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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I got to see SART's first show of the 2021 season: THE LAST FIVE YEARS. ... You'll love this tuneful musical. Chelsey Lee Gaddy and Richie Barrella are both terrific in the starring roles, and J. Ethan Henry's direction is spot on. ... It runs through July 4. For tickets, please click: [Here](#).



B. Afterward, we paid our first visit to the S&W Food Market. It won't be our last. ... Many fine eateries are there, including where we ate that evening: Buxton Chicken Palace and Bun Intended ... And you'll never go wrong by topping off your meal with dessert from The Hop Ice Cream.



C. As can be seen, the Hartzog family outside itself with food at its second Summer Solstice AND Hugs-are-Back Potluck.



D. The Montford Park Players have another smash with the world premiere of GRIMM'S FAIRY TALES, written by Barbie Angell, Kathryn Langwell and Honor Moor, directed by Victoria Lamberth and assistant directed (and stage managed) by Sara Hassinger. ... This is a show for kids, as well as their parents and grandparents. ... It runs on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights at 7:30 p.m. through July 24 at the Hazel Robinson Amphitheatre. .. You'll laugh throughout, especially as you view Joan Rinchisen's take on a wealthy guy who bears a remarkable resemblance to a recent president; Hogan McLamb's inspired tap dancing; comic antics from Jered Shults and John Adams; Paula O'Brien's tuneful singing; and the enthusiastic narration from Blaine Weiss, Gordon Pendarvis and Aaron Ybarra. And lest I forget anybody else, kudos to all the other members of the talented cast who helped make the evening the success that it was: Sage Albert, Madison Brightwell, Celia Butterworth, Ana-Alicia Carroll, Lydia Congdon, Gaia Eggert, Matilyn Hull, Ariel Killillay, Bradely Langan, Eleanor Leaven, Tod Leaven, Liz Mason, Melissa Mason, Donald McManus, Frank Salvo, Daniel Sandoval, Lily Stejskal, Aidoneus Watson and Lucas York.



E. And, as always, it was a treat to be greeted at the above by David Broshar at the concession stand that he so ably runs.



F. During the week, I participated in an excellent session of the Home Business Success Community. Members exchanged ideas on how to best hone your message.

Here's more information about this group:

A common complaint about home business owners is that they feel alone, making all the decisions and wearing all the hats. The Home Business Success Community changes all that. It's an online membership community of like-minded professionals, many of whom have been there, done that. So you're no longer alone. ... To find out more about how the Home Business Success Community can help your home business thrive, click: [Here](#)



G. Please catch the most recent BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) Dawn Westmoreland, HR consultant, radio talk host, author, coach, and speaker on Workplace Bullying & Discrimination; and (second half): Jeffrey Crespo, senior financial educator, North Carolina Financial Literacy Campaign.



H. Condolences to the family and friends of Chris Bursk, my longtime colleague at Bucks County Community College, on his recent passing. To read his obituary, click: [Here](#).

I. Congratulations to:

(1) Bill Branyon for his opinion piece in a recent CITIZEN-TIMES. To read it, please click: [Here](#).

(2) Dawn Westmoreland on her interview on Amazon's Prime Day. To view it, click: [Here](#).

J. There's still time to enter:

(1) This special contest one lucky winner will win two tickets to THE LAST FIVE YEARS at SART, running through Sun., July 4. For information about the show:, please click: [Here](#).

To enter, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put LAST FIVE YEARS in the subject line. In the body of the email, include your name, email address and phone number. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Tues., June 29

(2) And also :

******* CONTEST #12 *******

One lucky reader will win a copy of STAND UP TO WORKPLACE BULLYING AND DISCRIMINATION: SOLUTIONS, TOOLS, & GUIDELINES by my friend Dawn Marie Westmoreland.

To quote Jeff Rigenbach, speaker/trainer/coach with the John Maxwell team, "[This is] a must-read for anyone being taken advantage of by people in power."

To enter this contest. Send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #12 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include both your name and email address, as well as your mailing address. All entries must be received on or before the EXTENDED DEADLINE of 9 p.m. on Tues., June 29.

K. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Yasso--a company that I've written about before. It makes delicious frozen desserts with Greek yogurt that typically run 140 calories or less. I can be seen below, eating one of the newest products: an ice cream sandwich that tastes even better than it looks. .. For more information about the other Yasso products, please click [Here](#).



