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## 1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Continued to hunker down in Week 35 of the corona pandemic. Fortunately, that didn't prevent us from participating in our friend Carole Biro's Zoom birthday party. It was a lot of fun to celebrate it with her husband Brian and their many friends and family members.



(2) We also continued to explore Asheville's many food trucks. You won't go wrong trying Tin Can

Pizzeria. We'll be back!

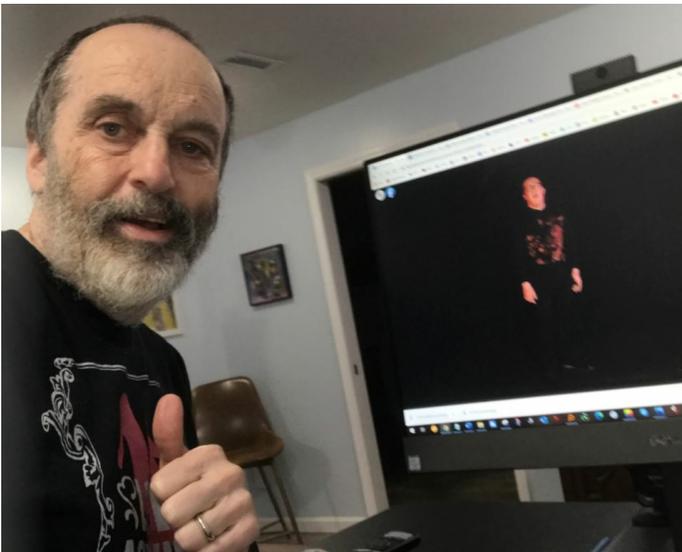


C. I had the good fortune of catching two theatrical performances this past week:

(1) SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MAGNETIC THEATRE! ... It almost felt like old times as I saw a livestream performance of BAR STORY, Jamieson Ridenhour's new one-act play about a stranger who walks into a bar. ... The taut dialogue and outstanding performances from Allen Law, Samantha LeBrocq, and Zacary Landolt made for a show you won't want to miss. ... And you're luck, in that you can still catch it on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 3 p.m. by getting a ticket at: [Here](#).



(2) Matthew Harper was superb in Part 1 of a Virtually Yours concert at the Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre. Part 2 takes place at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 22. To view it, please click: [Here](#).



D. The most recent BLAINESWORLD show can be viewed by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) Kevin Jameson, CEO and founder of Dementia Society of America; and (second half) Kay Wise, host, The

Note: This is the event Kevin mentions:  
Broadway Alive! Presented by the Dementia Society of America

It will take place on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 6 p.m.

Join the Dementia Society of America's first online entertainment fundraising program recorded live at the historic Highland Farm, former home of Oscar Hammerstein II, in Doylestown, Bucks County, PA. The program, "Broadway Alive!" will feature nationally recognized entertainer and performance artist, Keith Spencer. Mr. Spencer, a baritone vocalist, will be accompanied by pianist Peter Hilliard. The two artists have created a celebration of the Golden Age of Broadway exclusively for this event.

They will perform a 45-minute set comprised of classics from Rodgers and Hammerstein, Bernstein and Sondheim, and more. They will also be performing several selections from Keith's smash hit one-person show, "Brothers on Broadway: A Celebration of African American Leading Men on Broadway. Grab your tickets today!

A limited number of FREE tickets are available at: [Here](#).



E. Condolences to John Murray and family on the passing of Ann P. "Nancy" Murray, John's wife. For more information, please click: [Here](#).

F. As was previously reported, Cynthia's uncle Milton Rubin passed away. He was recently honored by NJ Governor Phil Murphy at a coronavirus briefing in Trenton. To view it, please start at the 22:32 mark when you click: [Here](#).

F. Congratulations to:

- (1) Beth Davis Bristol on her new teaching position at Atkinson Elementary School.
- 2) Rebecca Morris on becoming a Certified PV Associate by the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners.
- (3) Linda Weiss Rose, winner of CONTEST #22: a copy of my friend Howard Smith's latest CD of Christmas songs. All told, there were 10 entries. And that reminds me it is now time to introduce:  
\*\*\*\*\* **CONTEST #23** \*\*\*\*\*

One lucky reader will win a copy of GETTING INTO GUINNESS: ONE MAN'S LONGEST, FASTEST, HIGHEST JOURNEY INSIDE THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS RECORD BOOK by Larry Olmsted. Ken Jennings, all-time JEOPARDY! champion, had this to say about the book: "A funny and revealing look at the reference classic of everyone's childhood. I read it straight through--in exactly 5 hours and 31 minutes, with hourly rest breaks. While balancing a milk bottle on my head. And riding a unicycle."

