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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I continued to hunker down in Week 60 of the corona pandemic. Fortunately, we were able to get out to enjoy some sunny weather in front of the many amazing trees in our front yard.



B. On another day, we took a walk and were mesmerized by the sight of this butterfly flapping its wings. it did so for several minutes, seemingly oblivious to our presence.



C. A few days later, we met Wonton while eating out at P B & Jay's Cafe--one of our favorite local eateries. His smile (bottom photo) is simply Infectious.



D. It was good to get out for lunch with my friend Bill Branyon at the Liberty House Coffee and Café, at which time solved all the world's problems. An added plus: our food was delicious!



E. Catch this week's BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) Richard Shulman, composer/pianist/recording artist, RichHeart Music; and (second half): Nancy Gavin, co-founder and president, Laps and Naps Home for Senior Cats.



F. Congratulations to:

- (1) Julia Holladay on her appearance on WLOS. To view it, please click: [Here](#).
- (2) Asheville on being named among 'Best Places to Live for Singles' by Money Magazine
For more information, please click: [Here](#)/
- (3) Billy Lewis on his new job on the production crew for the Trenton Thunder minor league baseball team.
- (4) Andy and Marilyn Scarpati on the marriage of their son, Joe Giordano, to Paige Pokorney.
- (5) Rock Eblen, winner of Contest #9: a copy of a copy of Once Upon a Key: Across the Verge to Faerie by Jan J. Love. All told, there were three entries. And that reminds me it is now time to announce ...

***** CONTEST #10 *****

One lucky reader will win a pass for 30 days of unlimited access to The Washington Post. This is one of the papers that I read on a daily basis. It contains breaking news and analysis on politics, business, world national news and entertainment

Methinks you'll like it as much as I do!

To enter this contest. Send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #10 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include both your name and email address, All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Mon., May 17.

G. Invitations:

(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) 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.



(4) I'm honored to be one of the guest quizmasters at this year's Truly Trivial: online trivia with a Jewish twist! If you join me, you can win prizes and support Jewish Family Services of WNC programs and services that empower our community, regardless of faith. Test your trivia skills with five rounds of different themes. Suggested donation of \$25 or \$75 VIP package.

Join us on Facebook Live for a game of virtual trivia to benefit Jewish Family Services of WNC! The event page can be found: [Here](#).

All proceeds benefit JFS programs and services that support our community, regardless of faith. Donate before the event to get us even closer to our goal! Visit: [Here](#) for more information.

Truly Trivial

ifs A VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER
FOR JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF WNC

H. Announcing this week's ...

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

It goes to Jane Hatley who recently retired as WNC Director of the Self-Help Ventures Fund.

I have known Jane for over a decade and have always been impressed by her tireless devotion to the small business community.

I've also had the pleasure of having heard Jane give several excellent presentations, and she has also been an enthusiastic guest on my BLAINESWORLD show on WPVM.

In addition, it was my honor to have nominated her for the 2017 SBA North Carolina Financial Services Advocate of the Year award/ She was the well-deserving winner.

She will be missed from the above position, but knowing Jane, I'm confident that she will be busier than ever in whatever she next undertakes.



2. FYI

Thanks, Cynthia, for helping me solve this problem:
How can you keep your pants from slipping?

I don't have that big a gut, but for many years, my pants would fall. No matter how tight I made my belt, nothing seemed to help. In addition, the tight belt was often uncomfortable. And it almost always cracked and looked terrible.

Even having my tailor tighten my pants didn't help.

But the other night, while we were watching one of our favorite shows (THE DURELLS IN CORFU on Amazon Prime), Cynthia hit the pause button and said, "There's the solution." It was!

The actor playing Spiros, Alexis Georgoulis, was wearing suspenders. So the very next morning, I ordered a pair and now, as can be seen in the picture below, I'm wearing and loving them.

Please do try this if you have the same problem and/or know somebody who does.

For more information on the subject, please click: [Here](#).

And here are the suspenders I ordered: [Here](#).

Note: There's a slight problem with using the clasp on the above until you get the hang of it. The solution can be found by clicking: [Here](#).



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

A. How Food May Improve Your Mood. B. 5 Tips for Taming Back-to-School Anxiety. C. See Fewer People, Take Fewer Showers.

3. Joke 1

Finally, some good news in BLAINESWORLD!



Contemporary Art Gallery

March 31 at 8:34 AM · 🌐

The Louvre getting ready for the reopening.

