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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I enjoyed THE COURT OF THE GRANDCHILDREN. set in 2015, It is a provocative drama about what life will be like in the future as a result of climate change--now at The Magnetic Theatre through April 22. ... You'll want to see it because of the outstanding performances from Stan Baranowski as 81-year-old David Moreland, Morgan Miller as his great niece Lilly and Sonia Rose D'Andrea as his nurse. Kudos, also, to the work of Roberta Whiteside as the Climate Commission judge, and to Scott Fisher who as one of the few humans left represents David. Emily Tucker, Aaron Ybarra, and Zak Hamrick round out the cast and all do a nice job as members of the younger generation. ... Jason Williams' direction is spot on. ... For tickets, click: [Here](#).



B. We gave two thumbs up for our recent dinner at 12 Bones in the River Arts District.



C. There were three BLAINESWORLD shows this past week.

(1) Guests: (first half) Edwin Arnaudin, local film critic; and (second half) D. Tyrell McGirt, Director at Asheville Parks and Recreation Department. To view it, click: [Here](#).



(2) Guest: Stan Baranowski, actor, discussing COURT OF THE GRANDCHILDREN. To view it, click: [Here](#).



(3) Guests: Victoria Lamberth, director, and Allison Starling, actor, discuss SISTER AMNESIA'S COUNTRY WESTERN NUNSENSE JAMBOREE. To view it, click: [Here](#).



D. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Lovey--our beloved cat who passed away this past week. Her story, as only she could tell it, follows ...

I was 13 when my Mom and Dad came into Brother Wolf and fostered me. I was very shy and often hid--except for the moments I laid on my their chests.

Two weeks later, they both realized that they had failed as foster parents when my Dad insisted they adopt me. We were all a bit unsure as I was still hiding most of the time.

Fast forward six years later--and much progress. I came out more and more, trusting my new as time went by.

Some great times. ... Dad loved to observe Mom and me do our routines. ... I would meow after dinner, waiting to be paid attention to. Mom and I would walk from one room to the other. She would brush me.

Slowly, as I aged, I needed more and more interventions ... medications that helped me with thyroid and hypertension. I went blind. I could not hear. Mom cared for me with her whole heart. Dad observed and gave us both space. I trusted them totally. We were the best of friends and companions in the whole universe.

I needed them, and they needed me.

Then came the day when I was just too tired and too old. And they knew in this one moment that they could not wait one more moment for me to suffer.

They gave me the greatest gift anyone could. They let me go with so much love. After my heart stopped, my Mom kissed my head over and over and over. What a send-off. Thank you Mom and Dad. I will always love you and be in your heart.



2. Invites

A. Good news! There's still time to enter ...

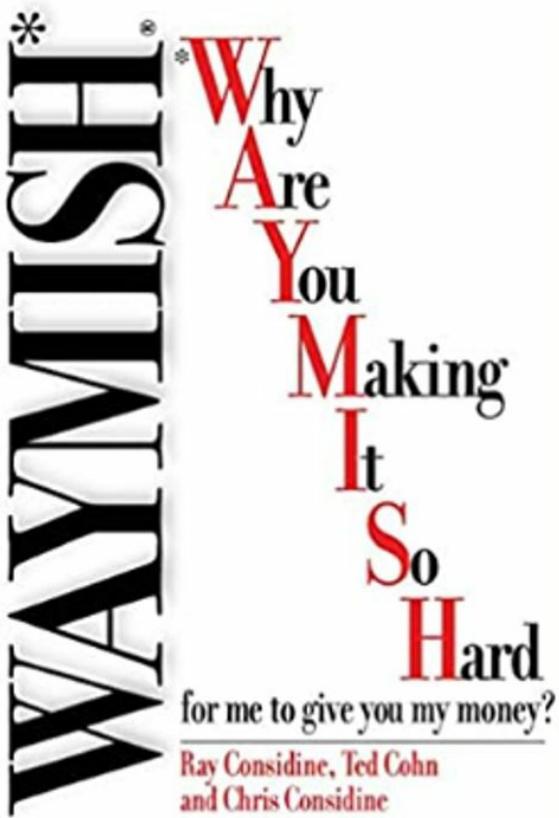
***** CONTEST #7 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of WAYMISH: Why are you making it so hard for me to give you my money? by Ray Considine and Ted Cohn.

