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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I continued to hunker down in Week 58 of the corona pandemic. Fortunately, we have begun to spend time outdoors with some of our vaccinated friends, including Bonnie Solomon and Gidget.



B. We also got to meet our friends Grant Randall and Ginny Plaisted for some delicious chicken and waffles at Rocky's Hot Chicken Shack in Asheville.



C. BUMMER! ... Just as I was going to begin my career as a hand model, I have come down with something known as Raynaud's disease. (See below.) It is a disorder of the blood vessels, usually in the fingers and toes. It causes the blood vessels to narrow when you are cold or feeling stressed. When this happens, blood can't get to the surface of the skin and the affected areas turn white and blue.

Right now, it can just be seen on my right hand, as well as my left foot. So I guess that I'll also have to give up any foot modeling work I had been planning.

MR. CURIOUS HERE: Do you know of any remedies for the above condition--other than keeping my hands and feet warm? The good news is that Dr. Weizman, my excellent physician, has told me that this is not a serious medical concern.

For more information about Raynaud's disease, please click: [Here](#).



D. Catch this week's BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) Mark Jones, director; and (second half) Michael Poandl, development and communications coordinator, WNCAP--the Western North Carolina AIDS Project.



E. I also hosted two special BLAINESWORLD (video only) shows, the first one featured Mike Martinelli, movie fan extraordinaire, with his Oscar 2021 predictions. To view it, please click: [Here](#).

Note: Please also see Section 4C to read more about Mike's picks.



F. The second one featured Jamie Knox, local playwright, actor and coach who also runs a yoga business and a toddler. Tune in to find out about her upcoming course, Shakespearean Monologues, by clicking: [Here](#).



G. Please vote in the 2021 Best of WNC Readers' Poll that's now open. ... To register, please go to "Start Voting!" at the bottom of the page when you click: [Here](#). ... I'd be honored if you would vote in these Media categories: Local Radio Personality (Blaine Greenfield in drop-down list) and Local Events Information Source (BLAINESWORLD in drop-down list), as well as for Local Radio Station, noncommercial (WPVM in drop-down list). ... I'd also love to vote for you and/or your business. If you want me to do so, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put VOTE in the subject line. ... PS. Unfortunately, voting is not that simple. You MUST vote in at least 30 separate categories or your ballot will not be counted. Send me an email if you need any help.



H. Condolences to LaVelle Olexa and family on the passing of Aubrey, Lavelle's brother. To listen to "Optimistic," one of the many classic country songs that he wrote, please click: [Here](#).

I. Congratulations to:

(1) Ann Redfield on becoming the Executive Vice President of the Dementia Society of America (as she continues in her excellent capacity as Board Member and Secretary).

Note: I'm also honored to have been named as Senior Vice President in this same organization, as well as the new Compliance Officer.

For more information about the Dementia Society of America, please click: [Here](#).

(2) Stephanie Hickling Beckman on being profiled in MOUNTAIN XPRESS. To read the article, please click: [Here](#).

(3) Chris Tye on her engagement.

(4) David Novak on the birth of Cabell Godfrey Novak, David's grandson.

(5) Delores Chalmers on the publication of her book, *New Ways of Learning in 2020: Corona Struck*. To find out more about it and/or to order a copy, please click: [Here](#).

(6) Donna Marchetti, winner of Contest #8: a copy of *HOW THE MIGHTY FALL: AND WHY SOME COMPANIES NEVER GIVE IN*, a book by Jim Collins. All told, there were three entries. And that reminds me it is now time to announce ...

******* CONTEST #9 *******

One lucky reader will win a copy of *Once Upon a Key: Across the Verge to Faerie* by Jan J. Love. This novel is an engaging, upper middle-grade eco-fairy tale with themes of self-empowerment, family and friendship that adults will also enjoy. (Cynthia did!)

To enter this contest. Send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #9 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., May 3.

J. 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) Apply for Leadership Asheville. For more information, click: [Here](#)

K. SPECIAL THANKS to Risa Reavely, my amazing daughter, for sharing information about BLAINESWORLD with her many friends. over the past several years. As a result, several new subscribers have come on board, and this missive now has some 6 subscribers. (JUST KIDDING!), At last count, the figure was 1,067.

Feel free to invite your family and friends to also come on board. They can easily do so by just clicking: [Here](#).

L. Announcing this week's ...

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

I am pleased to recognize Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and an adviser to every U.S. president since Ronald Reagan--and currently Chief Medical Adviser to President Joe Biden.

In 2008, President George W. Bush awarded Fauci the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States, for his work on the AIDS relief program PEPFAR. In addition, both The New Yorker and The New York Times have described Fauci as one of the most trusted medical figures in the United States.

Yet amazingly, there are some who question his advice. I find it particularly appalling when many of these same folks are politicians and/or others who have no medical background.

