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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I, enjoyed our recent dinner at Mikado on Tunnel Road in Asheville. The food there is always good, and we received friendly service from Willow.



B. My trip up North was a good one, though quite hectic.

(1) My first stop was to visit Joyce Litchman, my sister-in-law, and her husband Marty. I brought in some delicious sandwiches, black-and white cookies and Dr. Brown's diet cream soda from Livingston Deli.



(2) Next was a visit to the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the new headquarters for the Dementia Society of America (top photo). Afterward, we had a brief meeting of the Board (bottom left photo): I-r next to me: Ann Redfield, Jeff Moyers and Kevin Jameson. And then we adjourned for a tasty dinner at Piccolo Trattoria (bottom right photo) where we were also joined by Maddie Sweet on the far right.



(3) The next morning had a great breakfast with my friend Bill Lewis at the Metro Diner in Bensalem.



(4) That evening, I saw a superb production of SOUTH PACIFIC put on by the Bucks County Center for the Performing Arts with my friends Ivan Winegar (pictured) and Natalie Kaye.



(5) On my last day in Pennsylvania, I met friends for ice cream at Zebra Striped Whale, l-r (top photo): John Strauss, John Murray, Chuck Schwing and Jack Bowen; and (bottom photo) Lisa Zaglin. The ice cream was fantastic, as was the friendship.



(6) And at night, I met other friends for a fabulous dinner at Giuseppe's (top photo), l-r: John, Mike Lazanski, Larry, Molly Kervick, Ruth Anne Wood and Jason Wood. From there, we went to a side room where the Comedy Cabaret was hosting a show: (bottom left photo) on the left: Jean Dolan and Ken Dolan; and (bottom right photo) Andy Scarpati, the dynamic host for the evening.



C. YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE THIS MUSICAL! ... I was fortunate to catch a preview performance of JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAM and was blown away by the acting, singing and dancing, as well as by the costumes and the coolest coat you'll ever see. ... There are soooo many folks who deserve recognition for making this show a success, including Mark Jones, director; Sarah Fowler, music director (and narrator in the cast); Jessica Garland Lowe, choreographer (and Asher in the cast); and Mindy Wildman and Layla Cothran, costumers. ... Dillon Giles was outstanding as Joseph, but equally excellent were all the other members of the cast: Clara Ray Burrus, Heather Bronson, Scotty Cherryholmes, Greg Austin, Dominic Aquilino, William Tyler Ezzell, Carson Fox, Erin McCarson, Jessica Garland Lowe, Chris Martin, Sarah Mosgrove, Javan DeLozier, Drake Frost, Chelcy Frost, Maria Frost, Kate Mullins, Megan Ritchie and Grizel Gonzalez-Jeuck. ... And I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the fact that there there was an actual band, something that you see so rarely nowadays. Kudos to all the musicians: Lisa Fowler, Mattie Mabas, Sara Nichols, Matthew Richmond and Misty Rondeau Theisen. ... The show runs through Sept. 19. For tickets, click:[Here](#).



D. Catch this week's BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: Rodney Richards, author, poet, writing coach, editor and publisher, small business owner and principal, Ablia Media LLC; and (second half): Laura Wagenknecht, owner and CEO, Mosaic Business Consulting.



E. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Dr. Brown's diet cream soda (also mentioned in the first part of Section 1B above.)

You can't get this everywhere. It can usually be found in he New York City region and South Florida, but it can

also be found in Jewish delicatessens and upscale supermarkets around the United States and in English-speaking neighborhoods in Israel. Fortunately, Livingston Deli always has it, as does Ziggy's in Asheville. In addition, Amazon carries the line.

Dr. Brown's varieties include cream soda (regular and diet), black cherry soda (regular and diet), orange soda, ginger ale, root beer, and Cel-Ray (celery-flavored soda).

Others tell me they like the black cherry and ginger ale varieties, but my favorite by far is cream, Methinks if you try it, you'll like it also.

2. Invites

A. Announcing ...

***** CONTEST #20 *****

One lucky reader will win a pair of suspenders, so that he or she can join my newly-formed Suspender Club.

As you have probably been seeing, I have taken to wearing suspenders. My pants no longer fall down as a result, and I can actually use my pockets again. (Previously, whatever I would put in them would cause my parents to drop even lower.) One friend even showed me that as a result of wearing suspenders, he can now carry both his packed wallet and a gun.

An added advantage to wearing them ... when traveling, since you can't take your belt off for the TSA inspection, you even get a free mini-massage when you get patted down.

A lot of folks only think about men wearing suspenders, But that is wrong. For more information, click: [Here](#).

To enter this contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #20 in the subject line. Include your name, email address and phone number in the body of the email. All entries must be received before Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 9 p.m.

