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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I continued to hunker down in Week 54 of the corona pandemic. Fortunately, we've been able to get out for a lot of nice walks and sometimes, we meet the nicest dogs. That's Bailey from our neighborhood.



B. We wanted to share this photo (below) for two reasons:

(1) So y'all could see our backyard with the trees now in full bloom.

(2) To show Connie Regan-Blake's newest venture: Fanciful Greeting Cards. They are all delightful, as you can better see when you click Connie's website: [Here](#)



C. KUDOS to HART for its virtual production of A PERFECT RELATIONSHIP, a show about relationships that wasn't just about love but about the endless complications and evolutions that romantic relationships inevitably have. It featured outstanding performances from all those involved: Dillon Giles (top left picture), Emma-Leigh Brookshire (top right picture), Shari Azar and Robert Walker (bottom picture), Debi Dupuis, Amy Hunt, Daniela Velasquez, Greyson Huneycutt, Kayenta Cruz, Isabel Dewberry, Grizel Gonzalez-Jeuck, Ella Ledford, Savanna Shaw, Emily Warren McCurry, Evam McCurry, Missy Stone, Jeff Stone and Leslie Putnam.... Candice Dickinson directed and filmed the production with distinction, and Nichole Sumpter's sound and editing were both stellar. ... You can catch A PERFECT RELATIONSHIP through Sun., March 28, by clicking: [Here](#) and then "Tickets."



D. Catch the most recent BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) Rebekkah Hilgraves and Chris Daniels, singers and songwriters, Blind Phoenix; and (second half): Ellyn Bache, author, "Over 50s Singles Night."



E. Congratulations to:

(1) PJ Ewing on being named to the WPVM Board of Directors.

(2) Robin Schoen, winner of Contest #6: a copy of STRENGTHS FINDER 2.0 by Tom Rath. All told, there were five entries. And that reminds me that it is now time to announce ...

***** CONTEST #7 *****

One lucky winner will win a copy of a book on CD: THE WAR LOVERS: ROOSEVELT, LODGE, HEARST AND THE RUSH TO EMPIRE, 1898 by Evan Thomas. According to a review in THE WASHINGTON POST, ""Thomas has delivered an innovative, frequently entertaining and valuable retelling of an episode that set the pattern for more than a century of foreign military adventurism. This timely book is a cautionary tale about how the psyche of powerful and ambitious leaders may matter more than fact-or even truth-when the question of war arises."

To enter this contest. Send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #7 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 9 p.m. on Mon., April 5.

F. Invites:

(1) 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](#).

(2) Come join Cynthia in either or both of the virtual courses she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week: Meditation on Monday and Move Your Body on Wednesday. To attend this and/or any of the others (that are open to the public), scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

(3) Be part of the Dementia Society of America's 2021 Ride Against Dementia. Join Over 1,400 Challenge Members. For more information, please click: [Here](#).



G. Announcing his week's ...

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

Thanks, Dawn Westmoreland, for this week's nomination:

April Johnson is an incredible painter and photographer. Her work is professional, and I can't wait to use my new pictures in my books, webpage and with my work. I received my photos very quickly from her. She is a pleasure to work with, and I will be a return client when she paints portraits of my pets.

Her website is: [Here](#).

Note: See below for two examples of April's work. On the left is a terrific photo of Dawn, and on the right is a portrait of a dog.



2. FYI

Last week, I mentioned that you need to check the price when you buy milk. At least in Asheville, you'll often pay more for a half gallon than you pay for a gallon.

Here's something else you need to check: the freshness date stamped somewhere on the container. I've recently noticed differences of up to 10 days. Sometimes, I'll come across milk with a freshness date for a day or two in the future, but if I dig around, I'll see a freshness date that's much later.

In addition, I have found that the bigger the store is, the more likely that they will have fresher milk.

Mr. Curious here: Check out the above yourself, then please share your findings.

FYI, part 2

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

A. Pat Hannigan: I got a kick of you and your Teddy bear Boopsie. B. So You Want to Have a Lucid Dream?
C. New Hearing Aids, iPhone Apps and Tech. D. Beige on an S.U.V. Will Cost You, but for Pickups It's Golden.

3. Joke 1

A sight for sore eyes ...



4. Reviews

A. Some films seemingly get better when you revisit them. Such was the case with *STRAIGHT TIME*, a 1978 crime drama about a career criminal who can't catch a break when he is released from prison. Dustin Hoffman is outstanding in the leading role, but performances from supporting cast members were equally fine: Theresa Russell, Gary Busey, Harry Dean Stanton and M. Emmet Walsh. Find this one if you can. Rated R.

B. *GO JOHNNY, GO!* is a cheesy 1959 musical about a talent search to develop a new rock star. The story is absurd, as is the dialogue. Nevertheless, I enjoyed it because of the chance to see famed rock promoter Alan Freed, along with performances from Eddie Cochran, Ritchie Valens, Jackie Wilson and great Chuck Berry (who actually does a pretty good job of acting). Rated G.