For more information about this tireless public servant, I urge you to read "So Anthony Fauci Isn't Perfect. He's Closer Than Most of Us," an excellent column by Frank Bruni.

Bruni contends, "We owe him gratitude not grief."

He concludes with this paragraph:

"He has no other ambition or agenda than the health of the country and world," according to Washington Post columnist Michael Gerson, who, as a senior official in the George W. Bush administration, became acquainted with Fauci. ... "Fauci is practicing epidemiology," he wrote. "His critics are practicing idiocy. Both are very good at their chosen work."

To read the entire column, and I encourage you to do so, please click: [Here](#).

Note: You may see an ad to subscribe to the above paper. See if you can "X" it out and then read the article. If that doesn't work, and you still want to read it, I'll send it to you if you send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put FAUCI in the subject line.

2. FYI

A hiker was lost and desperate. A stranger with an unusual hobby saved him.

by Sydney Page

When Rene Compean snapped a photo of his soot-stained legs hanging over a steep cascade of rocks, he feared it was the last picture he'd ever take. Hopelessly lost while hiking in Southern California, he thought he might die.

"I'm not ready," the 45-year-old man told himself as he repeatedly yelled for help and used charred sticks to write SOS on any open surfaces he could find.

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

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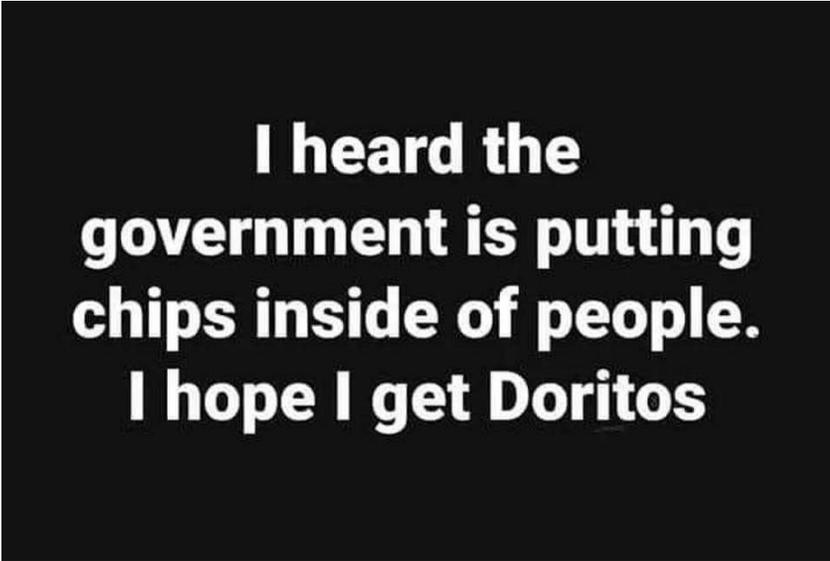
FYI, part 2

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

A. Brian Biro: The Budd Group is looking for a candidate for an Asheville job. B. Seth Rogen and the Secret to Happiness. C. Don't Worry, You Can Learn to Talk to People Again. D. Sleeping Too Little in Middle Age May Increase Dementia Risk, Study Finds.

3. Joke 1

Let me know what kind of chips you would like. (Thanks, Jimmy Ferraro, for sharing.)



**I heard the
government is putting
chips inside of people.
I hope I get Doritos**

4. Reviews

A. Enjoyed BANDITS, a 2001 dramedy about two escapees from a prison, Bruce Willis and Billy Bob Thornton, who rob banks throughout the country to finance their scheme for a new, somewhat legitimate life south of the border. Things get complicated when they meet Cate Blanchett, who joins them on their spree and eventually steals both their hearts. There's a great ending. Rated PG-13.

B. If you like screwball comedies, you'll love 1937's THE AWFUL TRUTH. Carry Grant and Irene Dunn are a married couple who doubt each other's fidelity. But when they part, they quickly realize their love never died. Aside from the leading performances, Ralph Bellamy and an unnamed dog are equally outstanding. Not rated, but appropriate for teenagers on up.

C. Mike Martinelli: It's Oscar week. While there are some definite wins on the horizon there are some races

that are wide open. Best actress is one of them. It is literally a 4 way race between Frances McDormand, Carey Mulligan, Anora Day (my pick) and Viola Davis. What is unusual and is actually nice is all the award shows have had different winners for best actress, which means there is no real frontrunner. Another race that has turned into a three way race is best picture. For a long time Nomadland was almost a shoo-in, but the race has tightened between Minari, The Trial Of The Chicago Seven (my pick) and Nomadland. With the preferential ballot for best picture any of the three can win. If a film doesn't get 51% on the first ballot it goes to a second ballot which means a film that has more number 2 or 3 votes can win best picture. Three races that are a lock are best director, best supporting actor and supporting actress. Since many of you have seen a lot of these movies weigh in on your feelings and predictions.

