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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I just got back from a visit to New Jersey; hence, the lateness of this week's issue. Sorry 'bout that.

B. We were glad that we are finally getting to hunker down a bit less in Week 62 of the corona pandemic now that we've both been vaccinated. And so we got to see my daughter Risa Reavely and her friend Honey Woloff for breakfast at the Caldwell Diner. The food there is always excellent, and it is one of our favorite eateries..



C. I'd like to apologize to Honey for not mentioning her in last week's issue as one of the reasons that I was looking forward to my visit up North. So as a result, she appears twice this week. See below for a picture of her with Risa and their matching sneakers.



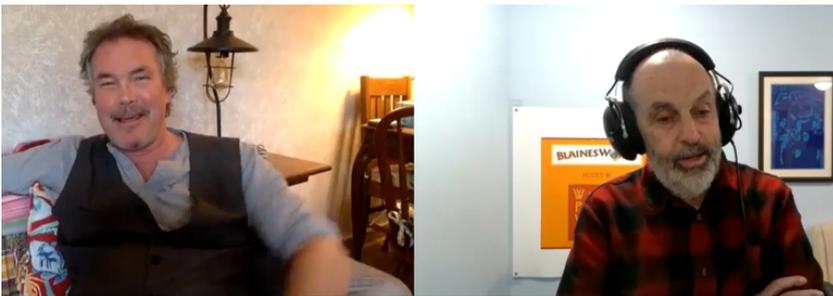
D. Most of our time was spent visiting Cynthia's sister Joyce Litchman and her husband Marty. We hadn't seen her since she had a brain aneurism several months ago. Fortunately, she seems to be recovering nicely.

In addition, Cynthia was kept busy helping Joyce and Marty get ready for their upcoming move to Whippany, and I got to both pick up food and do various errands with Marty.

Note: We also got to visit with some of Cynthia's other friends and relatives. See next week's BLAINESWORLD for those details and pictures.



E. Catch the most recent BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) Sean O'Connor, writer, actor and director; and (second half): Scott Woody, owner, Isis Music Hall and Kitchen.



F. Congratulations to:

- (1) Kathryn Oden on her graduation from Western Carolina University with a BFA Musical Theater.
- (2) Dan Baechtold for his appearance on WLOS. To view it, please click: [Here](#).

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 for the virtual courses she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week: Meditation on Monday. To attend this and/or any of the other courses that are open to the public, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

(3) You can still enter ...

******* 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 THE EXTENDED DEADLINE of 9 p.m. on Mon., May 24.

H. Please vote in the 2021 Best of WNC Readers' Poll that's now open until 11:59 p.m. (midnight) Monday, May 31... 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.



I. Announcing this week's ...

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

It goes to both Jessica Whitehill (left) and Seth Kellam, as well as the many volunteers who helped make the recent Truly Trivial event the success that it was. This virtual trivia fundraiser was not only a lot of fun, but it helped raised funds for Jewish Family Services of WNC.

The only sad part of the evening (at least for me) was the fact that this was Jessica's last big event as executive director for Jewish Family Services of WNC. She will soon moving with her daughter Saidie to join her husband David in Ohio.

She has done a fantastic job, and she will be missed!



2. FYI

BEST MARKETING IDEA OF THE DAY IF NOT YEAR ... Imagine going out and eating with Audrey Hepburn-- pictured on the right. ... That's what might happen if you go to dine at Peter Luger Steakhouse The famed Brooklyn restaurant has teamed with Madame Tussauds to have celebrity wax figures mingle with patrons in an attempt to fill some of the seats that still need to remain empty. ... To find out more about how you could also possibly dine with Jon Hamm, Michael Strahan, Jimmy Fallon or Al Roker, please click: [Here](#).



FYI, part 2

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

A. Linda Williams WANTED HOUSE SHARE IN ASHEVILLE. B. I need to Know I Tried. C. 5 Minutes That Will Make You Love Choral Music. D. Can You Have More Than 150 Friends?

3. Joke 1

Now I see my problem! (Thanks, Janeen Ravkin, for sharing.)



"My diet says I can have 1800 calories per day. It doesn't say anything about NIGHT!"

