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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I continued to hunker down in Week 45 of the corona pandemic. Fortunately, that didn't prevent us from enjoying some beautiful weather we had while on the swing in our backyard. It was near 70 one day. The next day it dropped into the 30s.



B. During the week, I:

(1) Got to see a fantastic virtual seminar presented by my friend Brian Biro. The subject was "The ROI of Kindness," and I learned if you want to be a CKO (Chief Kindness Officer), you need to:

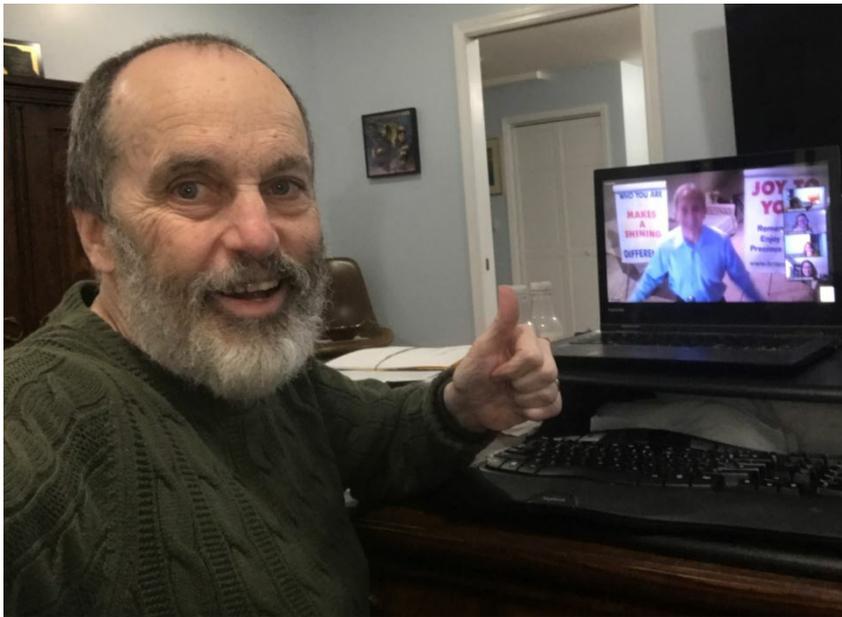
* Learn to receive. Receiving is allowing others to feel the joy of giving.

* Ask more than tell. When you ask you help others feel valued and that they matter. It conveys respect. Sometimes the best way to ask versus tell is to give them the ball...or the turkey platter!

* Be fully present! There is no kindness without presence.

Brian's outstanding presentation was part of a 3-day Kindness@Work Conference produced by Mari-Lyn

Harris. Her oh-so-true belief is that “Kindness is a catalyst for kinder workplaces.”



(2) FELT LIKE IT WAS ALMOST LIKE OLD TIMES ... I enjoyed The Magnetic Theatre's virtual reading of A VERY MODERN MARRIAGE by Arthur M. Jolly. ... Matt Foley, Kathleen Mitchell and Aaron Ybarra all gave terrific performances, and Tippin's narration effectively moved things along. John Baldwin's direction was spot on... And Katie Jones capped the evening off, leading an engaging talkback.



C. Catch the most recent BLAINESWORLD show on WPVM by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half), BJ Leiderman, CEO, BJ Leiderman Music; and (second half) Rebekkah Hilgraves, Owner, RadHaus Studio.



D. Condolences to:

- (1) David Graham and family on the passing of Virginia Alice McDonald Graham, David's mother.
- (2) Mike Martinelli on the passing of Mary Viruso, his aunt.

E. Congratulations to:

- (1) Stephanie Nusbaum and David Kleshinski on their engagement.
- (2) Carole Stiller, winner of Contest #2: a personalized romance novel from J.S. Fletcher and Kathy Newbern from YourNovel.com.

Note: Even if you were not a winner and/or you are looking for the perfect Valentine's Day gift, check the above company by clicking: [Here](#).

