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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I celebrated our friend Tom Gallagher's birthday with his wife Marcy and sister-in-law Bonnie Sibner.

What made the celebration even more memorable was that Marcy made the same Apricot Nectar cake that her mom Judy Blumlo used to make (see bottom photo). It was delicious.

Since you probably can't read it, Marcy found a similar recipe that can be viewed by clicking: [Here](#).



B. Our friends Padma Dyvine and Will Redish joined us for some tasty Chinese take-out at our home.



C. Kismet, our amazing cat, participated in a group hug with us recently.



D. I hosted a record-setting five podcasts this past week. All can be viewed [Here](#).

(1) The top one, dated 4.4.2023, featured Angel Thompson, Volunteer Engagement Coordinator for Homeward Bound WNC.

(2) The middle one, dated 4.5.2023, featured Susan Reinhardt, author and humorist. She discusses THE BEAUTIFUL MISFITS, her latest book.

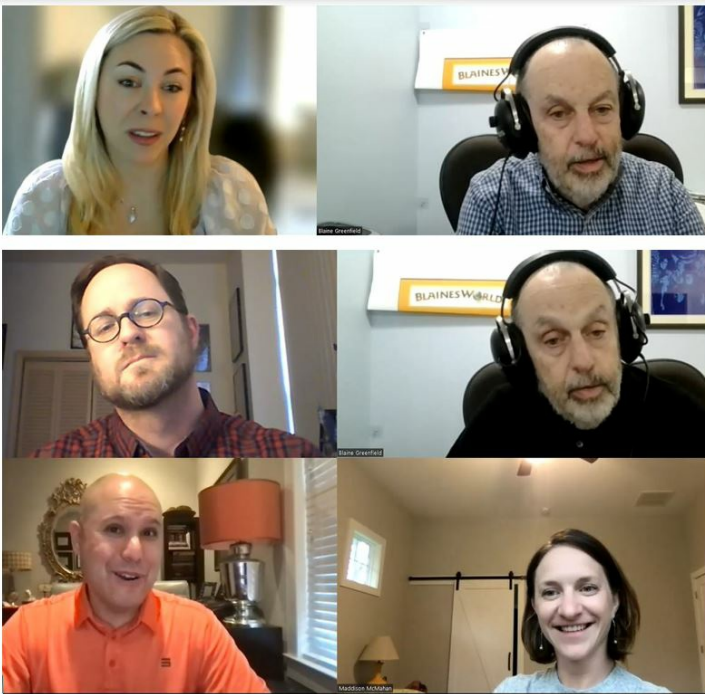
(3) The bottom one, dated 4.6.2023, featured Valerie Naiman--Author and Story Songwriter .



(4) The top one, dated 4.7.2023, featured Jessica Johnson, Singer, discussing her upcoming performance and performing two songs.

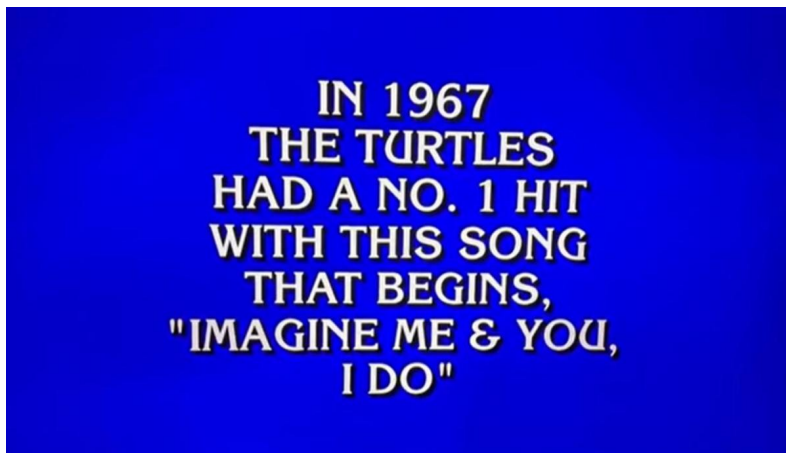
Note: See Sect. 2A for more information about the above.

(5) The bottom one, dated, 4.8.2023, featured Mark Jones, director, and Eric Martinez and Maddison McMahan, actors, in BRIGHT STAR.



E. CONGRATULATIONS to:

- (1) Lynx Killillay on being hired by the Carolina Center for ABA and Autism as a registered behavioral technician.
- (2) Krystin Anya Ezzell on completing her substance abuse counseling program from AB Tech.
- (3) Allison Scott for her appearance on WLOS. To view it, click: [Here](#).
- (4) Declan Sheehy for on his new position as Chief Development Officer at Senior Friendship Centers.
- (5) JEOPARDY for recognizing arguably what's the greatest rock song of all time on a recent show. To view the clip, click: [Here](#).



