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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I discovered a new eatery for us: Daddy Mac's Down Home Drive. We both enjoyed our meetings, as well as Rebecca's friendly service. We will be back.



B. I had the pleasure of meeting my friend Bill Branyon for a delicious lunch at Ziggy's, at which time we also solved all the world's problems. ... And if Bill's name is familiar, it is because he is one of the candidates for



C. TIME FOR MY ANNUAL TREK! ...This year, I'm heading up North and down South. ... Some of the details: (1) I will be in both the Livingston, NJ, and Bucks County, PA, areas from May 19-21. (2) There is a definite get together at Zebra Striped Whale in Newtown, PA, on Saturday, May 21, from 2-4 p.m. that will be made memorable by that fact that John Strauss will be leading a sing-along of arguably the greatest rock song of all time. (3) From there, I'll be in the Lake Worth, FL, area from May 23-25. ... If you'd like to try to get together during any of these times, please message me via Facebook or send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put TREK in the subject line.



D. It was a busy week for my BLAINESWORLD show on WPVM, in that I was on the air four separate times.

(1) You can catch the first show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) Jodi Ford and Ashley Lung with Sunrise Community for Recovery & Wellness; and (second half) Ellen Pappas and Susan Mengel with The Autumn Players.



(2) The second show can be found: [Here](#). ... Guest: Cindy Smith, Executive Director at the Jewish Family Services of Western North Carolina.



(3) For the third show, click: [Here](#). ... Guests John Hall, Trinity Smith-Keel and Julie Wharton discuss BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA, which will run at the Black Mountain Center for the Arts from May 13-22.



(4) And for the last show, click: [Here](#). ... Guests: Sam Rodd and Max Morter, actors, discussing ALL SHOOK UP--HART's upcoming play that will run from May 13-June 5./



E. Congratulations to Howard Smith on winning the Church of God Senior's national piano competition. To see his performance, click: [Here](#).

F. Correction: Last week, I mentioned AMNESIA'S COUNTRY WESTERN JAMBOREE--now at Hendersonville Theatre through May 8. Matilyn Hull did the excellent choreography. I had her first name spelled wrong. Sorry 'bout that!

G. Announcing this week's ..

******* BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD *******

This week, it goes to the iPhone 13. I needed a new phone when I couldn't upgrade apps in my iPhone 7 because of a lack of space. Cynthia needed a new phone because her iPhone 7 wasn't charging very quickly.

So we both went to the Verizon store on Tunnel Road and got new phones--and are already very pleased with them.

They run so much better than our previous phones, and the battery life is excellent.

We also both got a great trade-in for our previous phones.

If you are due for and/or interested in a new iPhone, read this review for more information: [Here](#).

Special thanks to Webber and Omar, the sales personnel in the Verizon store who helped us. We used to dread having to go for an upgrade, but this time, it was so easy. Speedy, too.

And kudos to Aly, a tech support expert with Verizon (in Tennessee), who provided superior phone service when we had some follow-up questions.

2. Invites

A. CONGRATULATIONS to Marry Jo Leonard, winner of Contest #7: a copy of WAYMISH: Why are you making it so hard for me to give you my money? by by Ray Considine and Ted Cohn.

All told , there were four entries.

And that reminds me it is now time to introduce ...

******* Contest #8 *******

In honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day (on April 27), one lucky reader will win an autographed copy of 94 MAIDENS: A NOVEL INSPIRED BY TRUE EVENTS.

To quote one Amazon reviewer:

I could not put this book down. I found it compelling to read the author's feelings as she traveled to the sites of the concentration camps with her husband and teenage son, and then went back in history to what was actually happening to the Jews during the Holocaust. Everyone must read this book. Very well written.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST 7 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include both your name and mailing address. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Mon, May 9.

B. Want to be a guest on my radio/Facebook Live show? If you have news you'd like to share and/or a story to tell, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put GUEST in the subject line. In the body of the email, include both your name and phone number.

For more information about the show, click: [Here](#).

Even if you've been a guest before, I'd welcome the opportunity to speak with you again. I now tape via Zoom, usually in the early evenings.

C. Are you interested in shows, concerts, movies, TV, etc.? ... If so, I encourage you to join a new group I've formed on Facebook that's called Entertainment. To do so, all you need to do is follow the instructions when you click: [Here](#).

D. Come join Cynthia for the two courses she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week via Zoom: Meditation on Monday and Move Your Body on Wednesday. To attend these and/or any of the other courses, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

3. FYI

Watchdog: Private Medicare plans denied nearly 1 in 5 claims that should have been paid

UNREAL! ... The denials often were a result of errors in processing claims. ... According to one expert, the report suggests some private Medicare plans are aggressive at denying or delaying care. ... To note: If your Medicare or any insurance claim is ever denied, file an appeal. (Many Medicare and insurance companies will automatically deny all claims, hoping you won't bother raising a challenge.)

To read this article, click: [Here](#).

4. Joke 1

I now can't get his song out of my head! And Mr. Nice Guy here, I'll subject you to the same fate if you click [Here](#).



