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BLAINESWORLD

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#1466
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1. Reflections (again, the only section this week)

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I continue to feel that effects of Hurricane Helene. We still have no running water, internet or cable—and have no idea when any of these services might be restored. But we are both doing well and remain grateful for all the love shown by our friends, neighbors, etc.

B. Until I regain internet service, I'll try to continue publishing BLAINESWORLD. But in doing so, I'll probably not be able to run any pictures or illustrations, nor will I include some of the regular sections you are used to seeing in this blog. The good news: There will still be some jokes; e.g., as can be seen in Sections 1G, 1I, 1L and 1M.

C. Note: The best bet for pictures, as well as for regular updates, is to follow me on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/blainegreenfield/>.

D. ONE OF THE BEST INVESTMENTS WE EVER MADE a few years back, we purchased a Generac standby generator. From time to time, it would kick in, but with Hurricane Helene, it really has done the job for us. Having access to electricity was truly a blessing. ... We got our unit from Lowe's. For more information, click: <https://www.lowes.com/pl/generators/home-standby-generators/4294641572>.

E. We recently journeyed out of Asheville to the Epic Theatres in nearby Hendersonville to see WHITE BIRD, a film we both loved. The moving drama is about a German boy who helps a Jewish girl survive in World War II. It stars Helen Miren and two young actors I had never seen before: Ariella Glaser and Orlando Schwerdt. They were all excellent. If you see it, and we strongly recommend that you do, be forewarned: Bring plenty of tissues. Rated PG-13.

We also enjoyed our visit because of the friendly nature of two of the Epic employees: Linda Laughter and Marqueta Laughter. And we were especially appreciated how Linda went out of her way to find a poster for the film that I then used for my daily Facebook post.

Note: I've just added WHITE BIRD to my list of all-time favorite films. If you'd like to get a copy of that list, send an email to: bjnbc@aol.com and put FAVOTIES in the subject line.

F. Please take with a grain of salt what you read on Facebook or other social media about Asheville or virtually any other topic. A friend recently posted something about the fact "their friend in Asheville has not seen FEMA." When asked for more information, she said "the source was some new posting that my friend told me about."

My take: This is absolute garbage. For one thing, FEMA is all over Asheville, and it seems to be doing an excellent job—given the circumstances. In fact, on Friday, I even got to personally speak with two representatives from that agency who were walking around to find out about any problems that folks were

still having. It was very reassuring.

Also, consider the source of information that you get. A post on Facebook from someone posting what she had been told just doesn't cut it. Or at least not for me.

Before I share information, I try to check it out with at least two reliable sources. And I encourage y'all to do the same.

This reminds me of a certain administrator at Bucks County Community College who shall remain nameless. When I would be discussing Union grievances, this person would just make up stuff. I would often counter with this reply: "Just because you say it is so doesn't make it so."

Facts DO matter!

G. JOKE 1:

A little boy as attending his first wedding. After the service, his oldest cousin asked him, "Do you know how many women a man can marry?"

"Sixteen," the boy responded.

His cousin was amazed that he offered an answer so quickly.

"How did you figure that?"

"Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the preacher said: Four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer" "

H. BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD

Here's an amazing product to check out if allergies are always having you want to rub your eyes ... Pataday. According to the box, it provides once daily eye allergy itch relief. It works in minutes and offers relief from allergies, pet dander, pollen, grass and ragweed. ... My eyes were really bothering me. I tried Pataday and it REALLY did work within minutes.

To find out more, click:

<https://www.webmd.com/drugs/2/drug-147073/pataday-ophthalmic-eye/details>.

(Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for sharing.)

I. Joke 2

Two women were discussing marriage, and one said, "My husband and I have been married 25 years and every night my husband has complimented about the food. We've never had one night without him complaining about the food."

The other woman said, "That's awful. Doesn't it bother you?"

The first one said, "Not in the slightest."

Said the other woman, "You must be a saint."

To which the first one replied, "No. Why should I object.? Many I people don't like the food they cook."

J. A quote I like

"Change the way you look at things. And the things you look at change."—Wayne Dyer (Thanks, Barbara Gates-Malinak Lovejoy, for sharing.)

K. A second quote I like

“Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we could all be a little more gentle with each other.”—Judy Garland

L. Joke 3

After his examination, Dan’s doctor took him into the office and said, “Dan, I have some good news and some bad news.”

Dan said, “Give me the good news first.”

“They’re going to name a disease after you,”

M. Joke 4--one more than you usually see in BLAINESWORLD

I took a job as an opinion poll sampler. On my first call, I said, “Hello, this is a telephone poll.”

The man replied, “Yeah, and this is a street pole.”

N. And lucky you, there’s even a riddle for you in this week’s issue:

What time is it when an elephant sits on a fence?

Answer: Time to fix the fence

O. THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

One of my father’s favorite sayings was: “Even a fool can teach a wise man something, but a wise man can’t teach a fool anything.”

Looking back, I’m not sure which side of the equation the thought applied to me. It probably varied from day to day.

(Thanks, Henry Styron, for sharing.)

PS. If you're like Cynthia and me, and you celebrate all holidays (more food, fun and friends that way), belated best wishes for a happy, healthy Jewish New Year. We don't know about you, but to us, it seems like just yesterday it was 5784.