F. Announcing this week's ...

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

It goes to a company called HEYDUDE.

I had been searching for a good pair of slippers for quite some time. I've now found them!

They are lightweight, comfortable, stylish and affordable, and footwear from this company is made for both men and women. (Kids, too.)

The cool thing: They're not only good for slippers, but I wear them when outside the home because of their

sturdy soles.

To order from HEYDUDE, click: [Here](#).

Note: When you sign-up, you can get a 15% discount with the first order. And you'll also be impressed with the 60-day return policy.

2. Invites

A, Yours truly will be a guest performer at THE LOVE COLLECTIVE - ACROSS THE POND show at Attic Salt Theatre on Friday, April 14, and on Saturday, April 15--both nights at 7 p.m.

Rumor central: You may even get to hear me sing a song!

For tickets, click: [Here](#).

And to view two of the other songs from the show, click: [Here](#) and look for the podcast dated 4.7.2023.



B. Please LIKE and SHARE the Facebook page for At the Café, the new musical written by Marcy Gallagher with music by Sarah Kohrs that will have its world premiere at The Tina McGuire Theater at The Wortham Center for the Performing Arts on August 18-20 and 25-27. For more information, click: [Here](#).

C. The time to enter the following contest has been extended ...

*** CONTEST #6 ***

One lucky reader will win an autographed copy of THE WORLD BEYOND THE REDBUD TREE, a novel by my friend Madison C. Brightwell.

To quote reviewer David Silverman, a Hollywood screen writer:

Madison Brightwell has constructed a story about a 16-year-old girl and her journey to adulthood in a world with parallel universes and challenges no one could imagine in this lifetime. She's created a world in which parallel universes exist. It's a world where people have telepathic powers. ... The novel offers us the story of a struggling young girl making her way through both dystopian and Utopian futures. A very thought-provoking tale for readers of all ages.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #6 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include your name and mailing address. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on April 10.

D. Want to be a guest on my BLAINESWORLD podcast, now seen on YouTube or you can listen to it on your favorite podcast player? If you have news you'd like to share and/or a story to tell, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put GUEST in the subject line. In the body of the email, include both your name and phone number.

Even if you've been a guest before, I'd welcome the opportunity to speak with you again. I now tape via Zoom,

usually in the early evening.

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

E. Are you interested in shows, concerts, movies, TV, etc.? ... If so, I encourage you to join a group I've formed on Facebook that's called Entertainment. To do so, all you need to do is follow the instructions when you click: [Here](#).

F. Come join Cynthia for the two courses she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week: Meditation on Monday via Zoom and Move Your Body on Wednesday via Zoom or in person. To attend this and/or any of the other courses that are offered, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

Note: For others, see Sect.13 (at the bottom of this issue).

3. FYI

When My Father Got Alzheimer's, I Had to Learn to Lie to Him
by Sandeep Jauhar

When my father was declining from Alzheimer's disease, one of the things my siblings and I used to argue about was whether to correct his confusions.

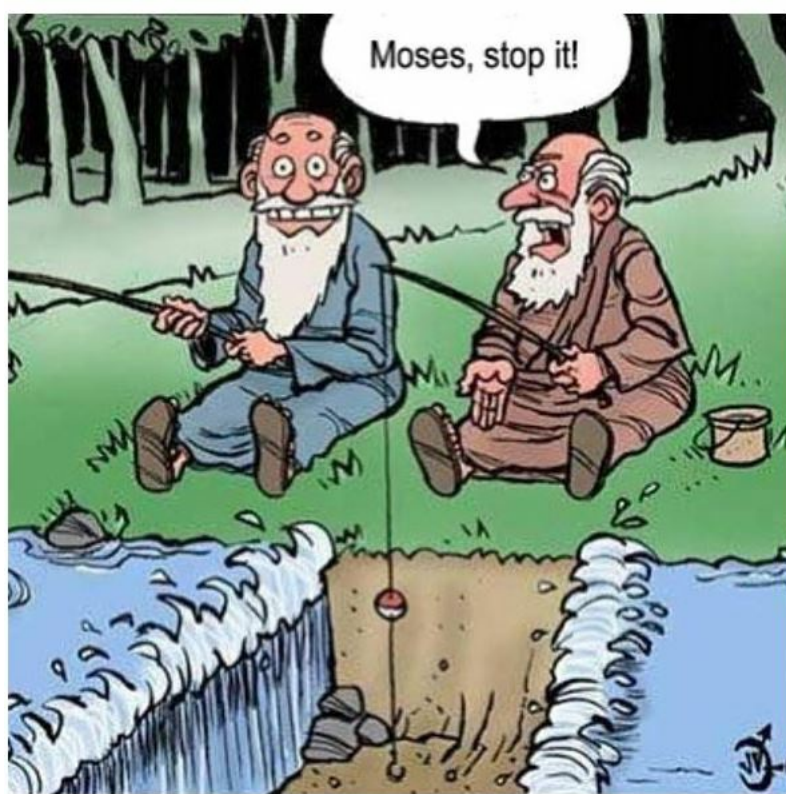
For example, my father, in his impaired state, expected his live-in aide to work for room and board and would lash out at her (and us) whenever he learned that she had been paid. My siblings tended to think that it was fine to lie to him about matters like this if it helped him (and us) get through one of his rancorous moods.