To quote the book's description from Amazon:

WAYMISH means Why Are You Making It So Hard...for me to give you my money? A Waymish; is any dumb mistake made when dealing with a customer. It's the disastrous effect of one minute's lousy service which loses a customer ready and willing to spend money. One Waymish. One customer lost. All future profits gone. The book's examples make excellent staff training material.

To enter the 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 mailing address. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Mon, April 18.



B. Want to be a guest on my radio/Facebook Live show? 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.

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

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 evenings.

C. 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 follow the instructions when you click: [Here](#).

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

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

3. FYI

Note: When you click any of the following articles, you may see an ad. Click the ad (in the upper right hand), and you should be able to read the article. If you can't, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put NAME OF THE ARTICLE (you saw the link) in the subject line, and I'll be see if I can send it to you.

Five Tips to Get More Money at Your Next Job (Or Your Current One)
by WSJ Staff

The hiring market is hot. If you're a job seeker or employee who wants more—more money, more flexibility—ask now.

In many corners of the economy, workers have the upper hand. But do it right.

"Never go into a request for money about what you need and why. You have to come at it about what the company needs and why," says Tessa White, founder of The Job Doctor, a career coach with 20-plus years of experience in human resources with startups and Fortune 50 companies like UnitedHealth Group.

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

FYI, part 2

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

A. Anthony Fogelman: How to Use Wikipedia Wisely. B. Janice Vertucci Schreiber: Omaha Community Playhouse to pay performers, backstage crew. C. M.L.B. Approves Technology to Limit Sign Stealing.

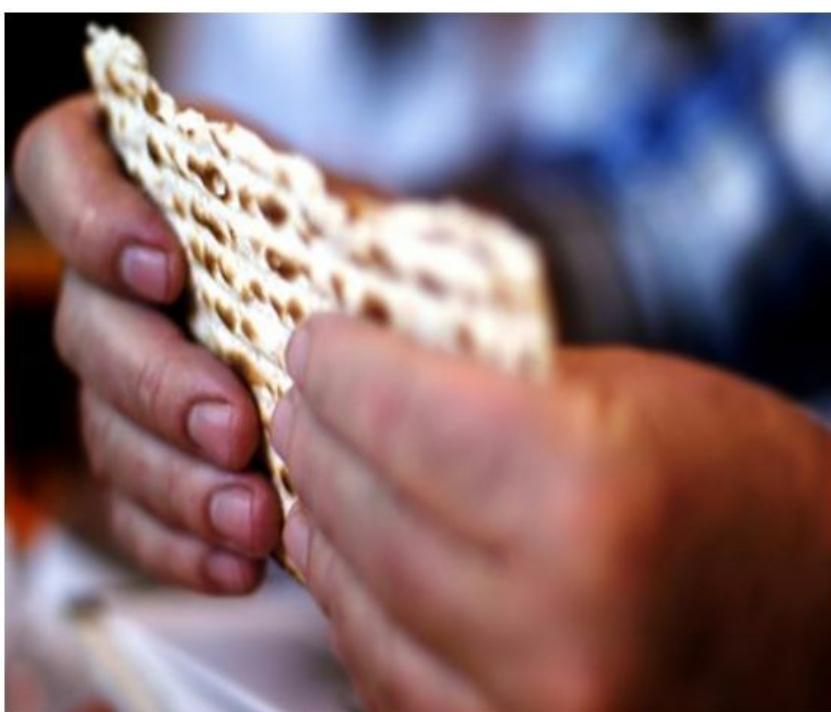
4. Joke 1

A Jewish man took his Passover lunch to eat outside in the park. He sat down on a bench and began eating. Since Jews do not eat leavened bread during the eight-day holiday, he was eating Matzo, flat crunchy unleavened bread that has dozens of perforations.

A little later, a blind man came by and sat down next to him. Feeling neighborly, the Jewish man passed a sheet of matzo to the blind man.