C. Christopher Lloyd: Two movie recommendations:

1. *Knives Out* – very entertaining and fun who-dunnit starring Daniel Craig (very much out of character from James Bond), and many other big names

2. *Cargo* - post-apocalyptic zombie movie starring Martin Freeman (Dr. Watson in the Sherlock series, and Bilbo in *The Hobbit*)

While I normally wouldn't recommend a zombie movie to an audience as discriminating as yours, as a father this one actually had me connecting with Freeman's character, and his determination to care for his daughter. I normally "check out" during such type movies and just enjoy the entertainment, but believe it or not this one did a good job of weaving in deeper themes in to the movie which evoked emotion; it wasn't just a mindless (or gory) zombie movie.

If you haven't seen either one, I recommend both.

5. TV alert

A. 31 DAYS OF OSCAR: Begins at 6 a.m. on Thurs., April 1, on TCM

The monthlong tribute to Academy Award-winning films goes from A (1949's ADAM'S RIB at above time) to 1969's Z (airing late May 1).

B. THE MOODYS: Season premiere on Thurs., April 1, at 9 p.m. on Fox

I never saw any of Season 1, but I might check out this show about a dysfunctional family if for no other reason than it stars Dennis Leary.

C. NEVER TOO LATE; THE DOC SEVERINSEN STORY: Fri., April 2, at 9 p.m. on PBS (check local listings at [Here](#))

This update of the tireless trumpeter shows how he is till blasting away in his nineties.

D. RACHEL ROBERTS PRESENTS: MAHALIA: Movie premier on Sat., April 3, at 8 p.m. on Lifetime

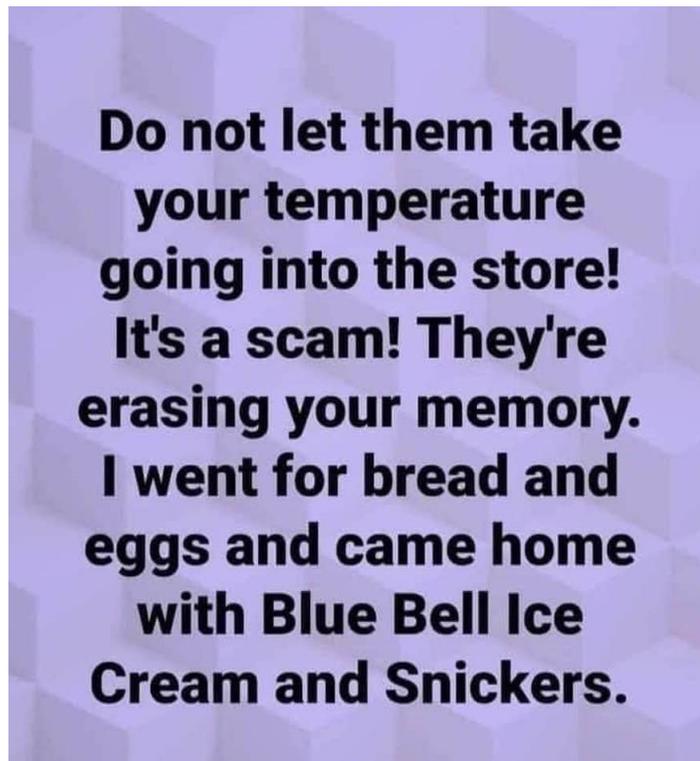
Mahalia Jackson, the world-renowned gospel singer and champion of civil rights, has her story told in this biopic.

E. Mike Martinelli: TINA, the documentary on HBO, is amazing

F. Good news: ZOEY'S EXTRAORDINARY PLAYLIST returns on Sun., March 28, at 9 p.m. on NBC. For more information, please click: [Here](#).

6. Joke 2

Consider yourself forewarned. (Thanks, Jimmy Ferraro, for sharing.)



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: 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, to quote my friend Rich Orth, " There are many bad versions out there ... kinda liked this one: Leningrad Cowboys - Happy Together: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Please heck out the Dementia Society of America's first public service announcement, featuring Melora Hardin from THE OFFICE: [Here](#).

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

(1) Ben Folds, "The Luckiest," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

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

(2) River Dance, Chinese style: [Here](#).

(3) Jon Berg: I'm obsessed with this dog bringing his bowl of food with him to snack on the couch: [Here](#).

(4) Howard Smith: Church music, 3:28.2021: [Here](#).

Note: Howard is doing a special Maundy Thursday program this coming Thurs. night, April 1, at 8 p.m. To view it, please check his Facebook page: [Here](#).

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

(6) Neil Ratner (Rock Doc): Steven Tyler is included in Rolling Stones list of the 100 greatest singers of all time and his band Aerosmith is often called American answer to The Rolling Stones. To catch what Neil had to say about him, please click: [Here](#).

D. Here's a website that you might want to check out: Mint.com: [Here](#).

To quote from the website:

Mint.com makes personal finance simple. The Intuit-owned site monitors bank accounts, credit cards, loans, and investments safely in one place. Users set budgets in different areas (Bills & Utilities, Food & Dining, Mortgage & Rent, etc.) and Mint automatically categorizes charges, so

you can better keep track of spending.