B. Recent contest winners have been Jimmy Ferraro, Contest #18: TECHNIQUES IN PRAYER THERAPY; and Len Ennis, Contest #19: two tickets to JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR at HART. (Thanks, Candice Dickinson, for making these tickets available.)

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 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

Note: When you click any of the following articles, you may see an ad. Click the ad (in the upper right hand), and you should be able to read the article. If you can't, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put NAME OF THE ARTICLE (you saw the link) in the subject line, and I'll be glad to send it to you.

Everything feels bad this week. Here's a trick to make it better.
by Sara M. Moniuszko

COVID numbers are rising at alarming rates, sexual harassment is back in the headlines and the latest UN report on climate change warned of a "code red for humanity."

For lack of a more eloquent way to put it: Things feel bad.

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

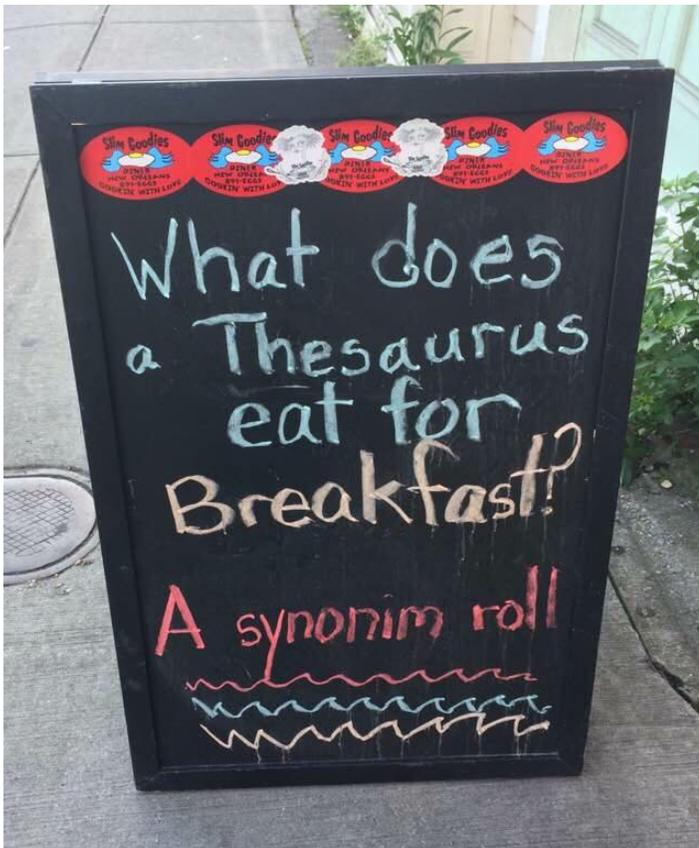
FYI, part 2

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

A. He Invited Us Into His Closet for Theatre. And It Was Astonishing. B. How a Video Résumé Can Get You Hired in the Covid-19 Job Market. C. Cynthia Greenfield: 12-Year-Old CEO Starts Making Bow Ties For Shelter Animals To Help Them Get Adopted.

4. Joke 1

I'm now getting hungry for a real one. (Thanks, Stacey Anne, for sharing.)



5. Reviews

A. Enjoyed RESPECT, the true story of Aretha Franklin. Jennifer Hudson is outstanding in the leading role as the music icon and as always, Forest Whitaker's performance is excellent. The film drags some in the first half, but comes alive in the second half. And make sure you stay around for the credits. Rated PG-13.

For an excellent article about Aretha, click: [Here](#).

B. Saw HALF BROTHERS, a dramedy about a successful Mexican aviation executive who is shocked to discover he has an American half brother he never knew about. They join together to take a road trip masterminded by their ailing comedy. Though not great, it is both pleasant and watchable. Rated PG-13.

C. Read THE PRESIDENT IS MISSING: A NOVEL (Little, Brown and Company) by James Patterson and Bill Clinton. This far-fetched political thriller grabbed my attention right away. Unfortunately, after a few chapters,

the story dragged, and I couldn't wait for it to end. At 520 pages, it was way too long.

That said, as I was finishing the above, my Spectrum account went down, and I had no TV, internet or phone service. With all that has been happening in the world, I briefly wondered (as did several of my friends) if the country's internet service wasn't being hijacked. That ironically was one of the plots in the above book.

6. TV alert

A. ANNETTE: Now on Amazon Prime

Henry (Adam Driver) is a stand-up comedian with a fierce sense of humor who falls in love with Ann (Marion Cotillard), a world-renowned opera singer. According to THE RINGER, "The eccentric new rock musical finds Driver at the height of his highly physical acting powers."

