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Phishing...Art Imitates Life OR Life Imitates Art?...Netflix and me... Oh, yes, the chili...Backing off of the news...Snow

All, this morning I learned from Mark McGrath, APT Group member, that someone is doing a phishing website attempting to pose as Jeff Gitomer, another member of the APT Group. I spoke with Jeff about this. He said that there is very little that one can do to combat it. It is a universal vulnerability. These are the moments when you discover that the **World Wide Web** is indeed a web and we can get caught in it.

As for anyone who is trying to imitate Jeff, I know they going to fall short. He is unique. In fact Jeff is so original that I think Jeff would have a tough time imitating himself. He always comes up with something new. No repetition.

Art Imitates Life OR Life Imitates Art?

In 1935, the novel *It Can't Happen Here* was published. It is a novel based on the idea of what happens if America were to become a dictatorship. I remember reading it in high school, later in college. It was an unnerving scenario because it seemed plausible.

Many people feel that this plot is becoming a reality. My most profound hope is that this is not the case. Whether or not it rests ultimately with the voters.

Netflix and me...

Perhaps I'm giving people the impression because I refer to shows on Netflix so frequently that I am spending a lot of time watching Netflix. I am not. I find that Netflix is useful for noise with pictures. I can throw on a movie, get the idea, and then walk away from the screen, just listening to what's being said. And not really listening that carefully. Unless it's an action film with all sorts of special effects, most of which are lost on me, the dialogue is a lot like listening to a radio program.

Recently I watched/listened to the series *Victoria. The story of Queen Victoria*. Was more or less based on her diaries and the imaginations of writers. From what I gathered she was quite aware of the fact that she was the Queen of England. Although she had a pleasant side according to the story it was obvious that she knew who she was and how people should relate to her. I don't think the word "should" covers it. The better word would be **MUST**.

A very positive side to her character was the fact that she was completely against slavery. However, at the same time, the British did a fine job of exploiting their colonies having establish an Empire on which the sun would never set. That has changed.

(We generally have the image of Queen Victoria as an old somewhat dumpy looking woman. That was at the end of her life. In *Victoria* she is portrayed as a rather attractive young woman, certainly worth a second glance.)

Homeland is another adventure series on Netflix. Lots of dialogue. So I don't have to spend a lot of time watching it. Just hearing it is generally enough. There are two actors that shaped the story. They are Claire Dane and Mandy Potemkin. The rest of the cast does a

great job as well.

The storyline deals with espionage, the CIA, other parts of government, international terrorism, among other disconcerting events. The show's creators have a fairly highfalutin way of describing the purpose of the show, i.e., dealing with soldiers that are coming home, etc. listening to them I almost had the idea that it was going to be a preachy program. It's not. I think of it more as a very high budget and well-acted soap opera.

Oh, yes, the chili...

It gives me great pleasure to report that the chili that I made yesterday, that I left alone for a day, so that the flavors could co-mingle. Turned out rather well.

I noticed on the package of McCormick's chili spice mix it shows a picture of a bowl of chili with a dollop of sour cream on it. I hadn't thought of that. And I probably would not have if I did not have some sour cream in the refrigerator. So, I tried it. It worked just fine. Tomorrow I will get even more adventurous chopping up some raw onion to mix in the blend.

Backing off of the news...

Perhaps there are some among us who are feeling news fatigue. I am worn out by the sheer volume of information flying off the screen when I turn on the computer. It is exhausting.

A bit of what I read about is something I'm interested in and should be. What wears me out is the amount of sheer junk that keeps popping up. Maybe it is not news fatigue news fatigue that I have but celebrity fatigue. Is anyone with me on this?

Snow...

Before I began this paragraph I to look to see if it was snowing. Not yet. I took advantage of the absence of snowfall to spread some salt. Prevents ice. In the absence of ice makes it easier to get around. Nevertheless, I am very careful in this weather. And I don't forget to be careful because Ciara reminds to take care whenever we talk. A plus with the snow is being able to see where the animals have been walking/exploring.

First yawn...

Until tomorrow...

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