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

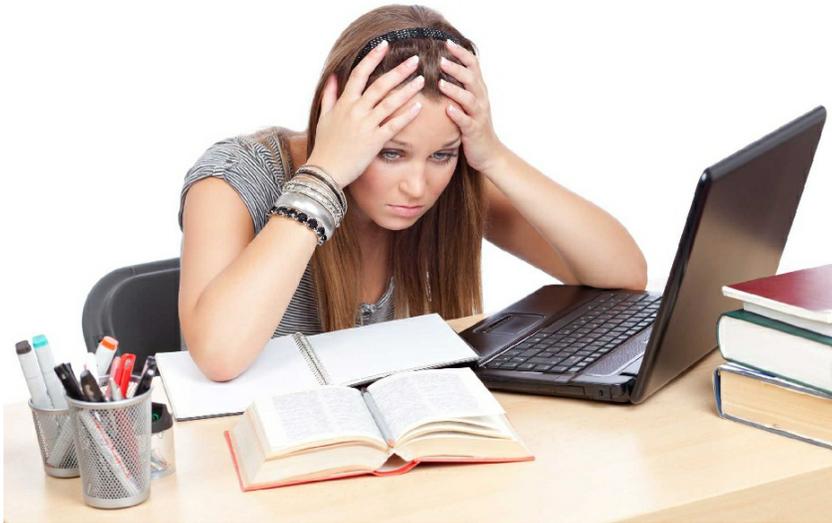
F. Are you on Facebook? In the unlikely event we have not yet connected as friends there, please feel free to send me an invite by clicking: [Here](#).

8. Technology tip

To get more storage space on your iPhone: 1. Hold down the “power” button. 2. Wait until you see the option to slide and power off your phone. 3. Then hold down the “home” button. ... Doing so will clean out your phone’s RAM, which reduces the amount of space your apps might be taking up.

9. Joke 3

The college student was given an assignment for her Creative Writing class that had her baffled. She was directed to include religion, sexuality and mystery in a short story and, also, to use as few words as possible. Hours and then days went by. She couldn't think of anything to write. Finally, just before the deadline, she remembered that her professor had advised the class to always consider using real life as the basis for any writing. ... So she wrote this story: “Good God, I'm pregnant. I wonder who did it.” ... She was the only student who received an A+ for her efforts.



10. Two quotes I like

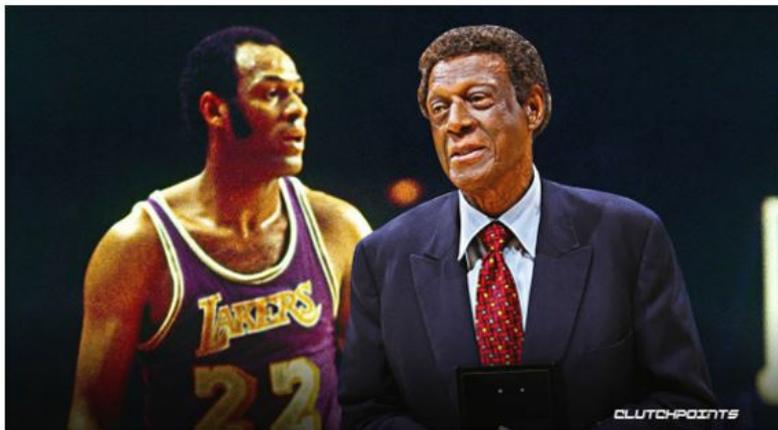
A. Thanks, George Segal (1934-2021), for your career as an American actor in both dramatic and comedic roles. I enjoyed your work in such movies as KING RAT, WHERE'S POPPA? WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOLF? and A TOUCH OF CLASS, and in these two TV shows: JUST SHOOT ME and THE GOLDBERGS. For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).

“I’m like a cork in the water, aren’t I? I keep bobbing up in all sorts of places, although I never know in advance where or when.”--George Segal



B. Thanks, Elgin Baylor (1934-2021), for your Hall of Fame basketball career that had you play 14 seasons as a forward for the Minneapolis/Los Angeles Lakers and get voted to the all-N.B.A. team for the leagues' first 50 years. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

“Coaching is easy. Winning is the hard part.”—Elgin Baylor



11. Thought for the day

WE'RE NOT OUT OF THE DARK YET! ... Unfortunately: 1. Far-Right Extremists Move From 'Stop the Steal' to Stop the Vaccine: [Here](#); and 2. Daily COVID-19 Cases on the Rise in 27 States: [Here](#).

Sgt. Phillip Esterhaus had it right when he imparted these words of caution to officers in HILL STREET BLUES. The words also need to be heeded by all of us in the fight against COVID-19. (Please read the above two articles to see why.)



12. Advance planning department

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

A. White Horse Black Mountain: Open Mic Night. B. Jeanie Linder: The Center for Art & Entertainment is hiring! C. The Montford Park Players announces open auditions for A Midsummer Night's Dream.

PS. Make it a great week!