To enter, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #23 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include both your name and mailing address. All entries must be received on or before

Monday, Nov. 30, at 9 p.m.

H. Reminder: Join Cynthia in either of the two virtual courses she teaches for Arms Around ASD: Meditation on Mondays and Move Your Body on Wednesdays. To attend these and/or any of the others (that are open to the public), scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

I. BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD WINNER: Thanks to Natalie Kaye for this week's nomination: Lisa Gage

To quote Natalie:

Having known Lisa for a while and seeing her amazing PR work through various organizations we both served on, I decided to hire Lisa to be the PR person for my company, On Demand Programs and Events. I hired Lisa to write and get out two press releases for two virtual fundraising programs in October and November featuring Keith Spencer. Lisa launched a very successful PR campaign and there were many articles in newspapers to help promote both of these events. Not only is Lisa an extremely good writer but her marketing skills and abilities are equally as good. She is someone who knows how to get the job done.

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



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## 2. FYI

Note: To quote my friend Carol Duermit, "If you think you won't like the following article because of the headline, take a deep breath and give it a shot. ... I know, some of you may be thinking that you hate Main Street Media. But if you read the whole thing, I challenge you to leave without thinking that there's at least some semblance of truth to this (if not a lot). ... And I'll tell you what: I'll then read something you want me to read when you are done. Deal?"

Doctors, nurses battle virus skeptics  
by Heather Hollingsworth

MISSION, Kan. (AP) — Treating the sick and dying isn't even the toughest part for nurse Amelia Montgomery as the coronavirus surges in her corner of red America.

It's dealing with patients and relatives who don't believe the virus is real, refuse to wear masks and demand treatments like hydroxychloroquine, which President Donald Trump has championed even though experts say it is not effective against the scourge that has killed over 210,000 in the U.S.

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

## FYI, part 2

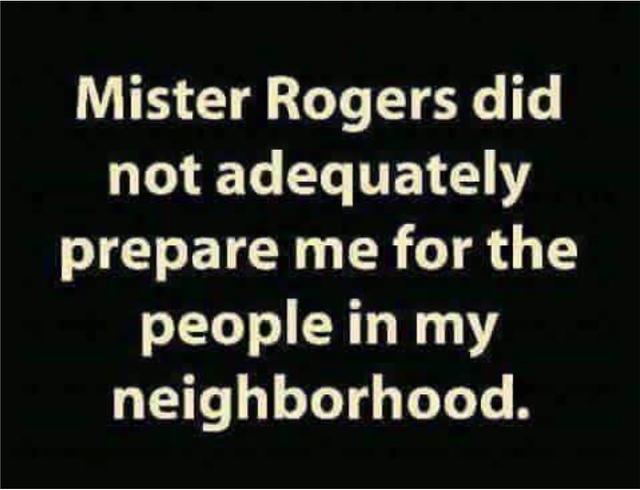
To read the following articles, please click: [Here](#).

A. Cats are the best philosophers. B. Theoretically, What Kind of Hair Dye Would Melt Down Your Face When You're Sweating? C. Peak Anxiety? Here Are 10 Ways to Calm Down.

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### 3. Joke 1

Now you know the reason why I moved away!



**Mister Rogers did  
not adequately  
prepare me for the  
people in my  
neighborhood.**

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### 4. Reviews

A. Enjoyed THE MUSTANG on HBO. It is a drama about a violent convict who is given the chance to participate in a rehabilitation therapy program centered around the training of wild mustangs. Belgian actor Matthias Schoenaerts is outstanding in the leading role, and there's also a fine performance from Bruce Dern. Kudos, also, to director Laure de Clermont-Tonnerre. She spent five five years researching a real-life program in Nevada, and you can tell that by the authentic nature of the film. Rated R.

