

Family and Friends Portrait: A Photo Essay

(which our intrepid reporter is happy to report takes up a lot of room and that means he doesn't have to write as much)



Editor's Note: If you find typos or factual errors in this newsletter, we extend our apologies. But there will be no corrections or retractions. Live with it.

THE PARTY MENU

Brie and Crackers
Chips and Salsa
Green Salad by Maria
Pasta Salad by Maria
Togo Sandwiches
Chicken Wings
Beer
Wine
Sodas
Cake
Cookies
Melted Ice-cream

BINGO-MINGLE RESULTS

The Bingo Game, which was part of the party only because Kathleen thought Garey said "Bingo" when he said "mingle" for the first hour, dissolved into confusion when there were two bingos in the very first game and Bob opened and used the blackout gift - a camera - prematurely, mistaking it for simply being a camera available to anyone. Here were the results as best as we could determine, but again, as with the 2004 Olympics, there may be some dispute as to who actually won.

Game One: Drew, Prize: Hot Wheels
Christopher, Can of olives
Game Two: Drew, Whoopie cushion
Game Three: Results not recorded, but the prize was candy and it's missing

First Play in 35 Years Reminds Many Why It's Been So Long Since the Last One

By Longtime Nosee
SENIOR STAGE & SCREEN WRITER

Writer / Director Bob De Martini took an unusual risk. He didn't share the script with his cast prior to the production. Wise man Bob. No one had a chance to rewrite their parts.



The play reunited a cast whose last performance took place in Belmont, California sometime in the sixties, when most could read their lines without needing glasses.

The story begins at the Pearly Gates some years back. God is talking with Peter about who is on the list that includes the names of everyone arriving in Heaven that day. Kathleen De Martini's name appears. She is suffering from lung cancer. God and Peter decide to review her file, and so begins a series of reenactments, looking back upon Kathleen's life. They decide to keep her on Earth, and

REVIEW

 **The List:** Comedy, drama based on a true story. Starring aging actors. Kathleen's life story provides endless material to draw from. Written, directed and starring Bob De Martini, playing the part of God, naturally.

choose to do the same thing a few years later, as a testament to what faith and determination can do. It's a story of survival, and a wonderfully reassuring message of hope for Karen and Christopher, as Karen faces her own health challenges.

The script was funny, the acting was good, and Lynn's costume designs almost stole the whole darn show.

Will this revive a family tradition? Only time will tell.

Guess Who Was First in Line For Food Again



For the 226th family gathering in a row, Richard beat everyone to the food.