



Pinto Beans and Ham

(daughter Margaret had me over for dinner and I got the ham bone because she knows I like to experiment. Here's the recipe):

Crockpot gets 2 cups chicken broth and 2 cups of pinto beans. No need to soak overnight. Chop up a medium size sweet onion...some garlic buds, tsp thyme, several slices bacon chopped, and the ham bone making sure it's got leftover ham. Add water to float the beans and fill the crockpot (*I used a medium size*).

After a few hours, remove the ham bone and strip the good stuff off it back into the crockpot. Continue to run at low all day. May want to mash about 1/3 cup of the beans to thicken the sauce. The goal is a result that gets scooped over rice. It's good just at that level but you could add cilantro and sweet peppers and any other veg.

Found some neat freezer containers at Amazon for leftovers and son William has volunteered to raid my freezer periodically saying *"it sucks cooking for one"*. Yeah verily!

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Freedom of the press belongs to those who own one.*



No, I haven't commented on the Mueller "report" nor have I suggested next steps in this debacle...yet. The TDS Democrats have decided to stay focused on a strategy that is as obvious as that of the flat earthers. As Mark Twain said: *"No man's life, liberty or property is safe while the legislators are in session."* Let's hope they continue this behavior until we can get them kicked out of office. Even their yesterday darling "Occasionally Cortex" is in danger from her own party as a billionaire in her district has set his sights on her seat. And we're now up to 19 Democrats fully convinced that they can beat Trump in the 2020 election. The Lame Stream Media have bent over backwards trying to support them but even the hacks at CNN are having a hard time keeping a straight face.

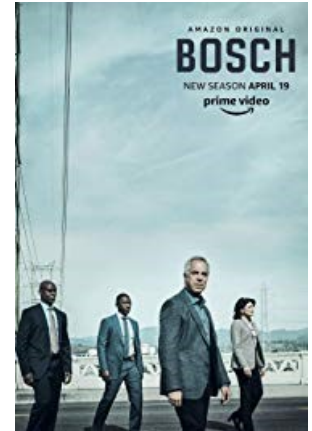


This news aggregate website is the best source of the latest grin worthy pronouncements from the TDS crowd. They also link my articles from my blog so I am naturally biased. They highlighted my latest; **1913+16+17=404** and found a permanent spot for another of my articles about taxes. You'll find all of my articles at my blog: **thefrankreport.net.**



Bon Mots

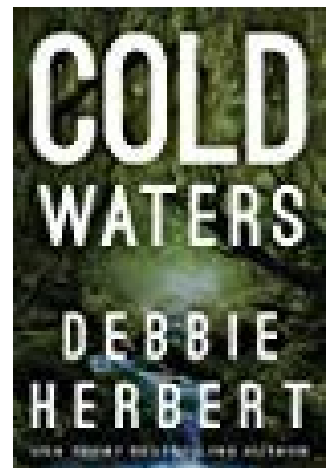
Some people lack the ability to laugh at themselves That's where I come in.



TV Report

New season for **Bosch** by Michael Connelly starring Titus Welliver whose name is as different than Hieronymus Bosch. The Amazon series has stayed true to the novels as Connelly is one of the producers. Interesting ...so is Titus. Highly recommend.

Book Report



Free book from Amazon. Six characters developed and interacting but about 1/3rd way in I gave up. Plot was too transparent. Could have been a 1950's movie. Meh!

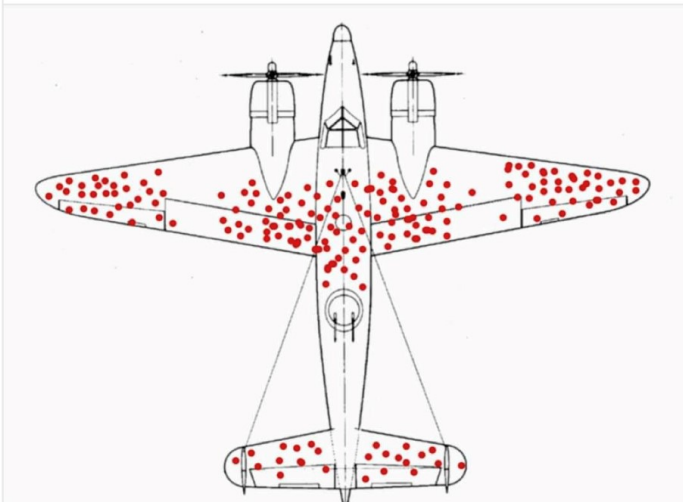
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A beautiful contrarian truth - During WWII, the Navy tried to determine where they needed to armor their aircraft to ensure they came back home. They ran an analysis of where planes had been shot up, and came up with this.

Obviously the places that needed to be up-armored are the wingtips, the central body, and the elevators. That's where the planes were all getting shot up.

Abraham Wald, a statistician, disagreed. He thought they should better armor the nose area, engines, and mid-body. Which was crazy, of course. That's not where the planes were getting shot.

Except Mr. Wald realized what the others didn't. The planes were getting shot there too, but they weren't making it home. What the Navy thought it had done was analyze where aircraft were suffering the most damage. What they had actually done was analyze where aircraft could suffer the most damage without catastrophic failure. All of the places that weren't hit? Those planes had been shot there and crashed. They weren't looking at the whole sample set, only the survivors.



Wald took statistical data study to a new level when he looked outside the box. Much of his work was adopted by the insurance industry to establish mortality rates versus premium costs. Now you know why insurance companies will bet when you're going to die and win if you take that bet.



Wald's story reminded me of my first tour in Vietnam. We're tooling around over Indian country at 2500 feet. One of the maintenance chiefs asked if we had self sealing gas tanks. Uhhh, seems we didn't. Also remember duct tape covering some of the bullet holes. Huge pucker factor after the fact.



Brenda (Bessel) Siegler and **Michelle (McClaren) Hicks** both have birthdays today. Of course, I'm wise enough not to tell you how old they are...let alone how old these pictures are.



Hey ladies...
...could have been worse.
And I'm sure David and Judy have some older pictures of Brenda.



Best wishes to Brenda: sieg2876@isd194.org

Best wishes to Mishmouse: mishmouse@iowatelecom.net



I should probably explain that bath in the sink picture...Michelle was not the only one. My guess is our regular bathtub was filled with a dozen dead turkeys...a story Sharon Nedza will share. Aunt Roselee improvised.

Makes the kids nervous knowing I have over 15,000 pictures on my computer and not knowing when I'll publish the best (*my perspective*).

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