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1. Reflections

If you're reading this via Facebook or LinkedIn, please be advised that you will get it quicker if you get the email! Another advantage: You'll never miss it that way because you may not have logged in for a day or two. And in the unlikely event you're not already a subscriber, all you need to do is send an email to: bjgnbc@aol.com and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

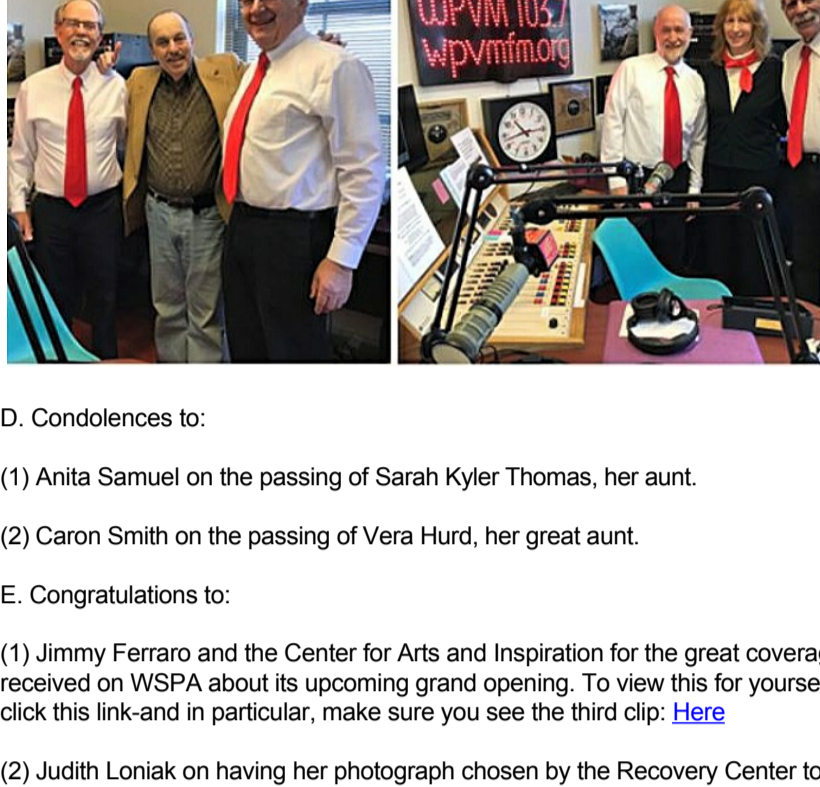
(1) Had a blast at the Happy Together Revue that served as a fundraiser for Attic Salt Theatre Company. In these you're wondering about my attire, that's what I got to wear as producer of the event.



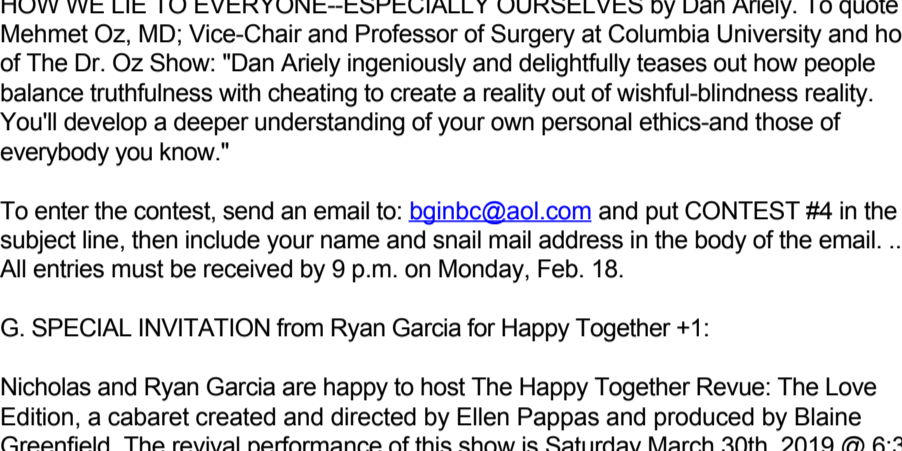
(2) Enjoyed a recent dinner we had with our friends, Marvin Sadovsky and Annemarie Brown, at Green Sage.