To read the rest of this thought-provoking article, click: [Here](#).

Note: If a paywall prevents you from reading the above, find it in Sect. 3 when you click: [Here](#).

4. Joke 1

If you attended a Seder or know somebody who did, share the information below about how Moses trained to part the Red Sea. ... And as you do, my hope for you is that you're having a HAPPY PASSOVER--especially if you're like me, and you celebrate all holidays because there's more food fun and friends that way. (Thanks, Toni Sciacchitano Feedback, for sharing.)



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I both liked *TWO LOVERS* on Amazon Prime. It is a 2009 romantic drama, starring Joaquin Phoenix as a moody photographer who moves in with his parents in Brighton Beach. He soon becomes involved with Vanessa Shaw, an honest and sensible young woman, who appears to be the perfect match until Gwyneth Paltrow enters the picture. The performances are all outstanding, as is both the score and cinematography. Rated R.

B. We didn't feel quite the same way about *THE HUSTLE*, also on Amazon Prime, which was a 2019 remake of *DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS* (a far superior film). Anne Hathaway and Rebel Wilson are ordinarily quite good in various roles, but they just don't click in this one. Even the cons they pull off weren't very funny. Rated PG-13.

6. TV alert

A. *DAISY JONES & THE SIX*: Now on Prime Video

This limited series, based on the novel by Taylor Jenkins Read, has 10 episodes. It tells the story of an iconic band, led by Daisy Jones and Billy Dunne that will remind you of Fleetwood Mac. Cynthia and I are almost done with it, and we are loving it. We are also hoping there will be a second season. For more information about that possibility, click: [Here](#).

B. *SCHMIGADOON*, Season 2: Now on Apple TV+

In the new season of the Broadway musical parody show, set in magical yet crime-ridden Schmicago, Cecily Strong, Keegan-Michael Key, Jane Krakowski, Kristin Chenoweth, Fred Armisen and Alan Cumming spoof *CABARET*, *CHICAGO*, *HAIR*, *PIPPIN*, *COMPANY*, *SWEENEY TODD* and more. We can't wait to see it, having really enjoyed Season 1.

C. *TRANSATLANTIC*: Now on Netflix

This blockbuster miniseries is fiction based on the true story of American journalist Varian Fry who led a team in 1940s Marseilles that smuggled thousands of Jewish refugees out from Nazi clutches, including painter Max Erns

D. *ON A WING AND A PRAYER*: Now on Amazon Prime

This fact-based film about Doug White (Dennis Quaid), who was forced to take over the controls of a small plane containing him, his wife (Heather Graham) and their daughters, when the pilot died in mid-flight on Easter Sunday 2009.

7. Joke 2

Idea for y'all if you have children or grandchildren. ...And even if you don't, my wish is for and yours to join me in celebrating all holidays (because there's more food, fun and friends that way), so ... HAPPY EASTER!



8. 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 cover from VERA: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Thanks, Scott Treadway, for sharing your thoughts about Tom Jones:

I've said it before and I'll say it again, Tom Jones is, in my opinion, the greatest male vocalist of all time. Don't argue with me. Mama Dootsie took me along with her to see him in the 70's ... saw him four times in person. Unbelievable.

And this is him at 80!!! 7:51 is especially wonderful with Jennifer Hudson. ... To view clip, click: [Here](#).

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

(1) The Jarmels, "A Little Bit of Soap," one of my favorite songs: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Good Friday Service: [Here](#).

(3) Howard Smith: Easter Sunday: [Here](#).

(4) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Musician and songwriter Gary Moore: [Here](#).

(5) And as usual, Neil is right when with his recommendation to check out Moore. See for yourself with this performance of "Still Got the Blues" ... [Here](#).

(6) Dream On - Postmodern Jukebox with Morgan James (Aerosmith Cover): [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

(7) Aerosmith version: [Here](#).

(8) CGI Animated Short : "The D in David": [Here](#). (Thanks, Brad Fuller, for sharing.)

(9) The time Bernhard Langer climbed a tree to play a shot: [Here](#). (Thanks, Stacy Anderson, for sharing.)