B. Micah Solomon: Have you seen Bathtubs BATHTUBS OVER BROADWAY? You will LOVE it. And the soundtrack is great too.

My reaction: I agree! This documentary is about Steve Young, a writer who tracks down rare musical show albums, unseen footage, composers and performers.

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### 5. TV Alert

A. THE CROWN: Available now on Netflix  
According to TV GUIDE, "The royal family spirals further into dysfunction, 1980s-style, during the reaction season to date of this juicy drama about life among the Windsors."

B. 2020 American Music Awards: Sunday, Nov. 22, at 8 p.m. on ABC  
Roddy Ricch, The Weened and Megan Three Stallion lead the nominations.

C. DANCING WITH THE STARS: Season finale on Monday, Nov. 23, at 8 p.m. on ABC

The Mirrorball winner is named tonight, and you'll also get to see new judge Derek Hough put on his dancing shoes one more time.

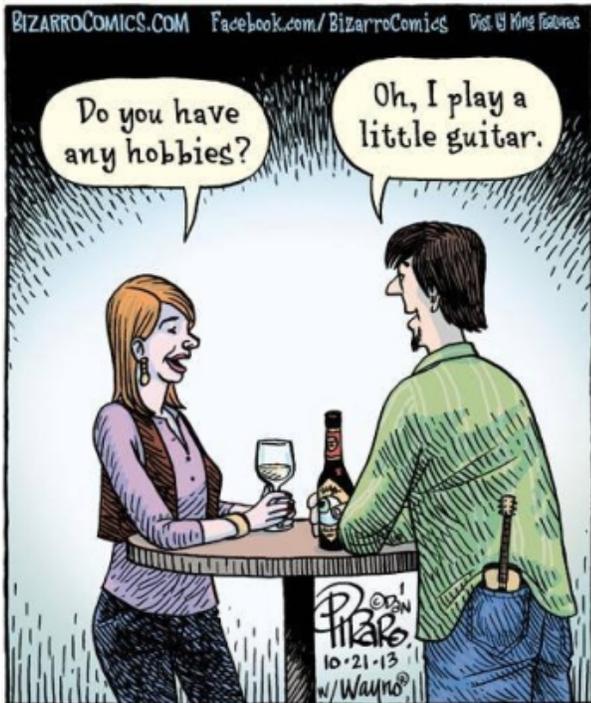
D. THE CALL OF THE WILD: Saturday, Nov. 28, at 8 p.m. on HBO

Harrison Ford stars in this 2020 update of the Jack London classic about a St. Bernard-collie mix named Buck surviving Alaska's 19th-century frontier.

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## 6. Joke 2

He's stringing her along.



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## 7. Clip/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](mailto: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 find this performance from The Umbrella Academy: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

The right way to eat spaghetti: [Here](#).

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

(1) Karen Akers, Unusual Way, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: 11.22.20 piano performance: [Here](#).

(3) Aaron Ybarra: 11.22.20 Digital Church: [Here](#).

(4) Anne Costello: Me and Julio Down by the Schoolyard · By Paul Simon (Official Music Video): [Here](#).

(5) Jonathan Berg: The Speakeasy Three - When I Get Low, I Get High: [Here](#).

D. Here's a website that you will want to check out: 9GAG, which is sort of like a visual version of Reddit. It can be seen by clicking: [Here](#).

It's a community-driven hub for visual content where members of the community upvote and downvote posts so that the best content gets pushed to the top.

There are a wide variety of topics to choose from, including Animals, Funny Politics. Search around, and you'll find some interesting stuff such as:

His [a dog's] fav song of all time

Africa, we train wild dogs to be pets

The cowboy dancer

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](#).

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## 8. Technology tip

Thanks, Jan Blunt, for sharing the following:

Facebook has changed Notifications for ALL groups again. They have automatically switched members of most groups to receive "Highlights" instead of "All Posts."

So, to make sure you see all of the posts made on any of your groups, follow these instructions:

1. Go to notifications (click the 3 dots on the top right of the GROUP HOME page...or if on a mobile device click on the dots at the top right of your screen)
2. Click Notifications
3. Change from "Highlights" to "All Posts."

Done!

