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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I spent a nice day with our friends Bonnie Solomon (far left) and Bonnie Sibner (second from left). We first toured Givens Estates, a retirement community, and then had fabulous cheesesteaks at Ziggy's. Afterward, we toured Deerfield, another retirement community. ... We are many years away from living at either location, but wanted to at least start finding out more about them.



B. We recently enjoyed our meals at DTK Thai Kitchen.



C. See below for just some of the flowers we get to look at every day in our yard.



D. Saw *THE LAST ROMANCE*, a tender romantic comedy, now paying at HART (see also Sect. 2A) through Aug. 23. ... I was fortunate to catch the last dress rehearsal and loved this play, directed with aplomb by Steve Lloyd (top picture, far left)—largely because of the terrific performances from Lyn Donley and Frannie (top photo, center) Dakota Benfield (bottom photo), Stephen A. Gonya and Suzanne Tinsley. ... For tickets, click: [Here](#).

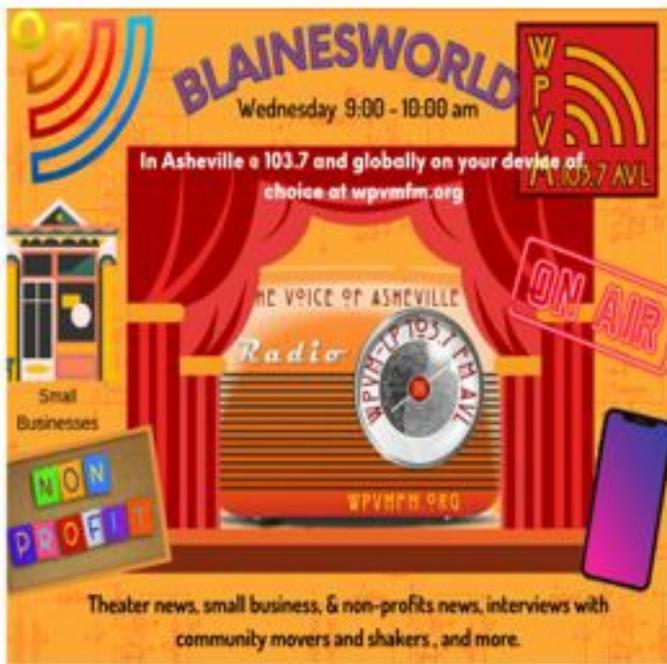


E. I was honored to have been asked to serve on the Advisory Board of The Magnetic Theatre. We had a very productive first meeting at Summit Coffee Asheville.



F. Catch this past week's BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) Rock Eblen, producer, Bioflyer Productions; and (second half): Jay Hill, organizer, PechaKucha Night Asheville, and Sarah Darro, gallery manager, Center for Craft.

Thanks, Davyne Dial, for the fabulous artwork (seen below the pictures of the guests) that I'll now be using to promote each week's show.



G. Correction: Thanks, Risa Reavely, for pointing out that I had a wrong name in last week's issue. This is what I meant to run:

Congratulations to Stacey Anne and Colin Vandling on the birth of of Owen Michael Vandling, their son.

H. Announcing this week's ...

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

It goes to It goes to Cori Bush, the first time congresswoman from St. Louis, who galvanized a progressive revolt over evictions.

One woman can make a difference. ... She got an orange sleeping bag, grabbed a lawn chair and began what turned into a round-the-clock sit-in on the steps of the Capitol that galvanized a full-on progressive revolt. ... She stayed put—in rain, cold and brutal summer heat—until Tuesday, when Pres. Biden abruptly relented and announced a new, 60-day federal eviction moratorium. ... To quote Sen. Warren, "It matters that you're here--not someone else."

To read more about this remarkable woman, click: [Here](#).

2. Invites

A. Announcing ...

***** CONTEST #17 *****

You can win two tickets to HART's current play, THE LAST ROMANCE. (See also Section 1D.) It is terrific! ... To enter, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #17 in the subject line. in the body of the email, include your mailing list, email address and phone number. Entries must be received on or before Thurs., August 12, at 9 p.m.

