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1. Reflections

If you're reading this via Facebook or LinkedIn, please be advised that you will get it quicker if you get it via email. Another advantage: You'll never miss it that way because you may not have logged in for a day or two. And in the unlikely event you're not already a subscriber, all you need to do is send an email to: bjnbc@aol.com and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Are continuing to honker down in Week 8 of the corona pandemic. And we recently got to enjoy some more of Cynthia's fantastic cooking. That's us with another of her specialties.

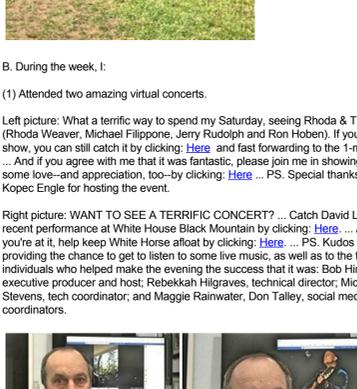
So you can enjoy it for yourself, here's the recipe:
Cynthia's Grilled Cheese

Ingredients:
3 slices of Swiss cheese
2 slices of bread

Directions:
1. Lightly butter bread.
2. Put Swiss cheese between bread.
3. Insert above in Proctor Silex Sandwich Maker for about 2 minutes.

Optional ingredient and directions:
Microwave 3 slices of bacon. Separate bread to put the bacon in the middle.

Note: For best results, add Cynthia's "secret" ingredient: lots of love!



(2) Take daily walks in scenic Fairview, a community we're getting to like more and more every day.



B. During the week, I:

(1) Attended two amazing virtual concerts.

Left picture: What a terrific way to spend my Saturday, seeing Rhoda & The Risers (Rhoda Weaver, Michael Filippone, Jerry Rudolph and Ron Hoben). If you missed the show, you can still catch it by clicking: [Here](#) ... and fast forwarding to the 1-minute mark. ... And if you agree with me that it was fantastic, please join me in showing the group some love—and appreciation, too—by clicking: [Here](#) ... PS. Special thanks to Karen Kopec Engle for hosting the event.

Right picture: WANT TO SEE A TERRIFIC CONCERT? ... Catch David Lamotte's recent performance at White Horse Black Mountain by clicking: [Here](#) ... And while you're at it, help keep White Horse afloat by clicking: [Here](#) ... PS. Kudos to David for providing the chance to get to listen to some live music, as well as to the following individuals who helped make the evening the success that it was: Bob Hinkle, executive producer and host; Rebekkah Higraves, technical director; Michael Stevens, tech coordinator; and Maggie Rainwater, Don Talley, social media coordinators.



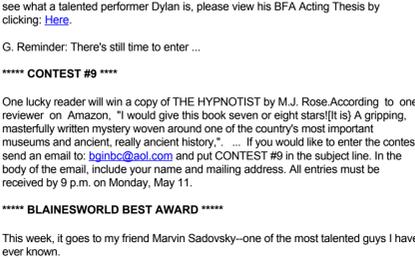
(2) Hosted Elsten Torres, my friend and singer/songwriter extraordinaire, on my BLAINESWORLD show on WPVM. You can see the show and hear Elsten sing several songs by clicking: [Here](#).

Note: Special thanks to Grail Moviehouse for sponsoring the above.



C. Cynthia is keeping busy by volunteering with Arms Around ASD. On the left, she participated in a meeting with several of the group's members and on the right is a close up of the guest participant at this meeting.

Note: You're invited to participate in Cynthia's Meditation class on Monday, in her Move Your Body class on Wednesday or any of the other course offerings during the week. For more information and to register, please go to the bottom of the page when you click: [Here](#).



D. I'm honored to be emceeing two exciting Zoom programs this month. Please do join me in either and/or both of the following:

(1) **Are you ready for an adventure in mind riding and slight of hand?**

If so, please save this date: Thursday, May 21, at 7 p.m. for a Zoom event with Ari Paul—my favorite mentalist/magician.

Details can be found here: <http://aripaulentertainment.com/>



(2) **COCKTAILS + PIANO by DAVID TROY FRANCIS**
a fabulous online concert celebrating the music of Broadway!
to benefit Asheville's own Loving Food Resources
SUNDAY MAY 24th 6pm
INFO: DAVIDTROYFRANCISLIVE.COM

E. Condolences to:

- (1) Barry Abramowitz and family on the passing of Bunny, Barry's mother.
- (2) John Worthington and family on the passing of John's cousin.

F. Congratulations to:

- (1) Erin Dearth and Dan Beckman on coverage of their upcoming theatre project in BroadwayWorld. To read the article, please click: [Here](#).
- (2) Bill Lewis on his graduation from Temple University.
- (3) Gaia Goldman for being named both Listing Leader and Sales Leader of the Month by Beverly-Hanks Associates.
- (4) Dakota Mann on his graduation from UNCA.
- (5) Calum Kramer on his graduation from Mars Hill University.
- (6) Bobby Guenther on his graduation from Western Carolina University.
- (7) Dylan Renken on his graduation from Western Carolina University. If you want to see what a talented performer Dylan is, please view his BFA Acting Thesis by clicking: [Here](#).