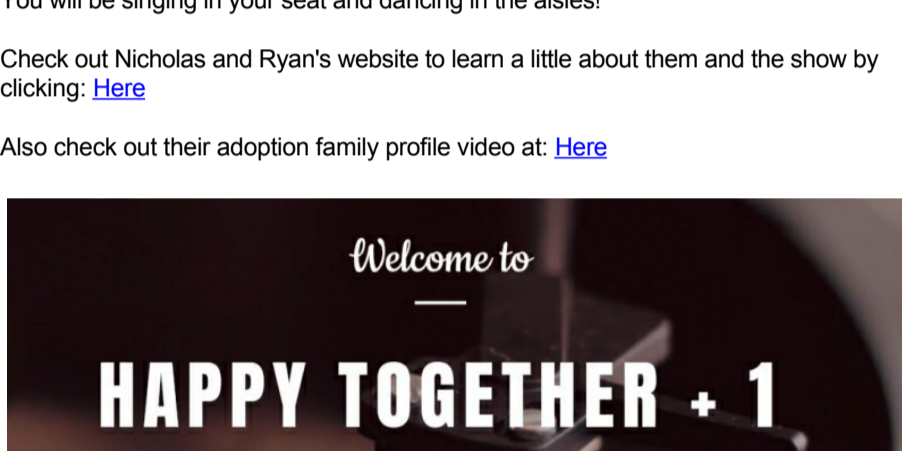
(3) Ate Ginny Plaisted's delicious chili at a recent dinner with our neighbors at Ginny and Grant Randall's home. Pictured, fr (front row): Ginny Plaisted, Grant Randall, Gary Bien, Johnny Davis and Lezli Davis; and (rear row) Blaine Greenfield, Tico Krollman, Meredith Krollman, Tena Bien and Cynthia Greenfield.



B. WPVM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019. ... The guests were Stephen HOUPS (left), Owner/Operator of Hire a Husband Handyman Service; and Erin Dearth, Founder of First in Flight Entertainment; and Dan Beckmann, a performer with First in Flight. ... To view this show via Facebook Live, please click: [Here](#)



C. You're also invited to view another WPVM broadcast, in which I interviewed members of the Land of the Sky Chorus. Pictured, fr (left photo): Steve Anderson, Blaine Greenfield and Bryson Ley; and (right photo): Pete Kirchner, CJ Wilson and Lyle Petersen. ... If you click this link, you'll view the show via Facebook Live and also get to listen to two songs: [Here](#)



D. Condolences to:

(1) Anita Samuel on the passing of Sarah Kyler Thomas, her aunt.

(2) Caron Smith on the passing of Vera Hurd, her great aunt.

E. Congratulations to:

(1) Jimmy Ferraro and the Center for Arts and Inspiration for the great coverage it received on WSPA about its upcoming grand opening. To view this for yourself, please click this link-and in particular, make sure you see the third clip: [Here](#)

(2) Judith Loniak on having her photograph chosen by the Recovery Center to be used for a billboard along Route 441 for the next two months.

F. Correction: Thanks, Bill Lewis, for pointing out the mistake in numbering for the upcoming contest. See below for the corrected numbering. If you already entered the contest using the incorrect number, you don't have to enter it again.

But for everybody else, the good news is that there is still time to enter ...

***** Contest #4 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of THE (HONEST) TRUTH ABOUT DISHONESTY: HOW WE LIE TO EVERYONE—ESPECIALLY OURSELVES by Dan Ariely. To quote Mehmet Oz, MD: Vice-Chair and Professor of Surgery at Columbia University and host of The Dr. Oz Show: "Dan Ariely ingeniously and delightfully teases out how people balance truthfulness with cheating to create a reality out of wishful-blindness reality. You'll develop a deeper understanding of your own personal ethics-and those of everybody you know."

To enter the contest, send an email to: bjgnbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #4 in the subject line, then include your name and snail mail address in the body of the email. ... All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 18.

G. SPECIAL INVITATION from Ryan Garcia for Happy Together +1:

Nicholas and Ryan Garcia are happy to host The Happy Together Revue: The Love Edition, a cabaret created and directed by Ellen Pappas and produced by Blaine Greenfield. The revival performance of this show is Saturday March 30th, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