B. GRACE AND FRANKIE: Season 7, the first four episodes of the final season are now available on Netflix. The remaining 12 episodes won't arrive until 2022.

C. WICKED IN CONCERT: A MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF THE ICONIC BROADWAY SCORE

Sunday, Aug. 29, at 9 p.m. in PBS (check local listings at [Here](#))

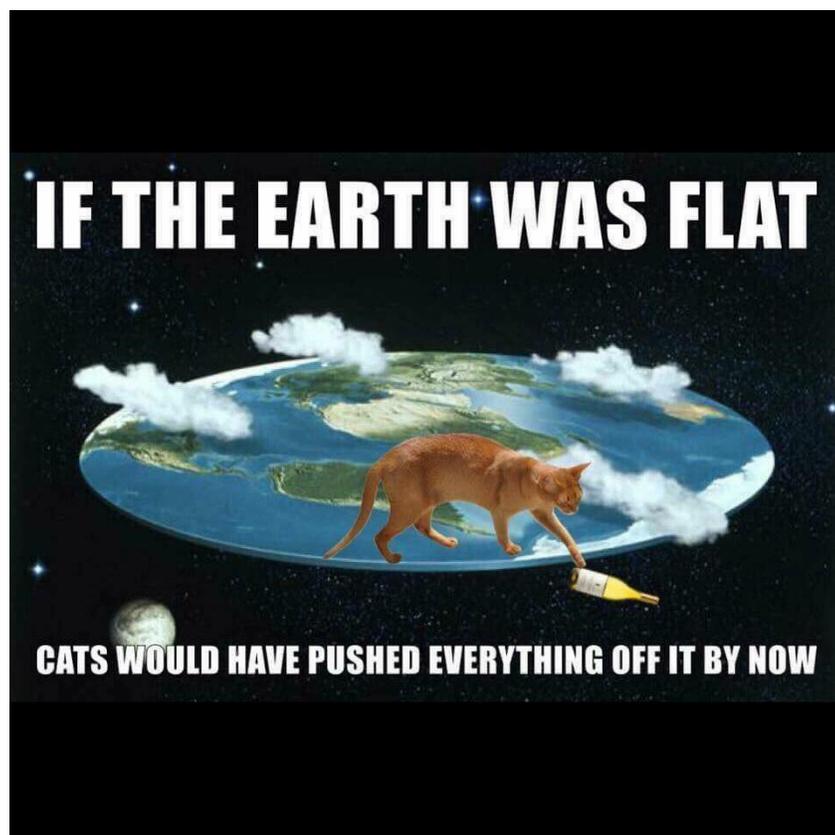
The cast is top-secret, but the songs won't be.

D. SPARKING JOY WITH MARIE KONDO: Starts Tuesday, Aug. 31, on Netflix

Now she's out to declutter your entire life: at work, at home, in your relationships.

7. Joke 2

Mental pabulum ...



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:

Flo & Eddie and the Turtles and Grass Roots live TV March 1992: [Here](#)

Note: "Happy Together" is at the 21-minute mark, but watch the whole clip for other great Turtle songs. And you'll also enjoy those performed by the Grass Roots.

B. Video of the week

Thanks, Walter Weeks, for sharing:

New car from Mercedes: [Here](#)

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

(1) Gene Chandler, "Duke of Earl"--one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#)

(2) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Robert Plant: [Here](#)

(3) Howard Smith: Piano hymns (8.28.21): [Here](#)

(4) I Sang With A Rockstar - Puddles Pity Party: [Here](#)

Note: The above also features an appearance from Howard Kaylan.

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

Thanks, Honor Moor, for telling me about:

All Sides ... to view it, please click: [Here](#).

It provides both balanced news and Media Bias Ratings.

For example, I'm now looking at the following:

At Least 13 US Troops, Over 100 Afghans Killed in Suicide Bombing Near Kabul Airport.

During the gold rush, a man who had been mining in Colorado for several months quit his job, as he hadn't struck gold yet and the work was becoming tiresome. He sold his equipment to another man who resumed mining where it had been left off. The new miner was advised by his engineer that there was gold only three feet away from where the first miner stopped digging.

The engineer was right, which means the first miner was a mere three feet away from striking gold before he quit.

The Moral:

When things start to get hard, try to persevere through the adversity. Many people give up on following their dreams because the work becomes too difficult, tedious, or tiresome—but often, you're closer to the finish line than you may think, and if you push just a little harder, you will succeed.

Source: [Here](#)

13. Advance planning department

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

A. Museum of Broadway in Times Square Sets New Opening Date. B. The Magnetic Theatre: Magnetic in the Smokey Park. C. Different Strokes: Oxalis by Travis Lowe.

PS. Make it a great week!
