

Follow up, and Correcting the Record: Michael's Rock and Roll Posse

- Rosie and the Originals: several of you, as I had thought, recommended more Chicano one hit wonders, local popular rockers, and more successful entertainers to me, such as René and René, Malo, Trini López, Los Lonely Boys, Selena, and War. And I was justifiably called out for omitting Ritchie Valens (née Valenzuela), Joan Baez, and Carlos Santana, all inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, as has been Linda Ronstadt (Last week, Joan Baez was inducted, 57 years after her 1960 debut album, which I own.) Carlos' brother Jorge started the group Malo, keeping it in the family, and René y René—perhaps the only band ever from Laredo—actually appeared on American Bandstand:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bXDb5ktGQ_8 . Los Bravos (“Black is Black) were from Spain. *Perdona mis pecados de omisión, por favor, otra vez.*

- By the time I got into my office this morning, three of you had sent me this *NYT* piece about people like me: <https://nyti.ms/2pbfqCF> . I devoured it, especially the parts about how geriatric and physical problems affect folks who have trouble getting around. I recall standing in the Astrodome for a Stones concert in 1982, something that would just not be possible for me to do today with my bad knees. Indeed, I am sure I paid extra to be down in the mosh pit of Stones fans without seats. Today, I pay more not to do so, and to get accessible seating with chairs that are not bolted, so I can stretch out my legs.

But I do get the notion that the widespread availability of the music and the longevity of (usually-reconstituted) older acts will keep refurbishing and fueling rock and roll. “Hey Hey, My My” is from the Neil Young song, and the next line is: “Rock and roll is here to stay.” Amen, Brother Neil:

<http://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/neilyoung/mymyheyheyoutoftheblue.html>

Friends, please keep rocking and writing to me in order to correct the record.

Michael



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Rock 'n' roll will never die, at least not as long as a generation that once said it mistrusted anyone over 30 keeps trekking to concerts.