4. Reviews

A. Enjoyed SPY GAME, a 2001 spy thriller about a CIA operative on the brink of retirement who learns his protégé has been arrested in China on a charge of espionage. Robert Redford and Brad Pitt both excel in this engaging film that was fun to watch even though the outcome was never in doubt. Rated R.

B. I'm a sucker for rock films from the 1950s, and so naturally, I got a kick out of DON'T KNOCK THE ROCK. The story about a disc jockey who tries to prove to teenagers' parents that rock 'n' roll is harmless isn't terribly original, yet it was nevertheless watchable--especially for the performances of Bill Haley and the Comets and Little Richard. Alan Freed also starred, as did an actor by the name of Alan Dale. The latter was considered by many to have possessed the greatest voice ever in popular, only to have his career derailed by a series of unfortunate incidents. It would have gotten at PG-13 rating.

5. TV alert

A. THE UNDERGROUND RADIO: Available now on Amazon Prime
According to TV GUIDE, "A mythical train ride offers a harrowing tour of slavery's honors." And "each new destination feels like another circle of hell from Dante's INFERNO. "

B. FRIENDS; THE REUNION: Available now on HBO Max
The cast gets together on their old soundstage for the first time in 17 years for an unscripted chat.

C. HACKS. Thursdays on HBO Max
This dark comedy is about Deborah Vance, a legendary Las Vegas comic, and an entitled, outcast 25-year-old

comedy writer. Jean Smart stars.

D. OSLO: Movie premier on Sat., May 29, at 8 p.m. on HBO

Film version of the Tony-winning play about the secret negotiations that led to the historic 1993 Oslo Peace Accord.

6. Joke 2

Today's decision-making challenge: How badly do you need that toilet paper?



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 this Gerard Way version (featuring Ray Toro) version: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Thanks, Rebekkah Hilgraves, for sharing this terrific video from her group Blind Phoenix: Drop: [Here](#).

To quote from the YouTube description:

"Drop", from the new album TRUTH OR DARE by Blind Phoenix, began as the story of a man in a bar wondering whether a woman who comes in might just talk to him. He buys her a couple of rounds and hopes she'll look his way, but it never happens. It touches on the idea of crushes, whether for celebrities or ordinary people, that may or may not ever amount to anything.

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

(1) Jimmy Cliff - Better Days Are Coming, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: 5.23.21 piano concert: [Here](#).

(3) Aaron Ybarra: Digital church on 5.23.21: [Here](#).

(4) Ashleigh Phillips: Love Me Tender: [Here](#).

(5) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: About Joe Cocker: [Here](#).

(6) Cynthia Greenfield: [Fia Forsström](#): Magic Question: [Here](#).

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

I used to loved anything from this very funny satirical website. Check it out yourself by clicking: [Here](#).

And when you do, you'll find such briefs as the following:

Biden's Child-Care Plan To Allow All American Parents To Drop Kids Off At White House Between 8 And 5

Republicans Argue D.C. Statehood Slippery Slope To District One Day Becoming Own Planet

Woman Suddenly Realizes She Same Age Parents Were When They Were Her Age

The Onion has also branched into audio and video.