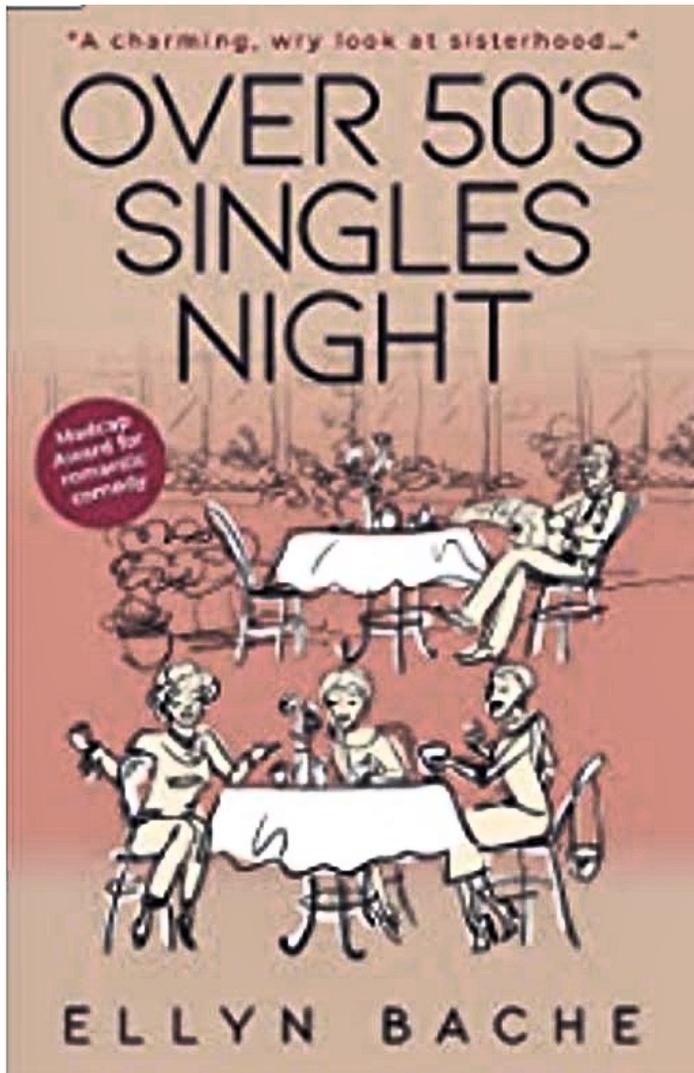
All told, there were five entries. And that reminds me, it is now time to introduce ...

***** **CONTEST #3** *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of *OVER 50'S SINGLES NIGHT* by Ellyn Bache. To quote from one Amazon reviewer:
Over 50's Singles Night is a delightful, can't put down novel. The characters could live next door! Realistic and uplifting, Ellyn Bache relates the story of sisters who are also working women, mothers and grandmothers.

Their individual stories intertwine and diverge in realistic and honest ways. Ellyn Bache has a knack for understanding and bringing to life the human spirit. A wonderful read that I heartily recommend.

To enter this contest. Send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #3 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include both your name and email address, as well as your mailing address. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 8.



F. Reminders:

(1) Attend my virtual SCORE seminar on Marketing this coming Saturday, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m. There's no charge, but you must register by clicking: [Here](#)

Note: Just by attending, one participant will have a chance to win \$500!

(2) You're invited to join Cynthia either or both of the virtual courses she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week: Meditation on Monday and Move Your Body on Wednesday. To attend this and/or any of the others (that are open to the public), scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

G. BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD WINNER

This week, it goes to Trent Lance with T&K Utilities.

The above company has been on our street the past few weeks, providing some much-needed repairs for our water pipes. It seemed to me that it was a big job, but T&K Utilities was on top of it from the very beginning.

All the employees were both hard-working and friendly. Trent, in particular, kept us informed about what was happening every step of the way. He answered all our questions, and he gave us plenty of advance notice on the two times that the water needed to be turned off briefly.

The area is in amazingly good shape, considering all the work that was done, and Trent has promised that he will return to fix up the grass when the weather turns warmer.

2. FYI

This also gets me thinking about flu shots. Folks don't die from them, but they do die from the flu. ... And further food for thought: There is NO microchip in the COVID-19 vaccines--despite the conspiracy theories and other garbage being spread about them as can be seen by clicking: [Here](#).

Everyone who received the first smallpox vaccine in 1798 has died. Makes you think.



FYI, part 2

To read the full passages from the following items, please click: [Here](#).

A. Mary Ellen Murphy: I began using the closed caption feature over a year ago. B. Warren Friel: My wife and I keep the volume muted. C. Ellane Chandler: I've started watching BBC's Call the Midwife series on Netflix. D. Jon Berg: Good issue. E, Berta Ditillo: Thanks for the happy together clip.

3. Joke 1

You like my new social distance support animal? (Thanks, Brent Russell, for sharing.)