B. There's still time to enter ...

***** CONTEST #16 *****

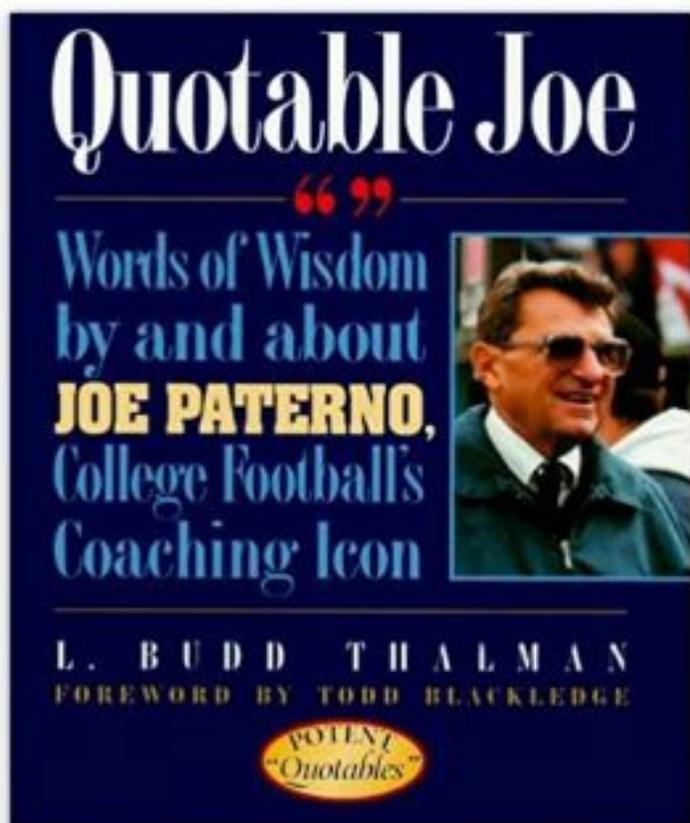
One lucky reader will win a copy of QUOTABLE JOE: WORDS OF WISDOM BY AND ABOUT JOE PATERNO, COLLEGE FOOTBALL'S COACHING ICON by L. Budd Thalman. (Thanks, Mike Lazanski, for making this prize available.)

Paterno coached Penn State to a remarkable 409 victories. Although his career was tarnished at the end because of a child sex scandal involving one of his coaches, it should be noted that Paterno was never charged with a crime--and the prosecutors who led the Sandusky investigation repeatedly have said they did not believe Paterno participated in any coverup.

What Paterno did do was leave us with many notable quotes, including this one:

I always remember what Winston Churchill once said: "Success is never final, final never fatal." I think maybe that explains my philosophy of football as well as life in general.

To enter, send an email on or before Mon, August 9, at 9 p.m. to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #16 in the subject line. Include BOTH your name and mailing address in the body of your email.



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 click: [Here](#).

D . I will be coming up North this coming Aug. 19-22, and I am putting together an ice cream get together for Sat., Aug. 21, at Zebra Striped Whale in Newtown, PA, at 2 p.m. Come to also participate in a "Happy Together" singalong that will be led by the amazing John Strauss.

I will be pretty busy, but if you'd like to possibly catch up some other time when I'm in, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put AUGUST in the subject line.

E. 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

Opinion: Rioters and anti-vaxxers are cut from the same cloth
by Kathleen Parker

As I listened to the testimony Tuesday of Capitol and D.C. police officers who were attacked by the violent mob in Washington on Jan. 6, I wondered how many of the terrorists bothered to get their coronavirus vaccines. Guessing wildly, I'm going to say: Not many.

I couldn't help thinking it because there's an overlap between anti-vaxxers and the rioters. Both were and are guided by disinformation intentionally distributed to pit Americans against one another — by forces internal or external, or both. We used to call that propoganda. Now, too often, we call it politics.

For the rest of this thought-provoking article, click: [Here](#).

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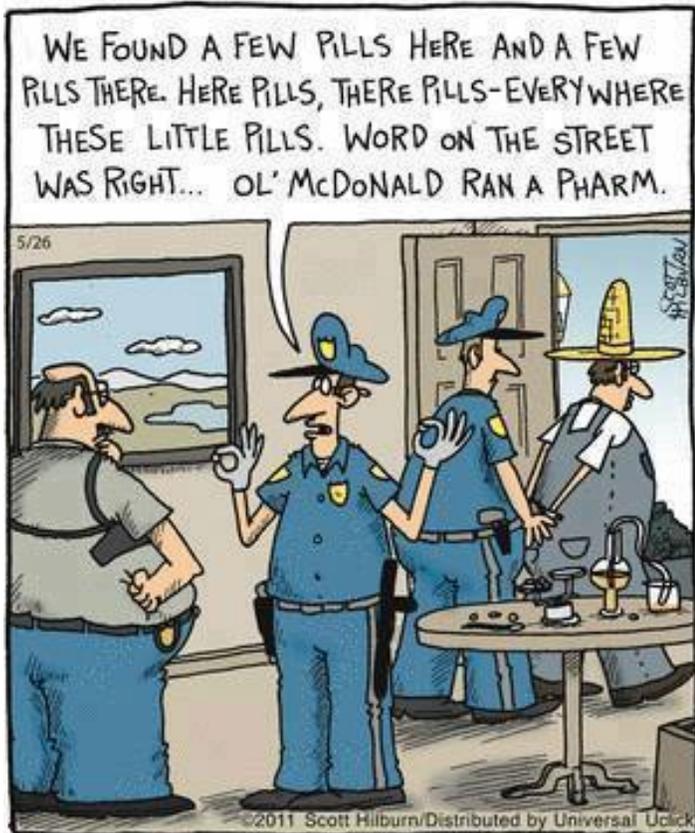
To read the following articles, please click: [Here](#).

