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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I continued to hunker down in Week 55 of the corona pandemic. Fortunately, we were able to participate in a Zoom Passover Seder. Special thanks to my cousin Joan Land who put the celebration together. The only thing missing ... there were no chocolate-covered macaroons.



B. I'm still getting a kick out of seeing Zoom performances, though I can't wait until I can again see live shows

and concerts on a regular basis.

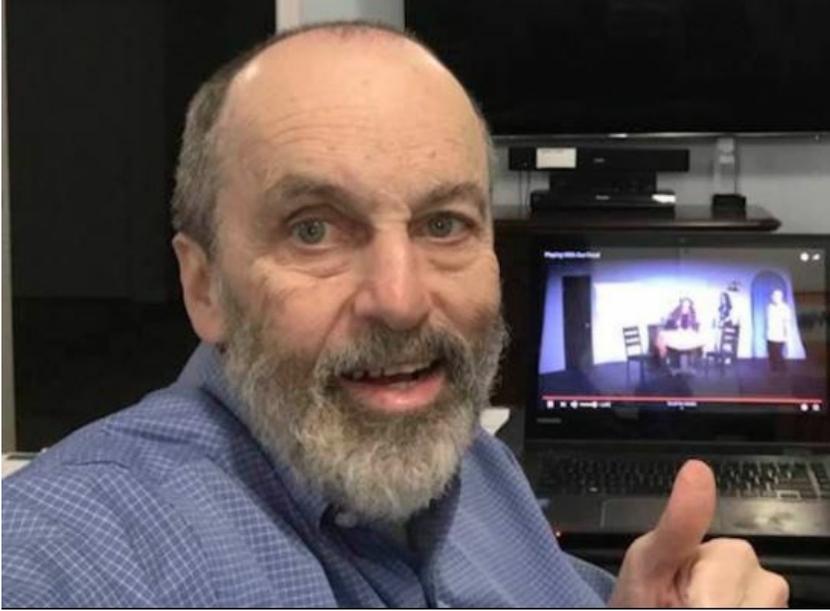
(1) I had a blast watching much of Spring Theatre's 24-hour pajama party fundraiser. Kudos to my friends Erinn Dearth and Dan Beckmann for pulling it off. To see the last part of it, please click: [Here](#)



(2) WOW! ... That's my reaction to seeing the virtual performance of Blind Phoenix on Saturday night when it performed at White Horse Black Mountain. ... The show marked the release of TRUTH OR DARE, the group's fantastic new album. ... Kudos to all those involved in making the evening the success that it was: Chris Daniels, guitar and lead vocals; Rebekkah Hilgraves, keyboards and lead vocals; Michael Filippone, bass; James Kylan, drums; Paul Rene McIntire, fiddle; and Franklin Keel, cello. ... PS. Good news: You can still catch what you missed and/or see the show again by clicking: [Here](#).



(3) Saw, PLAYING WITH OUR FOOD: AN EVENING OF GUSTATORY ONE ACTS, The Magnetic Theatre's terrific online production. ... I had fun watching the four one-act plays, all dedicated to food, eating and how weird it all is. ... It was great seeing Tabitha Judy, Strother Stingley and Tippin back on stage where they belong.



C. Catch the most recent BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#)..

Guests: (first half) Paula Hanke and Peggy Ratusz, singers, Love Bubble (band) and Love Is A Rose (Ronstadt tribute' show); and (second half): Greg and Ashley Garrison, owners Hop Ice Cream.



D. 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](#).

(4) There's still time to enter ...

***** **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.

E. Announcing his week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Adrian Jonas (center), a nurse at the Leicester Community Health Center, who took care of the scheduling and gave us both our shots at the Leicester Community Health Center. We were very impressed with her professionalism, as well as her friendliness. ... The good news: We survived and look forward to building up our immunity after another two weeks. ... Most importantly, we then look forward to seeing y'all in the not too distant future!

For more information about the Leicester Community Health Center, please click: [Here](#)



2. FYI

Do you ever mail, books, films and sound recordings? If so, ask about sending it via media rate vs. first class. The difference in price is often quite significant. In addition, despite what you may be told at the post office, there is usually very little difference in terms of delivery speed.

For more information about this topic, please click: [Here](#).

FYI, part 2

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

A. Bill Branyon: Fun blog. B. The Timeless Fantasy of Stanley Tucci Eating Italian Food. C. If You Live to 100,

You'll Need More Than Money. D. How 'Sound of Metal' Star Paul Raci Went From Day Jobs to Oscar Nominee. E. Howard Debs: In Support of Shame. Go ahead and call out people who break COVID restrictions.

3. Joke 1

Thought you'd like to see when the GPS first came into existence. Fortunately, it was in time for Moses to make it to that night's Seder.



4. Reviews

A. Liked I CARE A LOT on Netflix. It is a twisted comedy/mystery about a woman who is a professional, court-appointed guardian for dozens of elderly wards whose assets she seizes and cunningly bilks through dubious but legal means. Rosamund Pike is outstanding in the leading role, and I also liked the work of Peter Dinklage. It is worth watching. Rated R.

B. Also worth watching, if you can find it, is BRUTE FORCE--a 1947 crime film noir that I saw on TCM. The engrossing story is about a prisoner, Burt Lancaster, plotting to escape with fellow con Charles Bickford. They were both excellent, but Hume Cronyn (playing against type as a mean-spirited guard) steals the film. It would have been R-rated.