G. Reminder: There's still time to enter ...

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

One lucky reader will win a copy of THE BOOK TENIST or M.J. Rose. According to one reviewer on Amazon, "I would give this hypno-artist by eight stars! [It is] A gripping, masterfully written mystery woven around one of the country's most important museums and ancient, really ancient history." ... If you would like to enter the contest, send an email to: bjnbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #9 in the subject line. In the body of the email, include your name and mailing address. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Monday, May 11.

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

This week, it goes to my friend Marvin Sadovsky—one of the most talented guys I have ever known.

I'm especially grateful to him for just releasing Session 1 of his Relationship Mastery program. Some of the ideas he presents here are brilliant, especially those dealing with the questions you should ask if you're ever involved in an sort of sales situation. To listen to this, please click: [Here](#).

Marvin has also written several books. His most recent one is probably my favorite: THE BULLIED, FAT STUTTERING KID. If you have children or grandchildren, or nephew or nieces, get this for them. For more information about it please click: [Here](#).

And Marvin heads his own construction company, and in just a few years, he has built a terrific reputation for building affordable homes in the Asheville area. You can see two of them currently for sale by clicking: [Here](#) and [Here](#). A third home will be available in the near future.

Marvin can be reached at 828.645.8600 or via email at: 828.645.8600.



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2. FYI

McDonald's Workers in Denmark Pitty Us
by Nichols Kristof

President Trump thunders that Democrats are trying to drag America toward "socialism." Vice President Mike Pence warns that Democrats aim to "impose socialism on the American people," and even some Democrats warn against becoming, as one put it, "[expletive] Denmark."

So, before the coronavirus pandemic, I crept behind [expletive] Danish lines to explore: How scary is Denmark? How horrifying would it be if the United States took a step or two in the direction of Denmark? Would America lose its edge, productivity and innovation, or would it gain well-being, fairness and happiness?

For the rest of this eye-opening column, please click: [Here](#).

FYI, part 2

To read each of the following contributions in full, please click: [Here](#).

A. How to Draw in Six Steps. B. Ken Greenfield: If you truly enjoy Leonard Cohen (and Yves Montand), you might want to listen to Jacques Brel. C. Barbara Firestone: Methinks maybe you should, if you haven't already done so, put the article about the 200,000 people lining the streets for the stupid parade after the Spanish Flu epidemic on your Facebook page. D. Sunny Ruble: I would love to see you with a pony tail. ... so cool. E. Joni Doward: I made orange chicken for dinner. ... I really enjoyed Cynthia's recipes with a few alternative ingredients. F. How Bird-Watching Prepared Me for Sheltering in Place.

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3. Joke 1

This has me writing a note to myself. "Self, make this the topping on the pizza you'll order tonight. Add some anchovies, and the smell alone will guarantee that you won't have to share it." (Thanks, Jimmy Ferraro, for sharing.)

Fight Coronavirus!

Eat five cloves of garlic every day. It does absolutely nothing, but keeps everyone else at a safe distance.



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4. Reviews

A. Enjoyed CARRIE PILBY, a quirky dramedy on Netflix. It is the story of a genius who graduated Harvard at 18, but who had a hard time making sense of life. Bel Powley is excellent in the leading role. Rated NR, but appropriate for mature teenagers.

B. Saw GREATER, a faith-based movie about the life of Brian Burlsworth. He was perhaps the greatest walk-on in the history of college football. You don't have to be a sports fan to like this movie. Christopher Severio is outstanding as Burlsworth, and I also liked the work of Neal McDonough as his brother. Rated PG.

C. Peter Rigas: I was planeted that you didn't want anything about the documentary that is on YouTube: PLANET OF THE HUMANS.

Perhaps you are not aware of it? Since posting 10 days ago, it has nearly 6 million views. It does an in depth dive into the green movement, basically exposing the con game. You'd think this was done by deplorable conservatives like myself who have been speaking out against this stuff for 30 years, but these guys are so left that they make you look conservative.

It's a real eye-opener for many. Hope you watch it and review it on BLAINESWORLD. Enjoy: [Here](#).

My reaction: I found this interesting, in parts, but also somewhat flat. It did not move me as most Michael Moore films do, in large part because he only produced it. Jeff Gibbs wrote and directed it. Had the roles been reversed, methinks I would have liked the documentary much more.

Wanting to get a second opinion on what I saw, I found this article that claims the "film offers outdated and wildly misleading information on renewable energy, sacrificing progress in pursuit of unachievable perfection." To read it, please click: [Here](#).

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5. TV alert

A. I KNOW THIS MUCH IS TRUE: Sundays at 9 p.m. on HBO
Wally Lamb's bestseller has been adapted into a six-part limited series. To quote TV GUIDE, "As schizophrenic Thomas, [Mark] Ruffalo breaks your hear; as combustible caretaker Hernandez, he stirs the soul."

