until They Prove They're Responsible Enough To Handle It

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