4. Reviews

A. Thanks, Candace Mullett, for the following Netflix recommendation: PENGUIN BLOOM. This fact-based drama tells the story of a woman on holiday who fell off a rooftop and broke her vertebrae in two places. Paralyzed from the chest down, she found hope and purpose in her family's love--and in a bird on its own journey of recovery. Naomi Watts and Andrew Lincoln have believable chemistry as Samantha Bloom and her husband Cameron, but it is the amazing magpie (named "Penguin") that steals just about every scene. Much credit goes to the trainers of this bird ... actually, make that 10 birds who played the one role. The accompanying soundtrack is excellent. Not rated, but I'd give it a PG-13, as well as my strong recommendation.

B. Somehow, I had missed HAPPY GILMORE despite seeing many clips of it over the years. Well, now I can say that I actually saw it from start to finish--and had fun doing so. The film stars Adam Sandler as a guy who always wanted to be a professional hockey player. But along the way, he finds out that he has a talent for an entirely different sport: golf. He soon becomes an unlikely hero in the sport. Sandler made my laugh, and I got a big kick out Christopher McDonald as his main opponent and Bob Barker in a cameo role. Rated PG-13.

5. TV alert

Note: The 2021 Grammy Awards ceremony, slated to be on Sunday, Jan. 31, at 8 p.m., has been postponed due to concerns about the spread of the coronavirus. The Recording Academy announced that it is instead being pushed off until March 14.

A. GOLDEN TURKEYS: Monday, Feb. 1, at 8 p.m. on TCM

Six TCM films that will be showing are bad, but oh-so-watchable. The first one is the one you won't want to miss: PLAN B FROM OUTER SPACE.

B. SUPER BOWL GREATEST COMMERCIALS 2021: Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 8 p.m. on CBS

I typically find these quote watchable and if you like, you can even vote for No. 1 during the show.

C. SUPER BOWL LV: Sunday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m. on CBS

Can Tampa Bay's Tom Brady outduel Kansas City's Patrick Mahomes in what should be an engaging battle of quarterback and their respective teams.

D. THE EQUALIZER: Sunday, Feb. 7, at around 10 p.m. (following the Super Bowl) on CBS
Queen Latifah stars in this action-packed thriller, a reboot of the 1985-89 series that starred Edward Woodward, about an ex-CIA agent who helps people facing apparently insurmountable odds.

6. Joke 2

Wife says to her programmer husband, "Go to the store and buy a loaf of bread. If they have eggs, buy a dozen." ... He returns with 12 loaves of bread. (Thanks, David Joe Miller, for sharing.)



7. 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: bjinbc@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 version from 2017 with members of Archies...Cowsills... The Box Tops... Association... Three Dog Night... and Turtles at the 3-minute mark. (You'll like the rest of the clip, too.): [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Jessica Snow Pisano: Former ballerina with Alzheimer's hears Swan Lake, and it all returns: [Here](#)..

For more context, please click: [Here](#).

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

(1) , one of my all-time favorites: Cher - Bang Bang (My Baby Shot Me Down): [Here](#).

(2) Lois Rosenthal: "Let's Twist Again" (with dance scenes): [Here](#).

(3) Jonathan Berg: How to deal with dietary restrictions at Christmas dinner: [Here](#).

(4) Howard Smith on piano: 1.31.21: [Here](#).

(5) Billy Elliot Live Finale: [Here](#).

(6) Aaron Ybarra: Digital Church, 1.31.21: [Here](#).

D. Here's a website that you might want to check out: The FAIL Blog: [Here](#).

It is a site that is most known for its humorous pictures depicting disastrous and often stupid situations. Fun to browse; e.g., to find such entries as the following:

I asked a girl out. She said "yes" and gave me her number.

When I called, it was a reject hotline.

You'll also enjoy the pictures, including this one: OSHA Safety Failures.

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](#).

8. Technology tip

Entering the wrong number on your calculator app can ruin your day—especially after inputting a long number. But before you get all upset, just swipe left or right to delete what you just typed. The calculator will remember the rest of what you entered, so you don't have to start from the beginning.

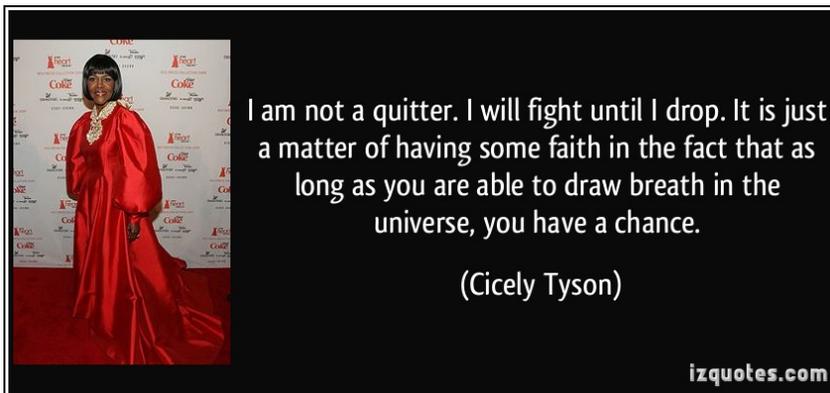
9. Joke 3

I tried to be a tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it. Mainly because it was a so-so job.