2. FYI

How to Shop Online and Not Get Ripped Off

by Nicole Nguyen

Shopping online can feel like magic. A couple of clicks and a few days later, a box is on your doorstep. But it can also feel like playing a game of digital dodgeball. Shoppers must tread carefully to avoid the fake reviews, unsafe or mislabeled products, or counterfeit goods hiding behind legitimate-seeming listings.

That's because we are living in the Marketplace Era. Third-party sellers peddle their wares via the digital bazaars of Amazon, Walmart, Target—and now even Urban Outfitters and J.Crew. The deal could be seen as a win-win: Customers get a larger selection of products and retailers get a cut of more sales. The problem? It adds a layer of mystery for shoppers. Instead of buying from that site you know, you're buying from a seller you don't know, and often it's a product whose brand you've never heard of.

For the rest of the informative article, please click: [Here](#).

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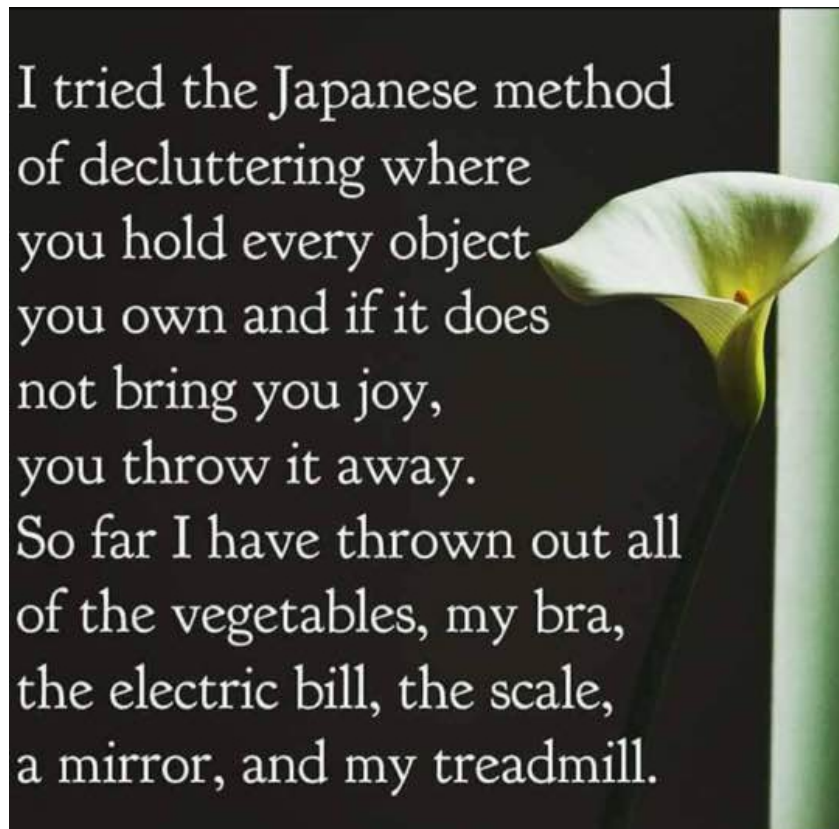
FYI, part 2

To read the following articles, please click: [Here](#).

A. 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame' at 25. B. Miscarriages Are Awful and Abortion Politics Make Them Worse. C. How Deceptive Campaign Fund-Raising Ensnarers Older People. D. Marie Kondo, Nate Berkus and More Experts Reveal Their Secret Hacks for a Hyper-Organized Home.

3. Joke 1

Something for me to try, too! (Thanks, Gil Calderwood, for sharing.)



4. Reviews

A. Saw WONDER WOMAN 1984, an OK sequel to the 2017 film. Gal Gadot again is terrific in the leading role. I also liked Kirsten Wiig's addition to the cast, as well as the 1980s setting and costume. There's a terrific beginning, but things fell apart for me with the ending. That said, make sure you watch through the credits for a guest appearance that will put a smile on your face. Rated PG-13.

B. Enjoyed LIMELIGHT, a touching film about a dancer who attempts suicide--only to be rescued by a once-famous stage clown. Charlie Chaplin and Claire Bloom are both outstanding in this film. The only thing I didn't like was the fact that a few parts of it dragged. Rated G, though methinks that young children wouldn't like it very much.

Note: The instrumental theme for the film was composed by Chaplin. It's one of the most beautiful you'll ever hear. In 1973, over 20 years after the film's first release, Chaplin and his musical collaborators Raymond Rasch and Larry Russell were awarded an Oscar for Best Original Dramatic Score. To listen to it, click: [Here](#).