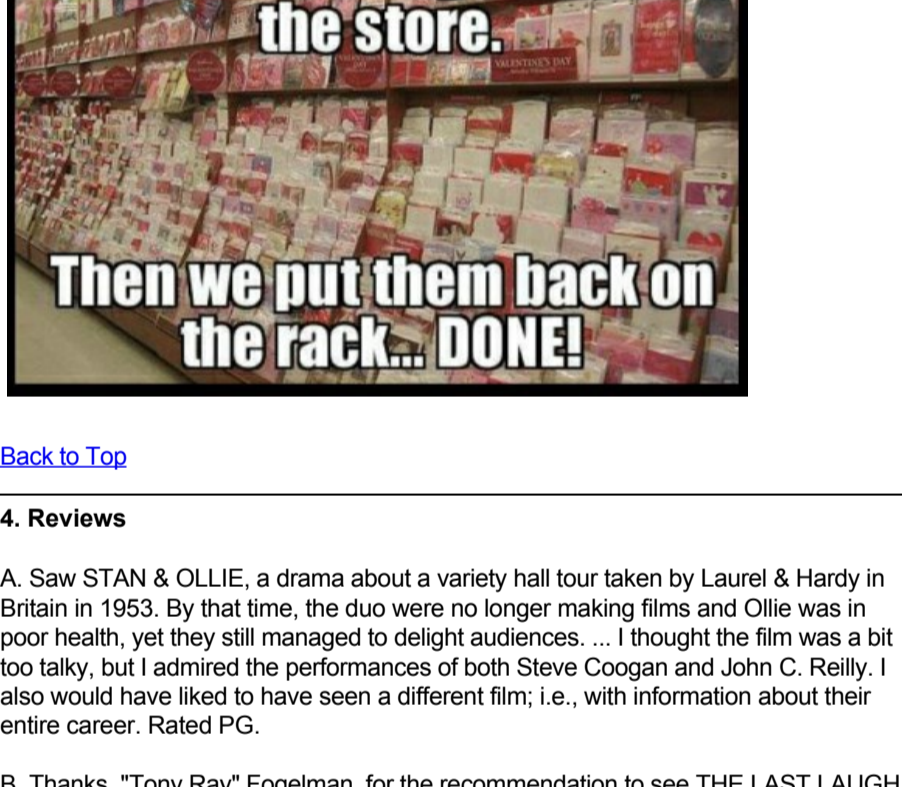
The cast and producer of the revue have graciously agreed to reprise the February show to help Ryan and Nicholas raise money for their adoption! There will be a silent auction, and other ways to contribute to their growing family the night of the show.

This celebration of love and music through the ages stars Ellen Pappas, Carole Duermit, Jessica Johnson, Jay Ponton and Ryan Garcia with special guest Walter Goodrich and music direction by Richard Shulman.

You will be singing in your seat and dancing in the aisles!

Check out Nicholas and Ryan's website to learn a little about them and the show by clicking: [Here](#)

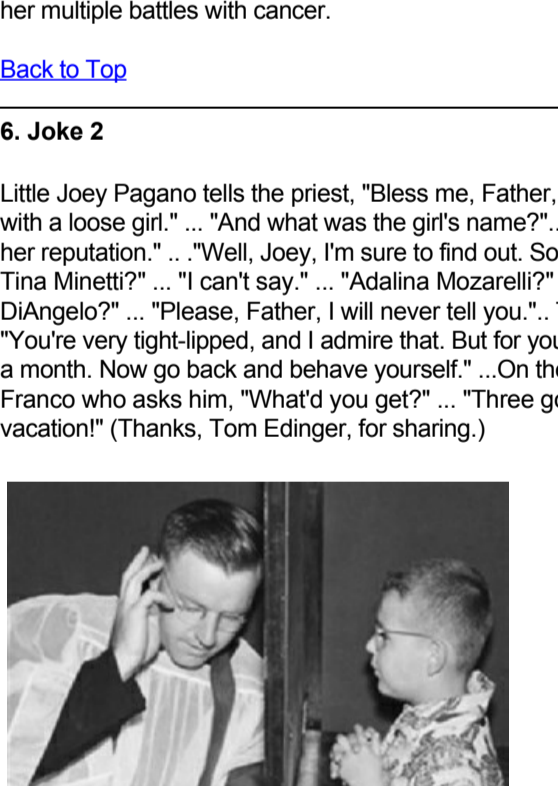
Also check out their adoption family profile video at: [Here](#)



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

Thanks to all those who made the aforementioned Happy Together Revue the success that it was. Pictured, fr in the front row: Paul Edeleman, Richard Shulman and Walter Goodrich; and fr in the rear row: Jay Ponton, Jay Ponton, Jessica Johnson, Carol Duermit, Blaine Greenfield, Ryan Garcia, Martin May, Ellen Pappas and George Pappas. ... And not pictured: Trissa King, Nina Denninger, Mari Bernstein, Jeff Catanes and Janice Schriber.