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

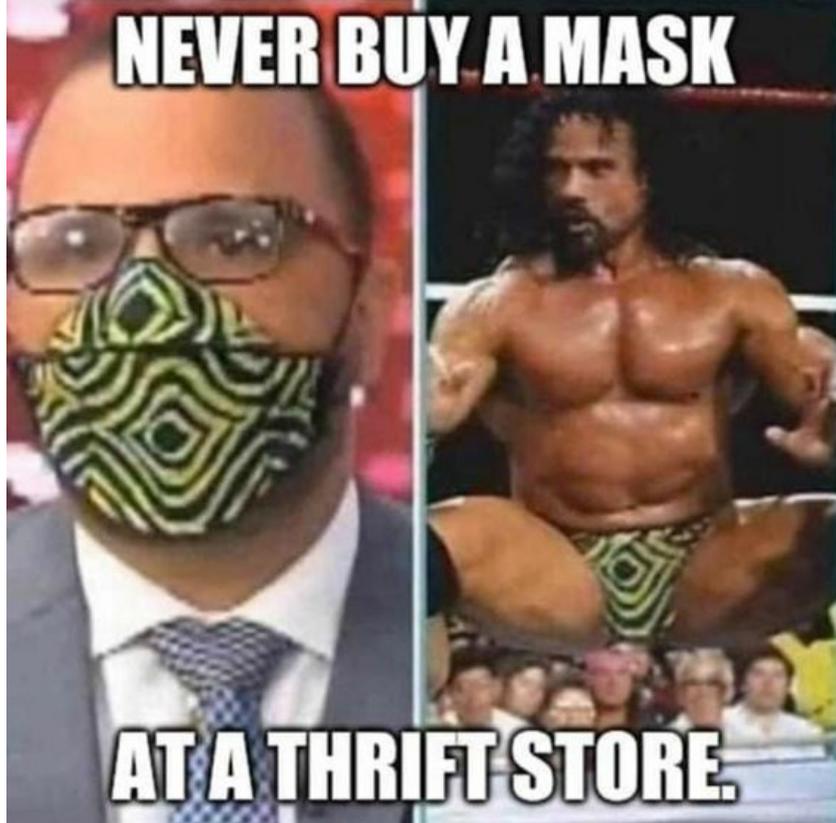
F. Are you on Facebook? In the unlikely event we have not yet connected as friends there, please feel free to send me an invite by clicking: [Here](#).

8. Technology tip

You don't always need an empty hand to take a photo on your phone. All you need to do is turn on your iPhone's voice command function under Settings > Accessibility > Voice Control and ask Siri to open your camera. Then turn the volume down, and your iPhone will take whatever picture you want.

9. Joke 3

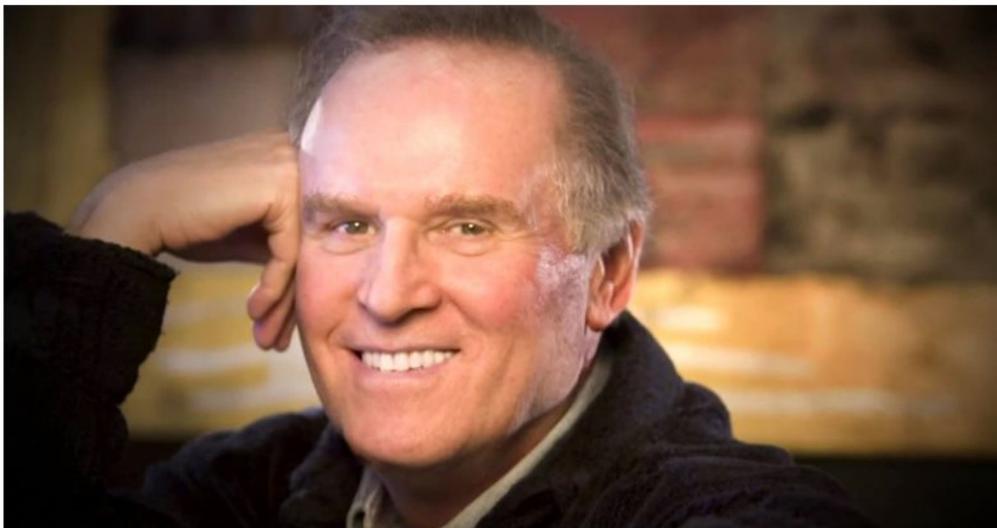
Be forewarned! (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)



10. A quote I like

Thanks, Charles Grodin (1935-2021), for your career as an actor, comedian author and television talk show host. I think I liked your performance in every film you were in, including THE HEARTBREAK KID, CATCH-22 HEAVEN CAN WAIT and DAVE. For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).

“I enjoy comedic things. People don't understand it's the hardest thing to do. We have a ratio of 25-to-1 between good dramatic actors and people who are considered good comic actors.”—Charles Grodin



11. Thought for the day

People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable. (Thanks, Grace Land, for sharing.)



12. Advance planning department

For more information about each of these events, please click: [Here](#).

A. Theater to Stream. B. Parkway Playhouse Summer Camps and Classes. B. Jimmy Ferraro: Murder Mystery for Hire. D. The Magnetic Theatre: Classical Night: A Bougie Evening in the Park!

PS. Make it a great week!