The blind man handled the matzo for a few minutes, looked puzzled and finally exclaimed, "Who wrote this nonsense?"

PS. If you're like me, and you celebrate all holidays (because there's more food, fun and friends that way),
HAPPY PASSOVER!



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I saw FATHER STU, a drama based on a real story about how a former boxer and longtime agnostic comes to the surprising realization that he's meant to be a Catholic priest. Mark Wahlberg is excellent in the leading role, and it was good to see Mel Gibson back on screen. We also liked Malcolm McDowell's performance as Monsignor Kelly. ... But overall, the film was a bit flat and didn't inspire us a we thought it would. Do stay for the credits, though, to both see and hear the real Father Stu.

Note: We were impressed by Wahlberg's transformation on screen. He really looked sick, toward the end of the film, and we were amazed by his weight gain. To learn more about it, click: [Here](#).

B. We preferred THE MAN WITHOUT GRAVITY, which we saw on Netflix. It is a watchable fantasy about a gravity-defying boy, raised in seclusion, who matures into an extraordinary man who longs for human connection. The deeper themes of the movie explore interesting themes such as how rare talents can be kept hidden out of fear of society's judgments or used and exploited for money and fame.

Rated age 15+ by Common Sense Media, in that there's some profanity and scenes involving prostitutes.

6. TV alert

A. ANATOMY OF A SCANDAL: Now on Netflix

Downton Abbey's Michelle Dockery is a prosecutor on the trail of British politician James Whitehouse (Rupert Friend), who has had an affair with an aide —or is he actually a rapist who strikes in elevators? Cynthia and I have started this series, and we're enjoying it so far.

B. THE OUTLAWS: Now on Amazon Prime

Stephen Merchant (cocreator of The Office) plays a lawyer sentenced to community service cleaning up a derelict building after getting busted thanks to his parked car's brake lights flashing while he's occupied with a sex worker in this comedy-thriller, which Merchant cocreated and codirected.

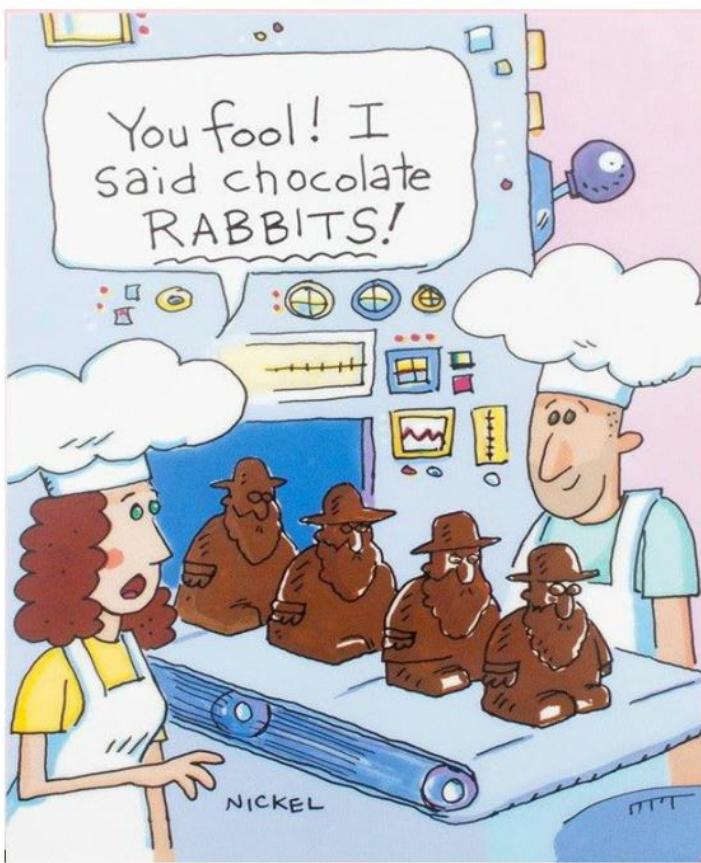
C. TCM MEMORIAL TRIBUTE PETER BOGDANOVICH: Friday, April 22, beginning at 8 p.m. on TCM
Watch PAPER MOON, then THE LAST PICTURE SHOW and WHAT'S UP DOC?