Note: For still more information about Mike's picks, please see Section 4C when you click: [Here](#).

D. Bill Lewis: Just a quick note to tell you that we watched Eurovision the other day. Diane fell asleep as I knew she would, however I loved it. As you know, I am a huge fan of Rachel McAdams. I also love most Will Ferrell movies. And as an added bonus, Pierce Brosnan was great. Thanks for the recommendation.

5. TV alert

A. THE NEVERS: Sundays at 9 p.m. on HBO

This epic science fiction drama is about a gang of Victorian women who find themselves with unusual abilities, relentless enemies and a mission that might change the world. TV GUIDE calls it "fetchingly original."

B. SESAME STREET: 50 YEARS OF SUNNY DAYS: Mon., April 26, at 8 p.m. on ABC

Guests Whoopi Goldberg, Chrissy Teigen, John Legend and Dr. Anthony Fauci take a look at how the show has attempted to represent all kids.

C. AUSTIN CITY LIMITS: Fri., April 30, on PBS at 11 p.m. (check local listings [Here](#))

Catch the late John Prince, the revered country-folk singer, in a 2018 concert.

D. THE STORY OF LATE NIGHT: Season premiere on Sun., May 2, at 9 p.m. on CNN

Watch to see a clip-heavy six-part history of this entertainment format, starting with THE TONIGHT SHOW.

6. Joke 2

I prefer this version to the book!

CAT CHAIR IN THE RYE



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 watch a 1984 interview with Howard Kaylan and Mark Volman by clicking: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

I went to high school with Neil Ratner and played in the band with him. He went on to become known as the Rock Doc. To quote from his Facebook page:

As a kid I dreamed of two different career paths. Either I would become a successful rock and roll drummer or I would become an MD. In many ways both of my dreams came true.

Despite the fact that I didn't become a famous drummer, I still managed to work in the music business. I went from road manager to producer and I worked with bands like Humble Pie, Emerson Lake & Palmer, Pink Floyd, Three Dog Night and T- Rex.

My company, Circus Talents Ltd., had done successful tours for many of the biggest rock groups of the day. I was still unsatisfied. I decided to pursue my other passion and studied medicine in Guadalajara, Mexico, eventually becoming an Anesthesiologist

On this page you'll find some great facts and great stories. Come with me on a fascinating journey into Rock

and Roll

For example, he recently shared a story about Aerosmith: [Here](#).

For other rock stories, clips, etc., follow Neil's Facebook page by clicking; [Here](#).

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

(1) "Tear Jerk" (from I love You, You're Perfect, Now Change!), one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

Note: To see a performance of the whole show, please click: [Here](#).

(2) Hope Yvette Wardrep: "The Man with the Child in His Eyes": [Here](#).

(3) Jonathan Berg: Secret Agent Dog: [Here](#).

(4) Howard Smith: Sunday hymns on piano, 4.25.2021: [Here](#).

(5) Aaron Ybarra: Digital church, 4.25.2021: [Here](#).

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

If you believe in writing a real letter to people who matter, visit Letters of Note: [Here](#).

You'll see letter written by by Caitlin Moran, Sylvia Plath, Martin Luther King Jr., George Bernard Shaw, E.B. White, Laura Dern, Louisa May Alcott, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Bette Davis, Richard Wagner, Martha Gellhorn and many others.

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

Why iPhone owners should turn off AirDrop. Now.

by Jack Morse

Not everything Apple makes "just works" — at least not as intended, anyway.

Security researchers exploring AirDrop, the iOS and macOS feature that lets users wirelessly share files via WiFi and Bluetooth, reported Wednesday on a flaw they say exposes users' emails and phone numbers. Unless you want every creep on the street to be able to secretly grab your contact info, it's a bit of a nightmare.

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

9. Joke 3

Good manners are soooo important! (Thanks, Mike Martinelli, for sharing.)



10. One quote I like

Thanks, Walter Mondale (1928-2021), for your career as a politician, diplomat and lawyer who served as the 42nd vice president of the United States from 1977 to 1981 under President Jimmy Carter. For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).

BEST QUOTE EVER ABOUT MONDALE ... "I will not make age an issue of this campaign. I am not going to exploit, for political purposes, my opponent's youth and inexperience," Ronald Reagan quipped during the 1984 presidential debates when asked if, at 73, he is too old to be President.



11. Thought for the day

Feeling guilty about your kids watching too much TV? Just mute it and put subtitles on. BOOM! They are now

reading. (Thanks, Ken Greenfield, for sharing.)



12. Advance planning department

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

A. COMEDY OF ERRORS at Montford Park Players. B. LOVE LINDA at Hart Theatre. C. IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE at The Magnetic Theatre.

PS. Make it a great week!