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A. What to Say When Someone Asks 'How Are You?' And Other Conversation Tips. B. Why Migraine Sufferers May Want to Eat More Fish. C. Finding Meaning and Happiness in Old Age. D. A Smarter Way to Make Decisions About Your Kids.

4. Joke 1

They drug a full confession out of him.



5. Reviews

A. It's unfortunate that LET HIM GO did not get a regular theatrical release last year because of the pandemic. This thriller, now on HBO, is an engrossing story about a retired sheriff and his wife who leave their Montana ranch to rescue their young grandson from the clutches of a dangerous family living off the grid in the Dakotas. Kevin Costner and Diane Lane are both outstanding in the leading roles, but Lesley Manville steals every scene she is in as the meanest mother you'll ever see. Rated R for a few scenes with extreme violence.

B. JOLT is an action thriller on Amazon Prime about a woman seeking to avenge the murder of a man she had just started to love. Kate Beckinsale is quite good in the leading role, and I liked much of the film. But I really liked the very end, which seemed to just be tacked on to indicate that a sequel might be in the works. Rated R.

6. TV alert

A. EPISODES: Streaming via Netflix

This funny show is about a British husband-and-wife comedy writing team who travel to Hollywood to remake their successful British TV series, with unexpected results. It stars Matt LeBlanc portraying a satirical version of himself.

B. SMALL TOWN NEWS: KPRVM PAHRUMP: Season premiere on Mon, August 2, at 9 p.m. on HBO

The above is a reality TV show set in an actual workplace populated with good-natured and endearing people. "What makes it really work is that the show has an opportunity to mock its characters, but does not; there's no judgment coming from the soundtrack or the editing," notes a review in REALITY BLURRED. "Instead, Small Town News allows us to laugh alongside the cast, such as when the weatherman produces a bit using a green screen in which a Nevada mountain is revealed to be his hair as he stands up."

C. FANTASY ISLAND: Season premiere on Tues., August 10 at 9 p.m. on Fox

TV's classic what-if series returns with more magical adventures and memorable guest stars.

D. THE 27-HOUR DAY: Movie premiere on Sat., August 7, at 9 p.m. on Hallmark Channel

A workaholic efficiency expert unplugs at a family-run Montana retreat where she encounters a hunky son and the world's largest piglet.

7. Joke 2

He's presumably good at helping people stay alive! And I'm now bummed because I can't get that song out of my head: [Here](#). (Thanks, Bruce Lang 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 video from Russel Ebnet on the organ: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Ventriloquist Megan Piphus on Showtime at the Apollo: [Here](#).

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

(1) Del Shannon: "Hats Off to Larry," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Stand by Your Man - Perpetuum Jazzile: [Here](#).

(3) Colbie Caillat - Never Gonna Let You Down: [Here](#).

(4) Hyper-realistic 3D cat appears on billboard outside Shinjuku station: [Here](#).

(5) Nan Williamson: Lucy Teaches Ethel Merman to sing: [Here](#).

(6) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: August, 1981" Stevie Nicks released her first solo album. Bella Donna. while managing to stay in the band Fleetwood Mac: [Here](#).

(7) Howard Smith: Hymns: [Here](#).

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

This online quiz will help you improve your vocabulary. For every correct answer you get, sponsors of Freerice will donate the cash equivalent of 10 grains of rice to the United Nations World Food Programme. To play the game, click: [Here](#).

Note: The above is good to play with your children and/or grandchildren. And it is also useful for those wishing to learn the English language.

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

Looking for a password that nobody else will ever use? Consider this one: [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

10. Joke 3

Today's mental pabulum. (Thanks, Sharon A Lewis, for sharing.)



11. A quote I like

Thanks, Markie Post (1950-2021), for your acting career in such roles as bail bondswoman Terri Michaels in *THE FALL GUY* on ABC from 1982 to 1985, as public defender Christine Sullivan on the NBC sitcom *NIGHT COURT* from 1985 to 1992 and as Georgie Anne Lahti Hartman on the CBS sitcom *HEARTS AFIRE* from 1992 to 1995. For more information about her life, click: [Here](#).

"I couldn't be as charming as my mother or as smart as my father. So I decided to be bad."—Markie Post



12. Thought for the day

Today's mental pabulum. (Thanks, Sharon A Lewis, for sharing.)

Imagine being Jewish, walking around a public park, seeing a statue of Hitler, and someone proudly saying, “My great-great-grandfather was a Nazi and we should respect our history!” Of course that doesn’t happen, because it is insane!

Now, imagine how a Black person feels seeing confederate monuments in America.

Sarah Guilford

13. Advance planning department

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

A. Candice Dickinson: Disney’s THE LITTLE MERMAID JR. auditions. B. Kristi DeVille: Montford Park Players Presents World Premiere of The Sword in the Stone. C. Jimmy Ferraro: FUNERAL FOR A GANGSTER.

PS. Make it a great week!