B. THE HAPPY DAYS OF GARRY MARSHALL: Thurs., May 12, at 8 p.m. on ABC
This tribute includes memories from Ron Howard, Marion Ross, Henry Winkler, Cindy Williams, Pam Dawber, Richard Gere, Julia Roberts, Julie Andrews and Anne Hathaway, among many others.

C. THE GREATEST #STAYATHOME VIDEOS: Fri., May 15, at 8 pm. on CBS
Cedric the Entertainer is host to this collection of the best viral videos distracting us while inside.

D. GRADUATE TOGETHER: AMERICA HONORS THE CLASSES OF 2020: Sat., May 16, at 8 p.m. on ABC, CBS and NBC
The broadcast will include a variety of commencement addresses, celebrity performances and inspirational vignettes aimed at high school students, whose graduation ceremonies and proms were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

E. Mike Martinelli: HOLLYWOOD on Netflix is by far one of the best mini series since FEUD: BETTE AND JOAN.

Note: I agree, based on the first two episodes I have seen.

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6. Joke 2

If you're like me, and you celebrate all holidays because you can enjoy more food, fun and friends that way, FELIZ CINCO DE MAYO. ... And as your celebrants, also join me in taking a trip down memory lane while recalling by clicking: [Here](#). Thanks, Mark Jones, for sharing.)

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7. Clips/Websites

A. Video of the week

NATHAN FOR YOU used to be one of my favorite TV shows when it was on the air. For perhaps my favorite clip from it (about a mover who gets people to help him by pretending tat this is a way to fitness), please click: [Here](#).

Note: For some clips from past shows, please click: [Here](#).

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

- (1) Always Look at the Bright Side," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).
- (2) Bruce Lang: Sweet Dreams: [Here](#).
- (3) David Troy Francis: 12th Street Rag: [Here](#).
- (4) Charlie Ianni: Danny Gokey - Tell Your Heart To Beat Again: [Here](#).
- (5) Natalie Kaye: Watch This Amazing "Who Loves You" Video from Jersey Boys Casts Around the World: [Here](#).

C. The American Life by WTEZ Chicago is one of the longest running podcasts. You can listen to it via an app, on the radio or online at the following link. For more information, please click: [Here](#).

Interesting recent episodes included:

From One Last Thing Before I Go
Black Box

D. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running. ... to view it, please click: [Here](#).

E. 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](#).

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8. Technology tip

Ever want to print and/or save what you see on your computer screen? If so: To capture the entire screen (everything you see on the screen, including all open windows), press the PrtScn button. This screenshot will be placed on your clipboard for you to paste wherever you want. You can also press Windows Key + Print Screen to save the screenshot to your [User]Pictures\Screenshots folder.

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9. Joke 3

A farmer drove to a nearby farm and was greeted by a young boy. "Are your parents home?" asked the farmer. "No, they went to town." ... "Is your brother Sam here?" the boy answered. "No, he went with Mom and Dad." ... The farmer stood for a few minutes when the boy said, "I know where all the tools are, if you want to borrow one, or I can give Dad a message." ... "Well," replied the farmer uncomfortably. "I really need to talk to your Dad about your brother Sam getting my daughter Amy pregnant." ... The boy thought for a moment, then said, "I know he charges \$500 for the bulls and \$150 for the pigs, but I have no idea how much he charges for Sam."

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10. A quote I like

Thanks, Little Richard (1932-2020), for your long career as a singer, songwriter and musician that had you installed in both the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame. ... I never got tired of watching you perform. To join me in doing so, please click: [Here](#). ... For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).

Note: My friend Elsten Torres recently posted a Facebook tribute to Little Richard. To view it, please click: [Here](#).

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11. Thought for the day

You're Right, Too
by Rabbi Jack Abramowitz

Two neighbors were fighting over a financial dispute. They couldn't reach an agreement, so they took their case to the local rabbi. The rabbi heard the first litigant's case, nodded his head and said, "You're right."
The second litigant then stated his case. The rabbi heard him out, nodded again and said, "You're also right."
The rabbi's attendant, who had been standing by this whole time, was justifiably confused. "But, rebbe," he asked, "how can they both be right?"
The rav thought about this for a moment before responding, "You're right, too!"
This may seem like a joke—largely because it is—but it's steeped in truth. Most of the time, when we're involved in a disagreement, one party isn't completely right and the other completely wrong. More often than not, both sides have a valid claim. It's more a question of how to please everyone, which can't always be done.

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

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12. Advance planning department

To read about each of the following events in full, please click: [Here](#).

A. ProEnglish Theatre: The Birthday Party. B. Edward Amadin: The next Asheville Movie Guys event will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 11, featuring a virtual discussion of "Slow West." C. Katie Jones: Join us for our next virtual reading, In The Middle Of Nowhere, by local playwright Bret Murphy, on May 16th!

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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