5. Reviews

A. Enjoyed THE SURVIVOR, a fact-based biography about Poland's Harry Haft, who was forced to fight 76 other Auschwitz prisoners for the entertainment of SS officers before escaping to America and fighting Rocky Marciano. USC Shoah Foundation Executive Director Emeritus Stephen D. Smith has called it "one of the best contributions to Holocaust filmography since Schindler's List."

It is quite violent, but should be watched for no other reason than to see Ben Foster's magnificent performance.

To read more about it (and his dramatic weight loss and gain), click: [Here](#).

It can be seen on both HBO and HBO Max.

B. Saw LIMITLESS on HBO. It is a thriller about a writer whose life changes when he gets a drug that produces enhanced mental acuity. I liked the performances of Bradley Cooper, Robert De Niro and Abbie Cornish and overall, I'd recommend you watch it. (Cynthia didn't find it especially enjoyable.)

Rated PG-13, but I would have given it an R--especially because of a 5-minute segment toward the end.

C. Worth reading is THE WARM HEART OF AFRICA: AN OUTRAGEOUS ADVENTURE OF LOVE, MUSIC, AND MISHAPS IN MALAWI by my friend Jack Allison... The book tells the story of how he grew up as a poor Southern white boy and discovered music. That led to an appearance on THE ED SULLIVAN SHOW with the UNC Men's Glee Club--and Sullivan cutting one of the numbers planned for the Dave Clark Five so the Glee Club could sing another song. ... From there, it was on the Peace Corps in Malawi, during which time Allison wrote Malawi's number one hit song and went on to become more popular than the country's own president. ... From there, after many amazing adventures, he went on to become a doctor while continuing to write songs and jingles. .. You'll be delighted with his stories. And you'll hope, like me, that Jack Allison comes out with a follow-up book to update readers about his life after the Peace Corps.

***** SPECIAL REQUEST DEPARTMENT *****

I'm trying to help Jack get a copy of the above book to MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell. For the life of us, we can't seem to reach him, and we've tried many different ways. I've even sent O'Donnell a registered letter, and it came back as "refused." Might you have any suggestions on how to reach him?

6. TV alert

A. GRACE AND FRANKIE (Season 7, Part 2): Now on Netflix

The smash hit concludes its adventures with Dolly Parton joining stars Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin.

B. RIDLEY ROAD: Mon, May 1, at 9 p.m. on PBS

In this drama inspired by the real-life fight against neo-Nazis in 1960s London, a Jewish girl tries to infiltrate a fascist group to save her anti-fascist boyfriend.

C. TRY HARDER: Mon., May 2, at 10 p.m. on PBS

How Darwinian is the competition at San Francisco's culturally diverse, Asian American-majority Lowell High School? As one Stanford-yearning student puts it, "Even if I had a 4.0 GPA and got a nearly perfect score on the SAT, I'd have a 1 in 5 chance." Find out by watching this nail-biting documentary.

D. THE STAIRCASE: Coming Thurs., May 5, to HBO Max

The hit true-crime docuseries about Michael Peterson and his wife, who wound up suspiciously dead at the foot of the stairs, becomes a dramatic series starring Toni Collette, Colin Firth and Sophie Turner.

7. Joke 2

This reminds me of one of my favorite ads .. Doctors say that 7 out of 10 Americans suffer from hemorrhoids ... Does that mean the other 3 enjoy them? (Thanks, Mike Urso, for sharing.)



8. Clips/Websites

A. The Turtles are arguably the greatest rock group of all time!

(1) As mentioned previously, this section will feature music by The Turtles--either their recordings and/or covers of their music by others.

I'd especially love to see any recording you may have done of "Happy Together."

Send it to: bginbc@aol.com and put THE TURTLES in the subject line.

Note: Even if you did not do a recording, I welcome anything done by others--not only of "Happy Together," but any other Turtles' song.

(2) For this week, please view this version from Leah Marlene in this year's AMERICAN IDOL competition: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

"This Is Love," the latest song written and performed by my friend Sarah Kohrs: [Here](#).

Afterward, please keep listening for a few excerpts from her first Asheville house concert (with Tumo Kohrs). Or click to listen: [Here](#).

My hope is that you like the above as much as I do. Please share your reaction via an email to: bginbc@aol.com. Put REACTION in the subject line.

C. And also check out these other clips at your convenience:

(1) "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow?" by The Shirelles, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (5.1.2022): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Dog: Klaus Voorman: [Here](#).

(4) Note: For more information about Voorman, see Voorman & Friends by clicking: [Here](#).

(5) Elaine Bilk: Perfect swing: [Here](#).

(6) Jonathan Berg: Kris still has some Covid symptoms and staying home until she tests negative. Here's the test she takes every day: [Here](#).

D. Here's a website that you might want to check out:

THE ONION, the online satirical newspaper, was started in 1988 and is still around. If you've never checked it and/or haven't done so for a long time, you can now do so by clicking: [Here](#).