C. Read and thoroughly enjoyed HANK AND JIM: THE FIFTY-YEAR FRIENDSHIP OF HENRY FONDA AND JAMES STEWART (Simon & Schuster) by Scott Eyman. .. This engrossing biography depicts the friendship of two Hollywood legends who, though quite different in many ways, kept a close friendship that survived life's many twists and turns. ... To quote the author, ""They were two loners who went off to see the world and remade component parts of it into their own images." [They were] "two fiercely private men who were quite capable of confounding their own families. ... In their friendship they created a safe place for themselves, away from the fears and frustrations of their careers, their domestic problems, the responsibilities of their legendary status." ... I got a special kick out of reading about the many films they made separately, as well as about the

four they made together: ON OUR MERRY WAY, YOW THE WEST WAS ONE, FIRECREEK and the CHEYENNE SOCIAL CLUB. ... If you're fan of biographies and/or movies, you'll definitely want to read this book.

Note: To learn more about the above, click to see the book's author talk about it as the City of Burbank's Buena Vista Branch Library by clicking: [Here](#).

Make sure you keep watching until the very end for pictures of both Fonda and Stewart.

5. TV alert

A. ANNE WITH AN E: Streaming on Netflix

Loved this series about Anne Shirley, an imaginative, strong-willed orphan who transforms the lives of those she encounters after being sent to live with elderly siblings on Prince Edward Island in 1890. ... Amybeth McNulty is amazing in the leading role. I look forward to what she will next be in. In addition, R.H. Thompson and Geraldine James also excel. ... My only regret is that there wasn't a fourth season ... It was one of the best things I have ever seen on TV!

B. UNDER THE GRAPEFRUIT TREE: Monday, April 5, at 6:40 a.m. on HBO2

Yankee fans (actually, all those who like baseball) will like this look into life and career of the recently retired star pitcher CC Sabathia in this HBO Sports documentary.

C. HEMINGWAY: Monday-Wednesday, April 5-7, on PBS at 8 p.m. (check local listings [Here](#))

Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, according to TV GUIDE, "look beyond the myth in an unsparing bio."

D. REBEL: Season premiere on Thursday, April 8, at 10 p.m. on ABC

The always-fantastic Katy Sagal stars in this tale of a consumer advocate, inspired by the current work of activist Erin Brockovich.

6. Joke 2

This is my step ladder. I never knew my real ladder.



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, please view this clip of the 2016 Happy Together Tour by clicking: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

View the latest video from my friend Elsten Torres, performing "This is you This is me" that he co-wrote and produced with Marc Dorandean in Miami: [Here](#).

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

(1) Eric Idle: "Always Look on the Bright Side, " one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Paul Marks: Cat keeps little human safe: [Here](#).

(3) Jon Berg: Donkey Sees A Magic Trick: [Here](#).

(4) Howard Smith: Piano music for Easter Sunday: [Here](#).

Note: Here's a special extra performance from my friend Howard Reflections: [Here](#).

(5) Skye Barkschat: Counting Crows - Big Yellow Taxi: [Here](#).

(6) Doug Hauschild: The Irish Blessing: [Here](#).

(7) Aaron Ybarra: Digital church on 4.4.21: [Here](#).

(8) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Carl Palmer is on most lists of the top ten drummers in rock and roll, and he celebrated his 71st Birthday recently. [Here](#).

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

Boing Boing is both cool and geeky--and usually manages to find whatever combines the both. To check it out, please click: [Here](#).

Some things I recently found:

The entire first act of HAMILTON, performed in Animal Crossing

The new season of pandemic parody HOME OFFICE puts the "fun" in funemployment

This tripod is actually an adjustable standing desk without the space constraints

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

Please don't wait long to install Apple's latest version of iOS and iPadOS, 14.4.2

by Brenda Stolyar

If you received a notification to update to a new version of Apple's iOS, I'd suggest downloading it ASAP. The latest iteration fixes a security issue for both the iPhone and iPad.

According to the company's security support site, the update specifically impacts Webkit--a browser engine that's developed by Apple and used in Safari (along with other iOS web browsers). It lists the impact of the security exploit as "processing maliciously crafted web content may lead to universal cross site scripting."

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

9. Joke 3

I'd be fired within five minutes!



10. Two quotes I like

A. Thanks, Jessica Walter (1941-2021), for your acting career that included such films as PLAY MISTY FOR ME, GRAND PRIX and THE GROUP; your role as Lucille Bluth on the sitcom ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT;

and your voice of Malory Archer on the FX animated series ARC. For more information about her life, please click: [Here](#).

After being reminded hospitals don't have bars: "Well, this is why people hate hospitals."—Jessica Walter



B. Thanks, Larry McMurtry (1936-2021), for your career as a novelist, screenwriter and bookseller whose novels included THE LAST PICTURE SHOW, TERMS OF ENDEARMENT and LONESOME DOVE. Your work earned you a well-deserved Pulitzer Prize, as well as Academy Award and Emmy Award wins. For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).

"If you wait, all that happens is you get older."--Larry McMurtry



11. Thought for the day

In case you were wondering ...

APRIL FOOLS' DAY

is canceled this year
cause no made up prank
could match
the unbelievable shit
going on in the world
right now.

12. Advance planning department

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

A. Isis Music Hall. Love Bubble on April 9. B. Magnetic in the Smokey Park is back! C. Randy Robins: Jewish Comedy on Easter Sunday.

PS. Make it a great week!