4. Reviews

A. Saw 2003's KILL BILL: VOL. 2, in which The Bride attempts to finish the hit list she composed of all the people who have wronged her. Uma Thurman is again terrific in the leading role, and the performances of David Carradine, Michael Madsen and Daryl Hannah are equally outstanding. Be forewarned. There's a lot of violence. But definitely watchable. Rated R.

B. A radically different film is 1953's CALAMITY JANE, a musical western starring Doris Day and Howard Keel as Wild Bill Hitchcock. The plot of the film is almost entirely fictional and bears little resemblance to the actual lives of the protagonists, but it's fun to watch. "Secret Love" won the Best Song Oscar. Not rated, but probably would have gotten a PG had there been ratings at the time.

5. TV alert

A. LIFETIME PRESENTS VARIETY'S POWER OF WOMEN: Mon., May 10, at 8 p.m. on Lifetime
Mindy Kaling, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Kate McKinnon and Maya Rudolph, among others, get to show how funny

they are.

B. **THE WOMAN IN THE WINDOW:** Starts on Fri., May 14, on Netflix

Amy Adams stars in this Hitchcockian thriller based on the 2018 novel of the same name that also features Julianne Moore, Gary Oldman and Jennifer Jason Leigh.

C. **THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD:** Starts on Fri., May 14, on Amazon Prime

This is a limited series that's based on Colson Whitehead's critically acclaimed bestseller about the escape route for fugitive enslaved people heading north to safety.

D. **THE PERSONAL HISTORY OF DAVID COPPERFIELD:** Sat., May 15, at 8 p.m. on HBO

Charles Dickens' classic novel is reimagined in this 2020 comedy. Dev Patel plays the grown-up Copperfield, and he is joined by Tilda Swinson, Hugh Laurie and Ben Whishaw.

6. Joke 2

When I see a doughnut like this, I'm told I get a glazed look in my eyes. (Thanks, Ginger Heskett, 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, please view version from a film they appeared in, MY DINNER WITH JIMI [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Sabra Low: The Great Realisation | Tomfoolery | A bed time story of how it started, and why hindsight's 2020: [Here](#).

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

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

(1) Ava August performs "City of Stars," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

Note: She was 15 years old when she sang the above on AMERICAN IDOL this year. Unfortunately, she didn't make the Top Nine. Too bad! ... For more information, please click: [Here](#).

(2) Thomsen Gùth: Kid outsmarts dad (dad's expression is priceless): [Here](#).

(3) Emotional! Casey Bishop Covers "When She Loved Me" - American Idol 2021: [Here](#).

(4) Amazing hustle (in baseball)—see clip featuring Gleyber Torres scoring on a line-drive single that never left the infield: [Here](#).

(5) Howard Smith (with his beautiful piano-playing): Mother's day, may 9, 2021: [Here](#).

(6) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: John Sebastian was the founder of the band the Lovin Spoonful but this week in May 1976 he had the number one song in the US as a solo artist with the theme from the TV show Welcome Back Kotter: [Here](#).

(7) Aaron Ybarra, Digital Church for Mother's Day: [Here](#).

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

Are you a fan of inspirational quotes? If so, check out Inspiring Quotes by clicking: [Here](#).

On a daily basis, you'll get such quotes as the following:

"Curiosity is, in great and generous minds, the first passion and the last."--Samuel Johnson

And if you like, you can even sign-up to get these quotes delivered daily to your inbox by clicking: [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](#).

8. Technology tip

How to change your iPhone's default browser, and why you might want to
by Jack Morse

Your iPhone's browser doesn't need to be set in stone.

It was only in Sept. 2020 that Apple released iOS 14, and with it the ability to set a custom default browser on your iPhone. The change was a small but meaningful one, as it gave users the option to essentially never use Safari again.

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

9. Joke 3

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. ... As they passed a barnyard with a jackass and pig, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?" "Yep", the wife replied, "in-laws."



10. A quote I like

"Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future."--Paul Lewis Boese (1923-1976),
Kansas businessperson and author

11. Thought for the day

World's toughest job ... see if you agree with by clicking: [Here](#).

12. Advance planning department

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

A. Jeff Catanese: Montford Park Players Opens 2021 Season with A Comedy of Errors. B. Tickets are going fast for next Tuesday's Magnetic in the Smoky Park performance!

PS. Make it a great week!