Some recent articles that will make you laugh include:

Biden Tries To Boost Approval Ratings By Showing A Little Ankle

Ohio Law Mandates Rape Victims Send Thank You Notes For Gift Of Parenthood

Mark Zuckerberg Asks Hawaiian Neighbor To Cut Down Unsightly, Overgrown Rainforest

E. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running . . . to view it, please click: [Here](#).

F. Are you on Facebook? In the unlikely event we have not yet connected as friends there, please feel free to send me an invite by clicking: [Here](#).

9. Technology tip

Website Safety Check: Is This Website Safe?

The internet is packed with scams, so website safety checks are crucial to staying safe online. Before visiting a new site--and exposing sensitive personal info--ask yourself: Is this website safe? Keep reading to learn our top ten tips to check website safety, and download a trusted online security app to make sure you stay safe on all the websites you visit.

To read this informative article, click: [Here](#).

Note: You do NOT have to download AVG AntiVirus software to read the article, but if you do, be advised that this software (and company) is legitimate.

As you might have expected, I first checked it out before making making the above statement. You can do so,

too, by clicking: [Here](#).

I personally use Malwarebytes for my antivirtus protection and am pleased with it.

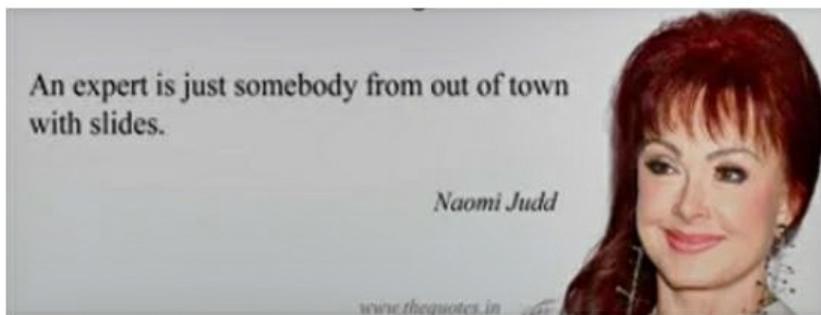
10. Joke 3

To be safe, methinks I should also sit out tomorrow. (Thanks, Ed Nasta, for sharing.)

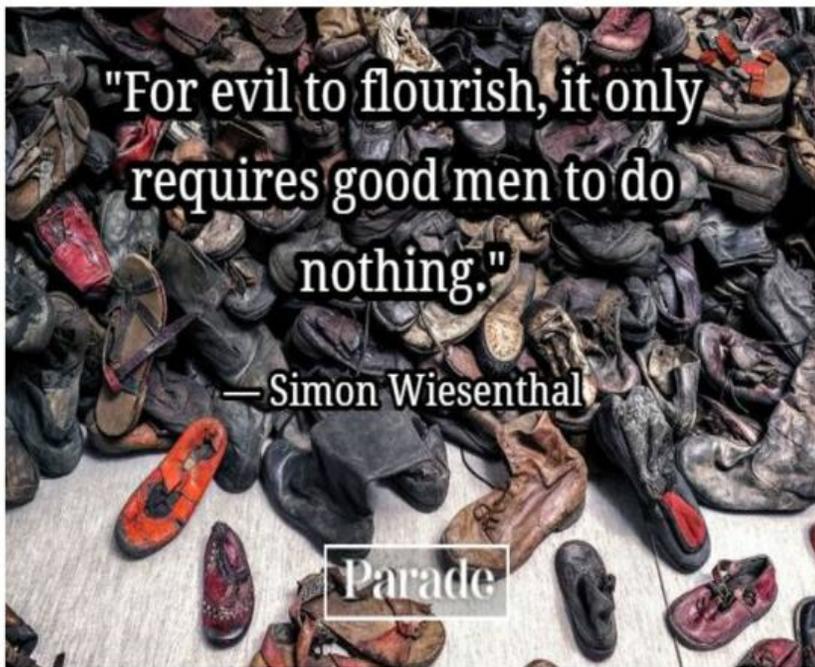


11. Two quotes I like

A. Thanks, Naomi Judd (1946-2022), for your career as an an American country music singer and actress. Sadly, you passed just before your induction--alongside daughter Wynonna--into Nashville's Country Music Hall of Fame. ... For more information about her life, click: [Here](#).



B. Holocaust Remembrance Day was this past Wednesday, lest we forget ...



"For evil to flourish, it only
requires good men to do
nothing."

— Simon Wiesenthal

Parade

12. Thought for the day

A wise man once faced a group of people who were complaining about the same issues over and over again. One day, instead of listening to the complaints, he told them a joke and everyone cracked up laughing.

Then, the man repeated the joke. A few people smiled.

Finally, the man repeated the joke a third time—but no one reacted.

The man smiled and said, "You won't laugh at the same joke more than once. So what are you getting from continuing to complain about the same problem?"

The Moral:

You're not going to get anywhere if you keep complaining about the same problem but do nothing to fix it.

Don't waste your time complaining, expecting other people to continue to react to your complaints. Instead, take action to make a change.

Source: [Here](#).

PS. Make it a great week!
