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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I continued to hunker down in Week 46 of the corona pandemic. Fortunately, we've been able to get outside almost every day. That's us in front of two of the many beautiful trees that surround our home.



B. During the week, I enjoyed a:

(1) Terrific show that I wasn't able to attend, but am grateful to Isis Music Hall for making it available virtually. ... You're in luck, in that you can still catch it by clicking: [Here](#).

Kudos to Peggy Ratusz, Aaron Price, Zack Page and Justin Ray for their performances.

PS. Please join me in showing them, as well as Isis, some appreciation by clicking: [Here](#).



(2) Concert featuring Laura Boswell and Kathryn O'Shea together at White Horse Black Mountain...nothing could be finer. What a fantastic show!



C. How cool is this? Very! ... Yours truly is now in IMDb, the world's most popular and authoritative source for movie, TV and celebrity content, designed to help fans explore the world of movies and shows and decide what to watch.

See below. And thanks, Carl J. Grasso, for posting this information.



Blaine Greenfield

Actor

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Blaine Greenfield is an actor, known for [Seasons Screenings](#) (2020) and [Lock-In](#) (2020).
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D. Catch this week's BLAINESWORLD show on WPVM by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: Davida Horwitz and Steve White, owner/managers, Grail Moviehouse; and (second half): Grant Randall, owner of Proper Manners Canine Academy.



E. Condolences to:

- (1) Danny Brice and family on the passing of John Brice, Danny's older brother.
- (2) Dianne Worthington and family on the passing of Ann Louderbough, Dianne's mother.

F. Congratulations to:

(1) David Troy Francis on his new Pianogram business. If you are looking for the perfect gift for Valentine's Day or any other special occasion, check this out by clicking: [Here](#).

I got this for Cynthia, and she loved it. To see that clip, please click: [Here](#).

(2) Dominic Aquilino on his appointment to the Theatre Arts Department at Mars Hill University.

(3) Meredith Page Switzer on being featured on WLOS for the fantastic work she does for Homeward Bound. To see the clip she was in, please click: [Here](#).

(4) Asheville on being named one of America's Best Mountain Towns by Travel + Leisure. For more information, please click: [Here](#).

G. Invitations:

(1) Please come to my viral presentation that will take place this coming Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 4:30 p.m. and will run until 5:30 p.m. It is being offered by the Home Business Success Community:

Blaine Greenfield will share something for business marketing that's even better than the Golden Rule, and other marketing gems for business owners.

This session will be a bit different. You are invited to bring guests with you. If there's anyone you believe would be a great fit for the Home Business Success Community, please invite them to join us Tuesday afternoon.

There is NO CHARGE, but you must pre-register by sending an email to: hank@hankeder.com in order to get a Zoom invitation.

(2) You're invited to join Cynthia in 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](#).

(3) There's still time to enter ...

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

One lucky reader will win a copy of OVER 50'S SINGLES NIGHT by Elynn 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, Elynn 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. Elynn 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.

H. Correction: Last week's BLAINESWORLD, at the top, should have read as follows: issue #1271 with a date of 1.25.2021. What you see at the top is now correct. Sorry 'bout that.

I. This week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Nathan's Coney Island Pretzel Dogs (pictured below). Imagine combining two ultimate stadium eats --hot dogs and soft pretzels--to make the perfect handheld snack for any occasion.

This product is available in the frozen aisle of your local supermarket. It tastes even better than it looks!



2. FYI

The Science of Reasoning With Unreasonable People
by Adam Grant

A few years ago, I made the mistake of having an argument with the most stubborn person I know. R., whose initial I'm using to protect his privacy, is a longtime friend, and when his family came to visit, he mentioned that his children had never been vaccinated — and never would be.

I'm no proponent of blindly giving every vaccination to every newborn, but I was concerned for his children's safety, so I started debunking some common vaccine myths. After days of debate, I was exhausted and exasperated. Determined to preserve our friendship, I vowed never to talk with him about vaccines again.

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

FYI, part 2

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

A. Karen Mazza: Jeff and I have been using closed captions for about two years now. B. Susan Farbstein: Is the newsletter worth more money if there is a misspelling in the email subject line? C. A Witness to History and Bernie Sanders in His Mittens. D. The Best Time of Day to Exercise.

3. Joke 1

SAVE THIS IF STOPPED FOR SPEEDING! ... It's the best thing to tell a cop. ... To see Corden's entire monologue, click: [Here](#).

“Today was the deadline for Donald Trump’s legal team to file their brief with the Senate for Trump’s upcoming impeachment trial. And it looks like Trump’s lawyers will be arguing that the trial is unconstitutional because Trump is no longer president. ... I’m going to use this. I’m going use this next time a cop pulls me over. I’m gonna be like Well, I’m no longer speeding. I was. ... But once. I’m not now. Therefore, this ticket is unconstitutional.”—James Corden



4. Reviews

A. See if you can find BLACK LEGION on TCM or elsewhere. It is a hard-hitting 1937 drama starring Humphrey Bogart about a white supremacist organization that seems to be based on the Klu Klux Klan. What's scary is the fact the the film will also remind you of what happened in Washington, D.C., on January 6. Not rated at the time, but if it were now, I'd say it would get a PG-13 (but only if parents then discussed it with their children).

Note: I've added this to my list of favorite films. If you'd like to get this list, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

B. For something completely different, there's BILLY MADISON with Adam Sandler. He has been a spoiled thirty something "kid" all his life, but if he wants to take over his father's hotel business, he must retake and pass every grade in 24 weeks. It is not very profound, but I couldn't refrain from laughing quite often. I also liked the appearances of Darren McGavin and Bradley Whitford. Rated PG-13.

