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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I had one helluva week!

(1) A simple \$5 part (the O-ring on left) got things started off for us. It failed. and in doing so, created a leak that majorly damaged our kitchen floor (on right). ... Much of it now has to be replaced, along with some of our kitchen cabinets and even granite counters. ... As a result, we will be out of our home for some 2-3 months while the work is being done.



(2) Around the same time, my Dell computer stopped working. Two Dell representatives came on separate occasions to attempt a fix to no avail, so I then had to pack up the computer (a real pain!) to send it back. Hopefully, I will get it back within the next 7-10 days.

(3) On top of everything else, I came down with what I thought was a bad cold. I got one rapid COVID test, and it came out negative. But when I wasn't getting better, my doctor had me take the PCR test, and that came out positive. So I now officially have COVID. ... The good news: By the time you read this, I should be well on my way to a complete recovery! And fortunately, Cynthia does not seem to have gotten it.

Sadly, the above has forced us to put a hold on getting our next pet. That's too bad in that we had just started checking out some possibilities.



And perhaps worst of all, we were not able to see The Turtles in concert. They were performing in Georgia, and we had purchased our tickets several months previously. I was very disappointed!

B. All this got us thinking that things could have been worse--much worse. In addition, we are grateful that we still have our health and each other.

It also reminded us of this classic Chinese story ...

A farmer and his son had a beloved stallion who helped the family earn a living. One day, the horse ran away and their neighbors exclaimed, "Your horse ran away, what terrible luck!" The farmer replied, "Maybe so, maybe not. We'll see."

A few days later, the horse returned home, leading a few wild mares back to the farm as well. The neighbors shouted out, "Your horse has returned, and brought several horses home with him. What great luck!" The farmer replied, "Maybe so, maybe not. We'll see."

Later that week, the farmer's son was trying to break one of the mares and she threw him to the ground, breaking his leg. The villagers cried, "Your son broke his leg, what terrible luck!" The farmer replied, "Maybe so, maybe not. We'll see."

A few weeks later, soldiers from the national army marched through town, recruiting all the able-bodied boys for the army. They did not take the farmer's son, still recovering from his injury. Friends shouted, "Your boy is spared, what tremendous luck!" To which the farmer replied, "Maybe so, maybe not. We'll see."

The moral of this story, is, of course, that no event, in and of itself, can truly be judged as good or bad, lucky or unlucky, fortunate or unfortunate, but that only time will tell the whole story. Additionally, no one really lives long enough to find out the 'whole story,' so it could be considered a great waste of time to judge minor inconveniences as misfortunes or to invest tons of energy into things that look outstanding on the surface, but may not pay off in the end.

The wiser thing, then, is to live life in moderation, keeping as even a temperament as possible, taking all things in stride, whether they originally appear to be 'good' or 'bad.' Life is much more comfortable and comforting if we merely accept what we're given and make the best of our life circumstances. Rather than

always having to pass judgment on things and declare them as good or bad, it would be better to just sit back and say, "It will be interesting to see what happens."

Source: [Here](#).

C. Previously, we did get to see ALL SHOOK UP at HART--a jukebox musicals inspired and featuring the songs of Elvis Presley. We loved it! ... Leif Broderson, Max Morter and Samuel Rodd (top photo); Kristen Hedberg (bottom photo); Daniela Velasquez, Brenda Sheets, Morgan Miller and Heather Bronson, among others, had us singing and dancing in our seats. ... Dominic Aquilino's direction was spot on. ... If you get this before 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 5, do yourself a favor and get tickets for the final performance by clicking: [Here](#).



D. Afterward, we went to Watami Sushi and Noodle for a delicious Thai dinner. This eatery has become one of our favorites in the area.



E .Please catch this week's BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) Nancy Lawson, with Curbside Management; and (second half) Vincent Genna, Psychic Therapist, Medium, Spiritual Teacher and Author.



F. Condolences to Danny Pleasant and family on the passing of Danny's mother.

G. Congratulations to:

(1) Howard Debs on having his poem, "Racial Reflections of an American Jew," published in THE JOURNAL OF RADICAL WONDER. To read it, click: [Here](#).

(2) Mark Lew on having his story, "Nowhere to Hide," chosen for publication in MEAT FOR TEA: THE VALLEY REVIEW.

H. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to April Johnson (pictured below with Cynthia, delivering a portrait she had done of our beloved cat Lovey). ... April was a a pleasure to work with, and we are most grateful for her work that will allow us to always remember Lovey. ... We recommend her highly.

For more information about April's alluring paintings and photography, click: [Here](#).