This fundraiser for Attic Salt Theatre Company delighted sold-out audiences on the two nights it ran.
More pictures from the event will be in next week's issue, along with video clips.



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2. FYI

If you're near or past the age of collecting Social Security, I thought you would like to see this update from BLAINESWORLD #1166 that contained the following tip from Ed Kohlhepp, my financial guru:

Here is an example where a married couple can benefit when both parties have had significant lifetime earnings. Let's assume the husband reaches Full Retirement age, FRA, and files for benefits. The spouse, the wife, can collect her benefits at Full Retirement age, or alternatively, file and suspend her benefits until age 70. This enables her to collect a spousal benefit until age 70 at which time she switches to her own, higher benefit. Thus, the couple can generally collect higher benefits and still increase their lifetime benefits as a couple.

These strategies are complicated and you should visit your Social Security office to understand all of the options. For more information, please click: [Here](#)

Note: Ed shared the above with me, and I have added Cynthia collect a nice check each month. Also, as you've perhaps heard me say, Ed's firm (Kohlhepp Investment Advisors) is the absolute best. For more information, please click: [Here](#)

Thanks, Ralph Tiger, for sending this additional information that he received from his daughter Maxine: You may not have noticed that the links connected to the information are from 2015. I think this information from the SSA may be more current, and if I read it correctly, the rules have changed and the spouse can not collect 1/2 of the other's SS then switch at full retirement age. The law passed at the end of 2015 essentially eliminated that loophole. Anyway, I could be reading it wrong, which is why we have an accountant and financial planner to help us navigate this. But it seems clear that the rules have changed: For more information, please click: [Here](#)

And thanks, Donna Marchetti, for this email: This, for the most part, is true. However their (IRS) changed the law effective if you are born 1954 and after. They closed this loophole!

FYI, part 2

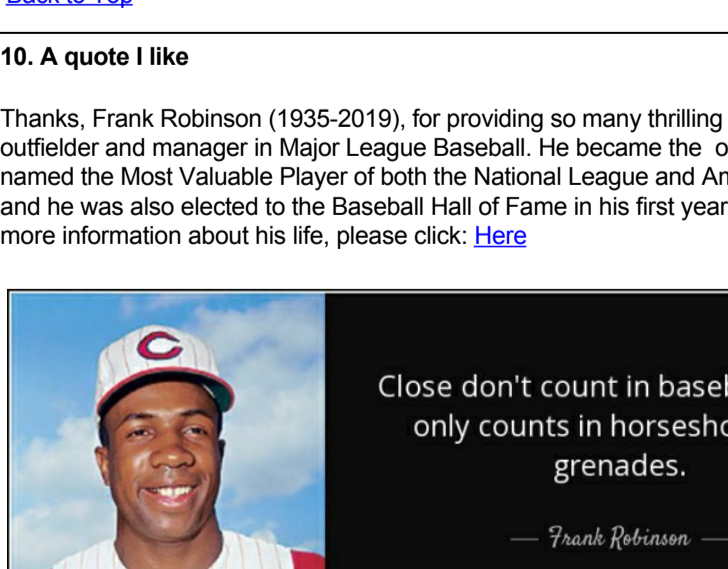
To read each of the following contributions in full, please click: [Here](#)

- (1) Ken Greenfield: Fact checking your quote "arguably the greatest rock song of all time," we find that this song doesn't even make ROLLING STONE's top 500. (2) Bruce Rubin: Thank you for the recommendation on reading the biography on Ernest Borgnine. (3) The Two Codes Your Kids Need to Know. (4) Exercise May Help to Fend Off Depression. (5) Support the Zuzu Welsh new CD.

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3. Joke 1

We take pictures of them, then reuse each year. Saves the time and expense of going to the store. ... If you're like me, and you celebrate all holidays (more food, fun and friends that way), HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! (Thanks, Ed Nasta, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

A. Saw STAN & OLLIE, a drama about a variety hall tour taken by Laurel & Hardy in Britain in 1953. By that time, the duo were no longer making films and Ollie was in poor health, yet they still managed to delight audiences. ... I thought the film was a bit too talky, but I admired the performances of both Steve Coogan and John C. Reilly, I also would have liked to have seen a different film; i.e., with information about their entire career. Rated PG.