5. TV alert

A. TOUGH AS NAILS: Season premiere on Wed., February 10, at 8 p.m. on CBS
Last summer's top new reality series returns for Season 2. Twelve competitors with hands-on occupations compete in challenges set a real-world sites.

B. TCM Romantic Weekend Getaway: Fri., February 12, at 8 p.m. on TCM
You're in for a treat for the next three days if you like films of this type. I do, and I'll make sure to be taping

CROSSING DELANCEY, an underrated 1988 charmer, at 2:30 a.m. on Saturday.

C. PLAYING CUPID: Movie premiere on Sat., Feb. 13, at 9 p.m. on Hallmark Channel

A 13-year-old starts her own matchmaking business, shooting an arrow at her teacher and her single dad.

D. STANLEY TUCCI; SEARCHING FOR ITALY: Season premiere on Sun., February 14, at 9 p.m. on CNN

The Oscar nominee begins a charming six-part study of the country's history via its food.

6. Joke 2

I'll take any prediction that says we'll have six weeks of good weather. ... And If you're like me, and you celebrate all holidays because there's more food, fun and friends that way ... HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY!



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: 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 view something different ... click here to see Howard Kaylan telling the story behind the above song: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Remember Melora Hardin? She played Jan on THE OFFICE.

She graciously completed this PSA for the Dementia Society of America that I urge you to watch: [Here](#).

Note: For more information about this amazing organization, please click: [Here](#).

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

(1) Dee Cartensen: Can You Hear A Lullaby, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

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

(3) Howard Smith on piano: 2.7.21: [Here](#).

(4) Jonathan Berg: Meghan Trainor - Better When I'm Dancin' | One Voice Children's Choir: [Here](#).

(5) Mark Jones: Buddy Holly - Peggy Sue Live: [Here](#).

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

Autocorrect Fail features tons of funny texts between people who experience all the communication problems that come with auto correct on a mobile device. Unfortunately, the site is no longer adding new content, but methinks you'll still get a kick out of viewing some of the past posts such as this one:

Got an A in Chem!

WTF, well done!

Mom, what do you think WTF means?

Well That's Fantastic

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

To instantly redial the last number you called, simply open your keypad and tap the green phone icon.

9. Joke 3

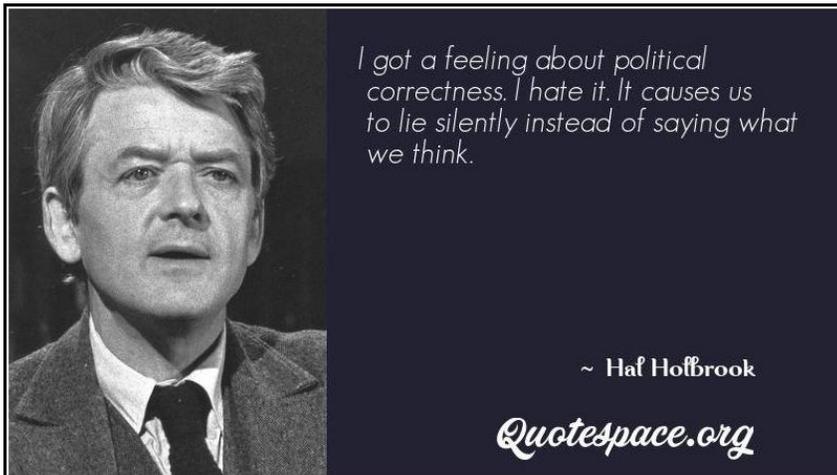
URGENT HELP REQUEST! ... My best friend just won two tickets for the 2021 Super Bowl in Tampa.. They are box seats plus airfare, Epicurean Hotel penthouse accommodation and \$5,000 spending money. When he won them, his wedding date had not been finalized. Now it turns out, the only date available at the church for their wedding is on the day of the game, so he can't go. ... If you're interested and want to go instead of him, it's at Lakewood Church at 5 p.m. on February 7 ... She is a cute woman with a great butt, and her name is

Kelly. She will be the one in the white dress. ... If interested, contact me immediately for more detailed information.



10. Two quotes I like

A. Thanks, Hal Holbrook (1925-2021), for your career as an actor, television director and writer. ... It seems that I enjoyed everything you were in, but probably most your signature role of Mark Twain that you performed for over 60 years that also earned you a Tony Award. It went along nicely with your five Emmy Awards. ... For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).



B. Thanks, Christopher Plummer (1929-2021), for your acting career that spanned seven decades. In it, he won an Academy Award, two Primetime Emmy Awards, two Tony Awards, a Golden Globe Award, a Screen

Actors Guild Award and a British Academy Film Award. ... Like most people, I'll perhaps most remember you for your performance as Captain Georg von Trapp (see picture) in THE SOUND OF MUSIC. For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).

"Most of my life I have played a lot of famous people, but most of them were dead so you have a poetic license."—Christopher Plummer



11. Thought for the day

LOVE THIS IDEA! ... Starting today and running through Valentine's Day, let's put a heart on the door of our kids to tell them all the things we love about them. ... This is something that could also be done for our spouses or significant others. (Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.)



12. Advance planning department

Read more about the following events by clicking: [Here](#).

A. Barrie Barton: Elevate Your Virtual Impact: Engage, Speak & Lead Online via Zoom. B. Jeff Catanese: MagPie - A Filmed Reading. C. Katie Jones: Kaye Wise-Dentry (& others) in WANDERING WITH MAGNETIC.

PS. Make it a great week!