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

For practical "Dadvice" for everyday tasks and successful living, check out: Dad, how do I? by clicking: [Here](#).

You'll get such useful advice on such topics as:

How to Cook Sweet & Sour Meatballs

How to Get Rid of Hiccups

How to Tie a Tie

How to Fix Most Running Toilets

(Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

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](#).

9. Technology tip

I love this awesome online photo editor
by Rick Rouse

If you're like me, you like using computer-based tools that are simple, easy to use, fast loading and respectful of your privacy.

Well, the awesome online photo editor I demonstrate in this video meets all of those criteria, and more.

To view it, click: [Here](#).

Note: Rick puts out a terrific tech tip newsletter. To subscribe to it, click: [Here](#).

10. Joke 3

A farmer wants to know how many sheep he has in his field, so he asks his border collie to count them. The dog runs into the field, counts them and runs back to the farmer. The farmer asks, "How many?"

The dog replies, "40."

The farmer is surprised and exclaims, "How can there be 40? I only bought 38!"

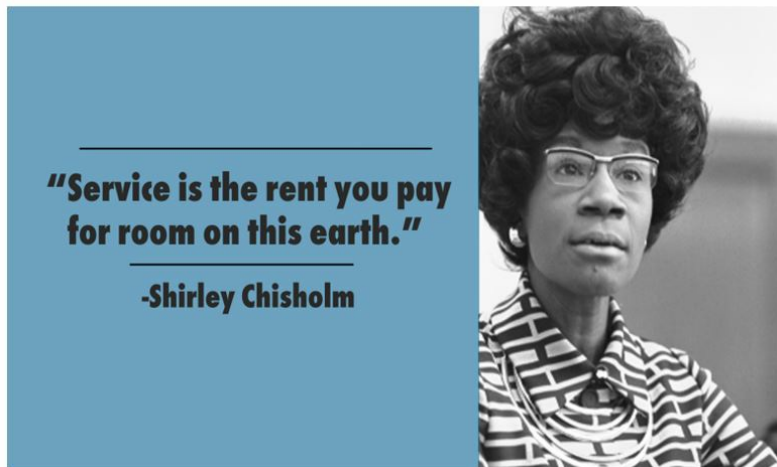
The dog says, "I rounded them up."

(Thanks, Drew Emanuele, for sharing.)



11. A quote I like

Shirley Chisholm was an American politician who, in 1968, became the first Black woman to be elected to the United States Congress. She served for seven terms from 1969 to 1983. In 1972, she became the first Black candidate for a major-party nomination for President of the United States.



12. Thought for the day

RULES TO TEACH YOUR DAUGHTER

1. Never shake a man's hand sitting down.
2. Learn how to cook a signature dish.
3. Spend 30 min a day reading up on current events.
4. In a negotiation, never make the first offer.
5. Request the late check-out.
6. When entrusted with a secret, keep it.
7. Hold your heroes to a higher standard.
8. Return a borrowed car with a full tank of gas.
9. Play with passion or don't play at all...
10. When shaking hands, grip firmly and look them in the eye.
11. Don't let a wishbone grow where a backbone should be
12. Whoever you choose to marry, you marry his/her family / children
13. Be like a duck. Remain calm on the surface and paddle like crazy underneath.
14. Experience the serenity of traveling alone.
15. Never be afraid to talk to the best-looking person in the room.
16. Never turn down a breath mint.
17. A classic outfit is worth 1000 words.
18. Try writing your own eulogy. Never stop revising.
19. Thank a veteran.
20. After writing an angry email, read it carefully. Then delete it.
21. Ask your mom to play. She won't let you win.
22. Manners make the woman.
23. Give credit. Take the blame.

24. Stand up to Bullies. Protect those bullied.
25. Write down your dreams.
26. Add value everywhere you go.
27. Be confident and humble at the same time.
28. If ever in doubt, REMEMBER WHOSE DAUGHTER YOU ARE and REFUSE to just be ordinary!
29. Change the world, don't let it change you.
30. Always be you! Hold your head up high, Be confident whenever you walk into a room and stay strong.
31. Don't ever let anyone make you feel like you are less of a person. They have the problem, not you.
32. As your mother, I will ALWAYS have your back.

Source: Author unknown. If you know who wrote this and/or where it came from, please let me know.

(Thanks, Donna Suggs, for sharing.)



13. Advance planning department

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

A. Connie Hurst: The Revolutionists. B. Doug Savitt: DEATH OF A SALESMAN auditions. C. Jeff Catanese: TREASURE ISLAND auditions. D. Victorial Lamberth: Savannah Sipping Society. E. Janice Vertucci Schreiber: Let Me Down Easy. F. Chuck Fink: Tales & Music of the Blueridge. G. Rodney Smith: 369 Monologue and Short Play Festival.

PS. Make it a great week!



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