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## 9. Joke 3

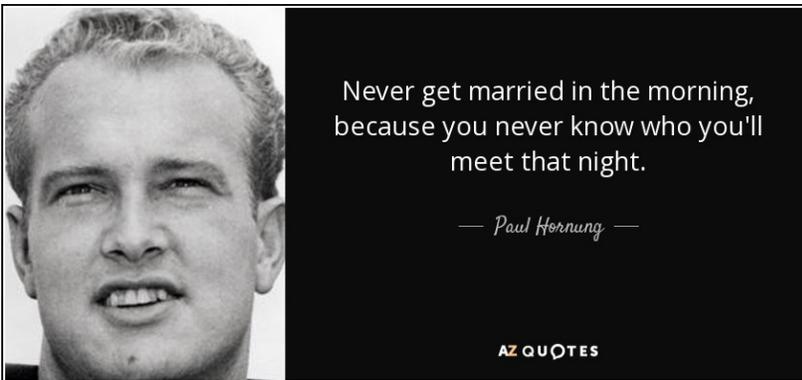
Pfizer, the same company that created Viagra, has announced that its vaccine against COVID-19 will be coming soon. We should fully embrace this news because if Pfizer was able to raise the dead, it will be much easier for the company to cure the living. (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)



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## 10. Two quotes I like

A. Thanks, Paul Hornung (1935-2020), for your Hall of Fame football career with the Green Bay Packers. I never got tired of watching you play--even when it helped defeat the Giants. For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).



B. Thanks, Tommy Heinsohn (1934-2020), for your Hall of Fame basketball career with the Boston Celtics. I also admired your efforts in helping form the NBA Players Association. For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).

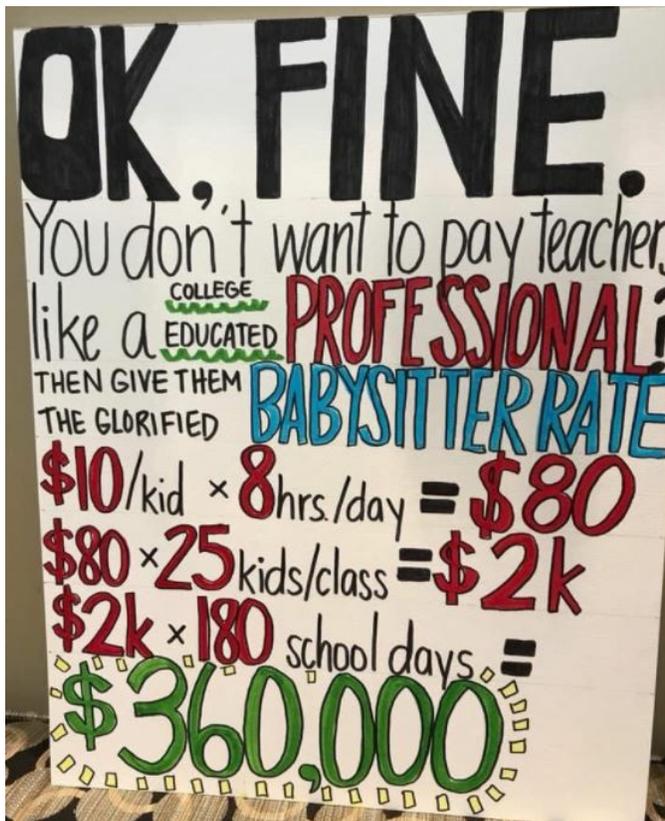
"You gotta learn that if you're gonna take the last shot of the game, it's either gonna go in, or it's not gonna go in, and you're either gonna be the hero or the goat."—Tommy Heinsohn



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### 11. Thought for the day

Methinks that many parents will now be appreciating how tough teaching is as a result of having to work with their children from home because of COVID-19. For more information about this poster, please click: [Here](#). (Thanks, Nelson Sartoris, for sharing.)



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### 12. Advance planning department

To find out about the following, please click: [Here](#).

A. Mile Yow: Thrilled to have been hired to perform in a Holiday gig in downtown Asheville. B. Kevin

Murphy: Live Actor's Center Online Scene Night. C. Jason Scholder: PATIO SHOW: Brunch of Jokers at The Grey Eagle.

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**PS.** Make it a great week!

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