10. Two quotes I like

A. Thanks, Cicely Tyson (1924-2021), for your career that spanned more than seven decades and saw you garner three Emmy Awards, one Tony Award and an honorary Academy Award. ... I'll most remember you for your portrayal of strong African-American women in such films as *SOUNDER* and *THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MISS JANE PITMAN*. ... For more information, please click: [Here](#).



I am not a quitter. I will fight until I drop. It is just a matter of having some faith in the fact that as long as you are able to draw breath in the universe, you have a chance.

(Cicely Tyson)

izquotes.com

B. Thanks, Cloris Leachman (1926-2021), for your career as an actor that spanned over seven decades and included eight Primetime Emmy Awards and one Oscar. ... I've liked many of your performances, but perhaps most for playing Frau Blücher in Mel Brooks' comedy classic *YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN*. ... For more information about her life, please click: [Here](#).



Why can't we build orphanages next to homes for the elderly? If someone were sitting in a rocker, it wouldn't be long before a kid will be in his lap.

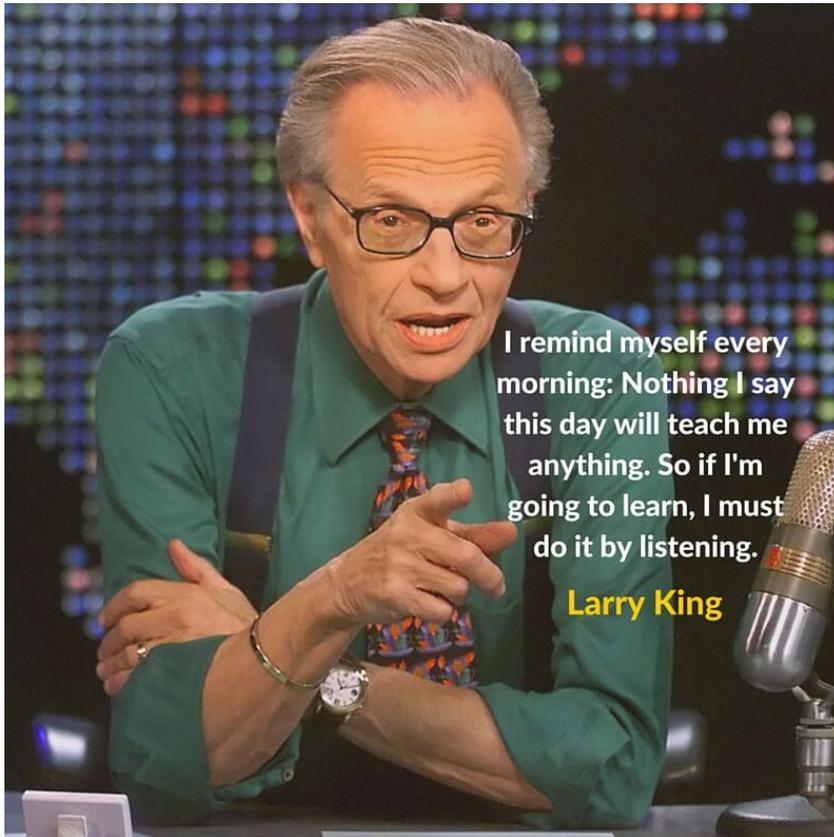
- Cloris Leachman -

quoteparrot.com

11. Thought for the day

Larry King once bragged that he almost never prepared for an interview. If his guest was an author promoting a book, he did not read it, but asked simply, "What's it about?" or "Why did you write this?" ... To a public skeptical of experts, he seemed refreshingly average: just a curious guy asking questions impulsively. ... "There are many broadcasters who'll recite three minutes of facts before they ask a question," he said in his memoir, "As if to say: Let me show you how much I know. I think the guest should be the expert."

King (1933-2021) was a television host, radio host and author. For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).



12. Advance planning department

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

A. Heather Nicole Bronson: WANDERING WITH MAGNETIC: something i cared about. B. Jean Dolan: The Bucks County Book Discussion Group. C. Rodney Smith?: LIES. D. Susan Harper: THE MAN IN THE BRIGHT NIGHTGOWN. E. Peggy Ratusz: "Love Bubble."

PS. Make it a great week!