D. A TAIL OF LOVE: Friday, April 22, at 8 p.m. on Hallmark Channel

When Bella discovers funding for her dog rescue center is being discontinued, she turns to JR, a caring soldier who not only becomes attached to one of her beloved rescues, but also to her.

7. Joke 2

Methinks this guy needs to wear his hearing aids. ... PS. If you're like me, and you celebrate all holidays (more food, fun and friends that way), 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 version from Tumo Kohrs--one of my favorite duos (and the absolute best one from Fairview, NC): [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Tuatha Dea, "Somethin' for Nothin'" (OFFICIAL VIDEO) ... to view it, click: [Here](#)

And to find out more about Tuatha Dea, A a progressive Americana band with a rock edge and fearless attitude for pushing the boundaries of modern roots music, click: [Here](#).

C. Check out these other clips at your convenience:

(1) "Tear Jerk" (from I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT NOW CHANGE), one of my favorites--both the song

and show: [Here](#).

(2) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Let It Be: [Here](#).

(3) In the above, Neil mentions a Paul McCartney clip with James Corden. To view it, click: [Here](#).

(4) Howard Smith: Sunday hymns (4.17.2022): [Here](#).

(5) David Riddell: New Kids On The Block - Bring Back The Time (Ft Salt-N-Pepa, Rick Astley, En Vogue) (Official Video): [Here](#).

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

A Soft Murmur is your customizable white-noise machine. Its dashboard, available as an app for both iOS and Android, gives you slidable volume bars for five different nature sounds: rain, thunder, waves, wind, and fire. You can also use it on your computer.

You can also mix sounds; e.g., turn on "Waves" and "Fire" for the sound of a beach bonfire. Turn on "Rain" and "Thunder" for the sound of a distant storm outside your house.

Very cool!

To see for yourself, click: [Here](#).

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

Ever come across a long, cumbersome internet address that you wanted to share with others?

If so, join the crowd.

And consider using TinyURL to shorten things and make it easier for all concerned. This is a shortening web service, which provides short aliases for redirection of long URLs.

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

For an example of how useful this can be, take a look at what is the longest domain name in the world:

<https://llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch.co.uk/>

Imagine haven't to type that!

But if you shorten it, you'll get this to use instead:

<https://tinyurl.com/53we5k2n>

Note: To find out more about Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch, click either of the above links. You'll find out, for example, where it's located and that it was a secret password used in the film BARBARELLA.

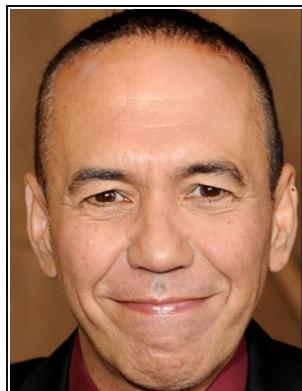
10. Joke 3

MR. HELPFUL HERE ... If you're still required to wear a mask and/or if you're immunocompromised, here's the perfect way to help people recognize you. ... Methinks I also need to get such a shirt, in that I find it embarrassing when I'm wearing a mask and people call out, "Hey, Brad." ... They think I'm Brad Pitt. Our left earlobes are soooo similar. (Thanks, Judy McKnight, for sharing.)



11. A quote I like

Thanks, Gilbert Gottfried (1955-2022), for your career as stand-up comedian and actor. I'll best remember you for your exaggerated shrill voice and emphasis on crude humor. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).



I wanted to be a brain surgeon, but I had a bad habit of dropping things.

— *Gilbert Gottfried* —

AZ QUOTES

12. Thought for the day

Mandy Hale (born 1978) is an American author, blogger and speaker. She is a New York Times Best-Selling Author of *The Single Woman* and has built a brand around the name. (Thanks, Jimmy Ferraro, for sharing.)



13. Advance planning department

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

A. Ellen Pappas: Auditions for The Autumn Players. B. Jeff Catanese: BOOM. C. Tom Orr: SING FOR YOUR SUPPER.

PS. Make it a great week!