5. TV alert

A. THE LITTLE THINGS: Sun., June 27, at 6:45 p.m.

Denzel Washington and Rami Malek work together to crack a serial murder case.

B. SCRIPPS NATIONAL SPELLING BEE: Sun., June 27, at 7 p.m. on ESPN2

After a 2020 cancellation, the semifinals start tonight.

C. CAPITAL ONE COLLEGE BOWL: Wednesdays at 10 p.m. on NBC

Peyton Manning, hosts, along with his older brother Cooper, this all-new version of the classic quiz show.

D. LET HIM GO: Sat., July 3, at 8 p.m. on HBO

A retired sheriff (Kevin Costner) and his wife (Diane Lane), grieving over the death of their son, set out to find their only grandson.

6. Joke 2

This guy is definitely experiencing pier pressure. For inspiration, methinks he should listen to Otis Redding's classic song: [Here](#).



7. 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: bjinbc@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 slip from a 2007 performance: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

My friend Rock Eblen has a fabulous new song: "Walkin Disaster." To view him singing it, please click: [Here](#).

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

(1) Louis Armstrong, "What A Wonderful World," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Dillon Giles: Fight the Dragons: [Here](#).

(3) Howard Smith: 6.27.21 Hymns: [Here](#).

(4) Aaron Ybarra: Digital church, 6.27.2021: [Here](#).

(5) David Troy Francis: Amazing vocals from T.3: [Here](#).

Note: Did some research on the above group and found this other vocal that I thought you'd like: [Here](#).

(6) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Todd Rundgren has had great success as both an artist and producer and this year finally made it into the rock and roll hall of fame. To view Neil's take, please click: [Here](#).

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

IMDBb tells you who starred in various films. In addition, it lists every fact it can about the cast and crew of every TV show and movie ever made. It also offers up trailers and news. ... To view all this and more, click: [Here](#).

What I especially like about this website is the fact that you can find memorable quotes from your favorite films; e.g., this one from AS GOOD AS IT GETS:

Melvin Udall: Hey, I've got a great compliment for you.

Carol Connelly: You know what? I...

Melvin Udall: Just let me... let me talk. I might be the only person on the face of the earth that knows you're the greatest woman on earth. I might be the only one who appreciates how amazing you are in every single thing that you do, and how you are with Spencer, "Spence," and in every single thought that you have, and how you say what you mean, and how you almost always mean something that's all about being straight and good. I think most people miss that about you, and I watch them, wondering how they can watch you bring their food

and clear their tables and never get that they just met the greatest woman alive. And the fact that I get it makes me feel good... about me.

[beat]

Melvin Udall: Is that something that's bad for you to be around... for you?

Carol Connelly: [moved] No.

You'll even find yours truly listed in the above database. To see for yourself, click: [Here](#).

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](#).

8. Technology tip

WhatsApp hijack scam continues to spread

Scammers are continuing to target WhatsApp users and hijack their accounts, by posing as a friend and asking for SMS security codes.

The scam has existed for years but has continued to catch people out, with victims sharing their stories on social media.

WhatsApp says users should never hand over their security codes to anybody, even if they appear to be a friend.

To read the rest of this eye-opening article, please click: [Here](#).

Note: By the same token, I'd recommend not becoming friends with anybody on social media who you do not know. Often, out of nowhere, you might get approached by somebody who appears friendly. You'll then be asked to open a WhatsApp account. That is the sign that nothing good is about to happen.

9. Joke 3

My wife asked me to whisper dirty things in her ear. So I leaned in and told her, "Kitchen, living room, bathroom." (Thanks, Beth Appel, for sharing.)



10. A quote I like

"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair."--Shirley Chisolm (1924-2005), American politician, educator and author who became the first Black woman elected to the United State Congress and, also, the first Black candidate to run for a major party's nomination for President of the United States

11. Thought for the day

"If something is true, no amount of wishful thinking will change it."--Richard Dawkins (born 1941), British ethologist, evolutionary biologist and author



12. Advance planning department

For more information about these upcoming events, please click: [Here](#).

A. Barrie Barton: Pitch Yourself To Success. B. Jimmy Ferraro: Added DINNER SHOW! THURSDAY, JULY 15th. C. The Magnetic Theatre: We're less than 2 weeks away from Kore! Do you have your tickets yet?

PS. Make it a great week!
