



### Recipe Corner

#### Ham and Pinto Bean Soup

Daughter Margaret served ham and I got the bone with leftovers.

About a pound of dry beans soaked overnight. Drain and rinse...then into the crockpot with four cups of homemade chicken stock. Add two cups of water. Chop a sweet onion. Add about two tbs minced garlic. 1/2 cup of rice and half cup of salsa. About six hours on high.

Remove bone and pull meat apart then back into crockpot. serve with corn bread:

#### Corn Bread

1 1/4 cups of flour

3/4 cup yellow corn meal

1/4 cup sugar

Two tsp baking powder

cup of 1/2 and 1/2

1/4 cup veg oil

One egg

Mix dry ingredients...then mix wet...combine. Use 8 inch greased pan and bake at 400 degrees for about 20 minutes.



**Wine Tip:** 3rd generation winery in Spain...about \$15-20...friend gave me a bottle years ago and I just found some...bought all they had. Truly an excellent grenache.

## THE FRANK REPORT

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



### Unintended Consequences

California politicians are at it again. (D) Lorena Gonzalez, author of Assembly Bill 5, insists the goal of this law is “to create new good jobs and a livable, sustainable wage job.” Gig workers are freelancers who contract for work with clients...not employers. They set their own hours and bargain for the cost of their work. Evidently, this kind of freedom is anathema to Ms Gonzales. How dare they discover a way to avoid labor restrictions government has “bestowed” upon them! Gig workers have a median hourly wage of \$28 while Ms Gonzales says her plan will guarantee them the \$12 per hour state’s minimum wage.

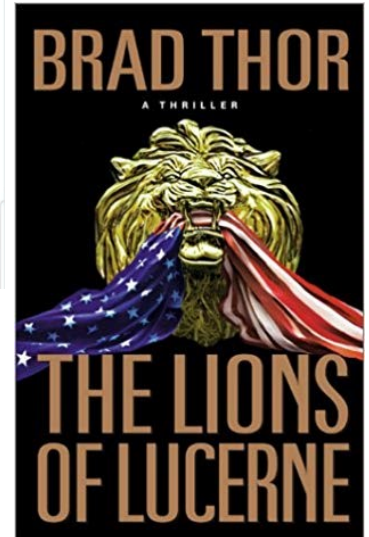
According to a Freelancing in America survey, there is a reported 57 million American freelancers contributing an excess of \$1 trillion dollars to the economy each year. Recent data shows more than 75% of freelancers are working independently by choice. The new CA law has already impacted the freelance market as clients looking for freelancers specifically state they will not accept bids from any CA freelancer because of the threat of lawsuits.

Gonzalez’ intentions might be good, but the stark reality is hundreds of thousands of independent contractors in California will become employees under the bill. Everyone from manicurists, dancers, journalists, writers, bartenders and delivery drivers will be impacted. Business Insider estimated around 7,200 workers have lost their media jobs this year alone. As media faces major challenges in business, this number will only continue to climb as CA publications lack the means to hire more employees. Guess they will have to rely on freelancers like me. You go girl!!!

For more info see **Heidi Lynn Kurter’s** article at **Forbes.com**...she is a freelancer.

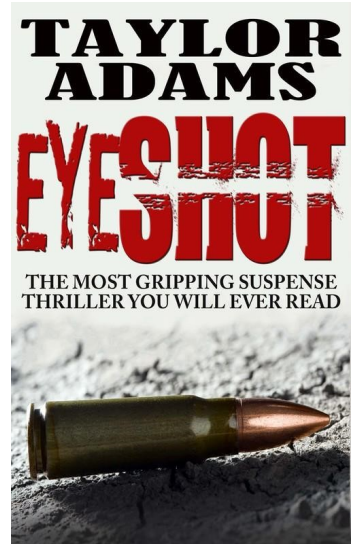
## Bon Mots

Wine improves with age.  
I like it more  
the older I get.



### Book Report

Debut novel from 2002 and the start of hero **Scot Harvath** with 20 in the series. Good.



Debut from 2014 and one of the best thrillers I’ve read. Had to go back and read it again and found even new twists and turns I missed on the first reading. Adams has a second novel and hope it’s the start of a long career.

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**Notable TV: Amazon Prime** (four seasons)

**Poldark** is a British historical period drama based on the novels of the same title by Winston Graham set between 1781 and 1801. The plot follows the titular character on his return to Cornwall after the American War of Independence in 1783. This is the second version of the series by Masterpiece Theatre on PBS. The casting is perfect and the acting great.

**Warning: it's addictive!**



Meanwhile, in a theater near you...no, I haven't seen it yet and given the "woke" nature of Hollyweird, will probably wait for the DVD in the Walmart bargain bin.



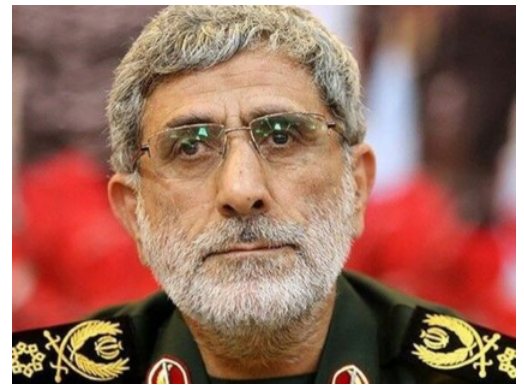
**"Nads" is very disappointed in you.**

He has worked hard for almost three years to protect you from low unemployment, best economy in 50 years, enemy nations who fear our President, a stronger military, booming stock market, median household income highest level ever recorded, minority employment highest ever, lowest food stamp participation, biggest package of tax cuts and reform in history, record number of regulations eliminated, new VA services for veterans, forced NATO partners to pay fair share, replaced NAFTA, and worst of all, Trump is now building that damn wall while illegal immigration is declining.

**You people do not deserve Jerome Nadler!**

**Meanwhile,** YouTubers Vovan and Lexus, called **Maxine Waters'** office and pretended to be climate activist Greta Thunberg, (TIME's "Person of the Year" for 2019) and her father, claiming to have a taped confession from Trump admitting to the exact charges in House Democrats' pending articles of impeachment.

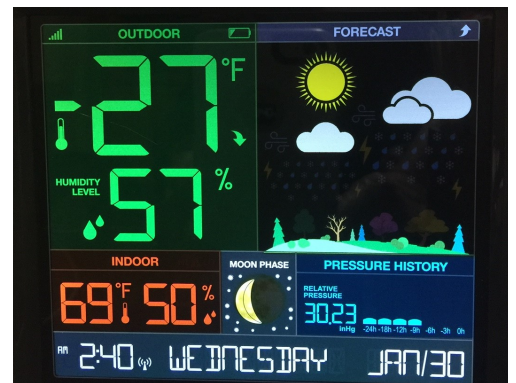
**Mad Max wants to meet!!!**



Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei announced Friday that he has condemned (oops) appointed Brigadier General Esmayeel Qaani to replace former terror chief Qasem Soleimani, whose tenure the United States ended with an airstrike this week.



Chuck and Nancy have objected to the elimination of terror chief Soleimani without getting their permission to do so. As a result, they have contacted General Qaani and invited him to caucus with the Democrats. General Qaani doesn't appear too happy with either announcement.



Reminder from last year of what's coming. We've been lucky so far. My driveway is bare (thanks to son Chris) and the temp is 70 degrees higher. As I mention often, it's always 72 degrees inside.

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