B. Thanks, "Tony Ray" Fogelman, for the recommendation to see THE LAST LAUGH via Netflix. I took your advice, and I'm glad that I did! ... This is a comic about a retired talent manager who is reunited with his first client, a sweet who quit show business 50 years ago. Chevy Chase and Richard Dreyfuss shined in the leading roles, and I also liked the performance of Andie MacDowell. Not rated, but appropriate for anybody over the age of 12.

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5. TV alert

A. LORENA: Now available via Amazon Prime
Four-part documentary about the infamous Lorena and John Wayne Bobbitt. According to THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, [the] "saga is complex story that works on many levels: as social history, cultural autopsy, biography and media critique."

B. UMBRELLA ACADEMY: Now available via Netflix
The series follows a group of grown superheroes and wonders just how much psychological and emotional damage growing up super might do to kids.

C. THE MANY LIVES OF NICK BUONICONTI: Sunday, Feb. 17, at 6:40 a.m. on HBO
NFL Hall of Famer Nick Buoniconti's life story encompasses turns a linebacker, lawyer, sports agent, broadcaster, executive and philanthropist. I've seen this documentary and found it very moving. If you have HBO, watch it. ... For a review, please click: [Here](#)

D. OLIVIA NEWTON JOHN: HOPELESSLY DEVOTED TO YOU: Sunday, Feb. 17, at 10:03 p.m. on Lifetime
The story of singer Olivia Newton-John's personal and professional journey, involving her multiple battles with cancer.

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6. Joke 2

Little Joey Pagano tells the priest, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. I have been with a loose girl." ... "And what was the girl's name?" ... "I can't say. I don't want to ruin her reputation." ... "Well, Joey, I'm sure to find out. So you might as well tell me. Was it Tina Minetti?" ... "I can't say." ... "Adalina Mozarelli?" ... "My lips are sealed." ... "Rosa DiAngelo?" ... "Please, Father, I will never tell you!... The priest sighs in frustration. "You're very light-lipped, and I admire that. But for your sin, you're signing in for a month. Now go back and behave yourself!" ... On the way out, Joey runs into his friend Franco who asks him, "What'd you get?" ... "Three good leads and a month's vacation" (Thanks, Tom Edinger, for sharing.)

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

- (1) Paul Marks: 104-year-old music teacher: [Here](#)
- (2) Roberta Gunwood: There are two types of people in the morning: [Here](#)
- (3) Phil Ochs in Concert: [Here](#)
- (4) The Best of Charles Aznavour: [Here](#)
- (5) Michael Bublé - I Believe in You: [Here](#)

B. Millions of songs on Spotify are being forgotten. Let's give them new life in new ears--yours. You can do so at Forgetty. To view it, please click: [Here](#)

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

D. 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](#)

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8. Technology tip

Your iPhone's Contacts App Is More Powerful Than You Realize. Here Are 5 Ways to Get the Most Out of It by Patrick Lucas Austin

You're not the only one who silently laments spending time searching through the Contacts app on your iPhone or other iOS device, hunting for that one person you barely remember yet need to get in touch with for whatever reason. It only gets worse when you realize their information is either incorrect, outdated, or not where you thought you saved it.

Whether you're looking for a co-worker, a client, an acquaintance, or a long-lost friend you bumped into at a party, it's helpful to keep who's who in order in your Contacts app. And you just might find that the Contacts app is far more powerful when you take the time to get the most out of it. Here's how.

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

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9. Joke 3

As I approached the supermarket, a woman gazing for cart near the door and asked, "Do you want this?" ... "No," I said, "I'm only here for one thing." ... As she walked away, I heard her mutter, "Typical male."

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10. A quote I like

Thanks, Frank Robinson (1935-2019), for providing so many thrilling moments as an outfielder and manager in Major League Baseball. He became the only player to be named the Most Valuable Player of both the National League and American League, and he was also elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility. For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#)

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11. Thought for the day

Girls were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large basket of apples. The nun had posted a sign that read, "Take only one. God is watching." ... At the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A boy had written a note "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

Source: Author unknown; if you know who wrote this and/or where it came from, please let me know. (Thanks, Sue Hinkle, for sharing.)

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12. Advance planning department

To read about each of the following events in full, please click: [Here](#)

A. NC events

(1) Stu Helm: Food Fan: Who Has Asheville's Best Pizza? (2) Asheville School Fine Arts presents: Colette Collage.

B. PA/NJ event

At Actors' Net of Bucks County: The Crimes of Diana Eastlake.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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