2. Invites

A. A few days remain to enter ...

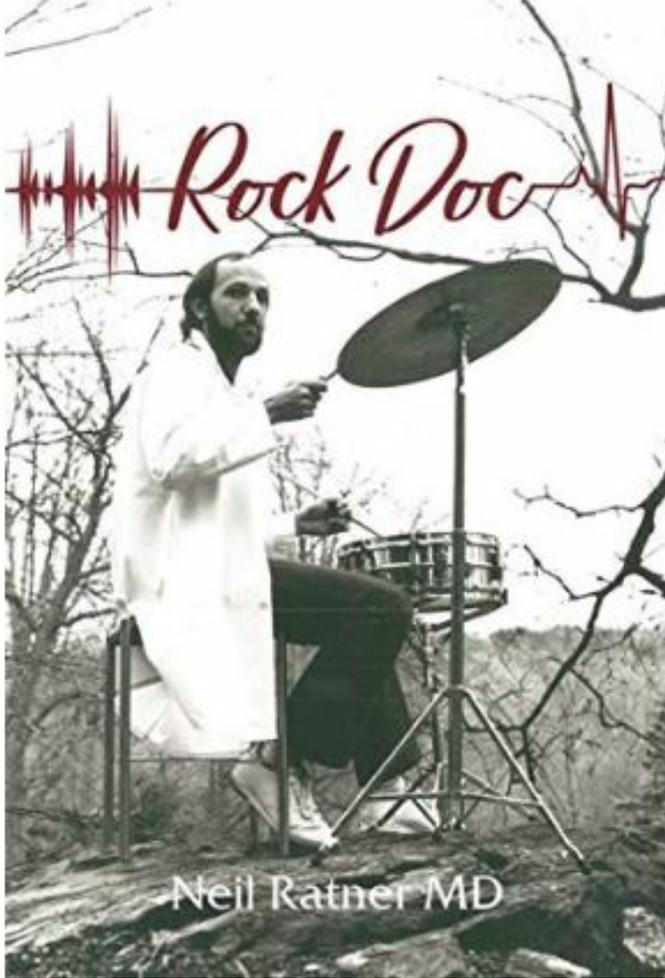
***** **Contest #9** *****

One lucky reader will win a an autographed copy of ROCK DOC by my friend Neil Ratner MD.

The book will take you from backstage at a Pink Floyd Dark Side of the Moon concert in the early seventies, where Neil's production company, Circus Talents, Ltd. was providing production services, to the office operating rooms of elite New York surgeons where Neil Ratner MD was Director of Anesthesia. Although Dr. Ratner encountered many celebrities in his anesthesia practice, one would change his life ... Michael Jackson.

Note: I just finished this book and liked it a lot. Also, I should mention that my opinion is not completely unbiased. I went to Lawrence High School with Neil and played in the high school band with him.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #9 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include your name and mailing address. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Monday, June 6.



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

Canceling Plans at the Last Minute Is New Normal
by Alina Dizik

Calling off plans at the last minute used to be seen as rude. Now it can feel like a fixture of social life.

Christina Dugan skipped her birthday ski trip with friends to Colorado this winter after she spiked a 103 fever. Though she tested negative for Covid-19 and had mostly recovered, the Houston photographer worried that others wouldn't be OK with her joining. Her friends went ahead without her.

4. Joke 1

HOT OFF THE PRESS! ... Latest humor column that I wrote for the FAIRVIEW TOWN CRIER.

LAUGH TIME BLAINE GREENFIELD

balanced diet *bal-anced diet* (n.) One cookie in each hand.

While going through his deceased father's things, a man found a 25-year-old claim stub for a shoe repair. Curious, he went to the store and handed the ticket to the owner, who headed to the back of the store before reappearing.

"Good news," he said. "I found them. They'll be ready next Friday."

Just turned down a job where I would be paid in vegetables.
The celery was unacceptable.

"I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them." —Phyllis Diller

One of the oddities of Wall Street is that it is the dealer and not the customer who is called broker.

I brought a cheese sandwich to the police station.
They grilled it for 10 minutes.

At a party, a young wife admonished her husband. "That's the fourth time you've gone back for ice cream and cake.

Doesn't it embarrass you?"
"Why should it?" he said. "I keep telling them it's for you."

I tried to organize a hide-and-seek tournament, but it was a complete failure.
Good players are hard to find.

Thanks to these Fairview readers for the following submissions.

Debbi Mathis

When a cop tells you to get out of your car, it's not so he can take selfies with you. Now I know.

Mike Warren

"You can't have everything.
Where would you keep it?"
—Steven Wright

Patti McCoy

Q After an unsuccessful harvest, why did the farmer try a career in music?

A Because he had a ton of sick beets.

Are you a *Crier* reader? Have you heard or read something funny recently? Email me at bginbc@aol.com or call/text 215-208-0646—and include your name. Your joke may appear in a future issue.



Blaine Greenfield is host of the *BLAINESWORLD* radio/Facebook Live show on WPVM, and he publishes an award-winning blog with the same name.

5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I both enjoyed HONEYMOON WITH MY MOTHER, a predictable yet fun Netflix comedy about a guy who has been stood up at the altar. So as to not waste the money he spent on his honeymoon, his mother convinces him to take her along instead. Carmen Machi is excellent as the mother and Quim Gutiérrez also shines as her son. ... The scenery is breathtaking. It didn't seem real, but it was as pointed out in this article: [Here](#)

B.I liked I, ROBOT ON HBO Max. Loosely based on Isaac Asimov's short stories, It is the tale of a technology-averse cop in the near-future who becomes convinced that a robot is responsible for a scientist's murder. Will Smith leads a fine cast that also includes Bridget Moynahan, Bruce Greenwood, James Cromwell, Chi McBride and Shia LaBeouf. Rated PG-13.

6. TV alert

A. RUSSIAN DOLL, Season 2: Now on Netflix

According to AARP's TV for Grownups. "This season is more like Back to the Future crossed with Quantum Leap. It's a messier fantasy than the perfectly contained first season, but still smart and absorbing--a head trip well worth taking."

B. A STAR IS BORN: Mon., June 6, at 1:45 p.m. on TCM

I've enjoyed all the versions of this film, but this

this one (from 1937) was perhaps my favorite. Stars Janet Gaynor and Frederic March both won Oscars for their performances.

C. THAT'S MY TIME WITH DAVID LETTERMAN: First three episodes available on Netflix on June 7

He invites some of the hottest up-and-coming stand-up stars to perform a set and dist down for a chat.

D. HUSTLE: Coming to Nefllix on Wed., June 8

Queen Latifah plays the wife of Adam Sandler, a down-on-his-luck NBA scout who tries to revive his career with a talented amateur he discovers in Spain (actual Utah Jazz man Juancho Hernangómez).

7. Joke 2

I'd go to this restaurant. Care to join me?



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 guitar version version from Sloan Dailey: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Thanks, Nate Himmelstein, for sharing this clip:

Michael Paul Ventriloquist & Pooping Bird Puppet Willie AWESOME| America's Got Talent 2019 Audition: [Here](#).

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

(1) Thanks, Phoebe Hall, for sharing the following: Maurice Williams & the Zodiacs - Stay, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Sunday hymns (6.5.2022): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Lenny Kravitz: [Here](#).

(4) The above show referenced the song, "It Ain't Over Till It's Over." For those who want to catch it, click: [Here](#).

(5) Scott Treadway: OOOOOOH!!! How I love a good new take on covering a song!!! This is fantastic: [Here](#).

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

Lifehacker is a hub of productivity tips, tricks and downloads. It's basically an archive of all the information it would be incredibly useful to know, but nobody ever really teaches you. Aside from productivity, they also cover topics such as money-saving tips, clever uses for household items and a whole bunch more.

Check it out by clicking: [Here](#).

Among recent posts you might find interesting:

You Can get a Free Chipotle Burrito for Watching the NBA Finals

How to Date When You Still Live With Your Parents

Why You Should Book a Budget Hotel Over Luxury Lodging (Besides Saving Money)

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

You ever have a bunch of browser tabs open and accidentally close the wrong one? If so, can can open your browser's history and try to reopen the tab there if you can find it. ... Or a better option: Hit Ctrl+Shift+T on your PC or Command+Shift+T on your Mac to automatically reopen the tab you just closed.

10. Joke 3

Four married guys went fishing. After an hour, the first guy said: "You have no idea what I had to do to be able to come out this weekend. I had to promise my wife I will paint every room in the house next weekend." ... Second guy: "That's nothing! I had to promise my wife I'd build her a new deck for the pool." ... Third guy: "Man, you both have it easy! I had to promise my wife that I'll remodel the kitchen for her." ... They continued to fish until they realized the fourth guy hadn't uttered a word. So they said: "You haven't told us anything about what you had to do to be able to come fishing this weekend. What's the deal?" ... Fourth guy: "I just set my alarm for 5:30 a.m. When it went off, I shut off the clock, gave the wife a nudge and asked, "Fishing or sex? She replied, "Wear a sweater." (Thanks, Kathy Webb, for sharing.)



11. A quote I like

THE NUMBERS BACK HIM UP! A 2019 study out of NYU's School of Medicine found that mass shooting deaths involving assault weapons fell slightly in the decade of the federal assault weapon ban, and then rose dramatically in the decade that followed. ... That is the time frame for Biden's statement. ... For more information, click: [Here](#).

"When we passed the assault weapons ban, mass shootings went down. When the law expired, mass shootings tripled."—President Joe Biden



12. Thought for the day

To quote Clay Jones, the cartoonist: "Since the Uvalde shooting, the gun whackos have blamed mental health, liberals, wokeness, trans people, critical race theory, socialism, video games, Democrats, doors, and everything else they can think of except guns. They have zero proof of any of that. They can't cite any studies to support their deflections and excuses. But we don't need any graphs or statistics to know those 21 people in that Uvalde elementary were killed by an assault rifle."

Source: [Here](#).



13. Advance planning department

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

A. The Magnetic Theatre: Our 1st Annual Magnetic Magic & Mayhem. B. Katie Jones: Midsummer for Haters. C. Carole Schaefer: Mark Twain and Kathryn O'Shea. D. Auditions at Attic Salt Theatre Company. E. Deep River at Isis Music Hall.

PS. Make it a great week!
