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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Continued to hunker down in Week 48 of the corona pandemic. Fortunately, we had some days of beautiful weather, and we were able to visit some friendly horses around the corner from us.

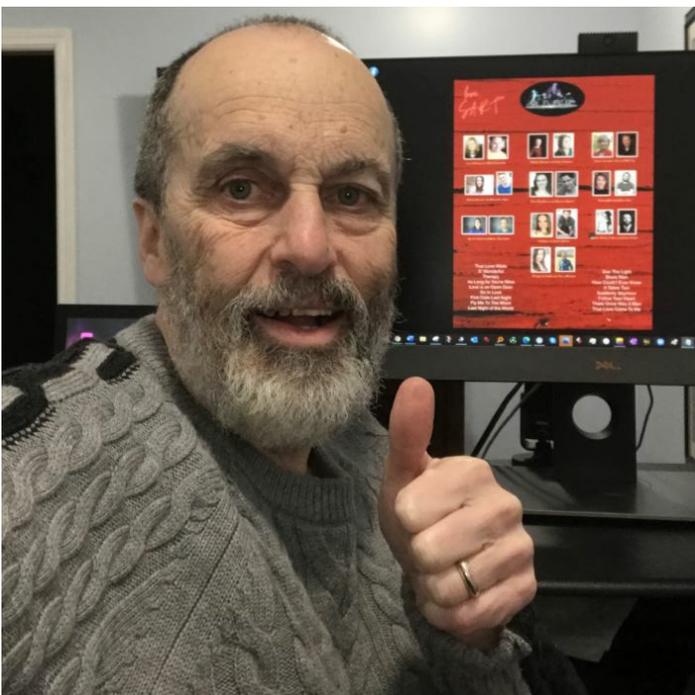


(2) A few days later, the temperature dropped nearly 30 degree ... but it was still nice for walking. That's just one of the beautiful views we get to see every day.



B. I'm still missing live performances, but am grateful to have recently seen the following:

(1) SART's LOVE, SART: A COUPLES CONCERT, directed with aplomb by Dillon Giles and featuring excellent performances from Dillon and Audrey Wells, Lara Holloway and Matt Edwardsen, Heather Nicole Bronson and Andy Thompson, Karen Covington-Yow and Mike Yow, Natalie Brouwer and Maximilian Koger, Clara Ray Burrus and Dominic Aquilino, Krystin Ezzell and William Tyler Ezzell, Kathleen Watson and Jason Watson, Chelsea Henley Cribbs and Jordan Cribbs, and Chelsey Lee Gaddy and Travis Michaels.



(2) Loved HI-HAT HATTIE, the one-woman show by Larry Parr (top photo). Karla Burns (bottom photo) was amazing as Hattie McDaniel, best known for her role in GONE WITH THE WIND that won her an Oscar, And kudos to Huron Breaux for his accompaniment and characterization of the other character in the show.



(3) Enjoyed Rebecca O'Quinn and Franklin Keel in concert at Isis Music Hall, accompanied by Brad Curtioff and David Cohen. ... The good news is that you can still catch this performance by clicking: [Here](#). And if you like it as much as I did, you can show some appreciation (and love) to these talented performers by clicking: [Here](#).



C. Catch this week's BLAINESWORLD show on WPVM by clicking: [Here](#). Guests: (first half) Ed Edelson,

author of new book, "Lois's Story" (available via Amazon); and (second half): Stephen A. Forbus, community development consultant, National Non-Profit Resource Center.



D. Condolences to the family of Philip Brush Bowditch of his passing. To read his obituary, please click: [Here](#).

E. Congratulations to:

(1) Scott Treadway on being featured in a terrific article in FLAT ROCK TOGETHER. To read it, please click: [Here](#).

(2) Erik Dobell and his wife on the birth of Dallas, their daughter.

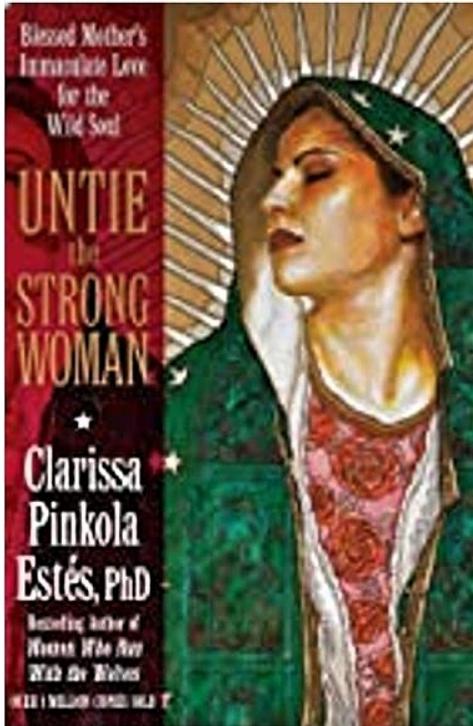
(3) Rob Schram on the publication of his book, THE 613 COMMANDMENTS.

(4) Steve Darter, winner of Contest #4: a copy of YELLOW TULIPS: ONE WOMAN'S QUEST FOR HOPE AND HEALING IN THE DARKNESS OF BIPOLAR DISORDER by Helen Joy George. All told, there were four entries. And that reminds me it is now time to introduce ...

******* CONTEST #5 *******

One lucky reader will win a copy of UNTIE THE STRONG WOMAN: BLESSED MOTHER'S IMMACULATE LOVE FOR THE WILD SOUL by Clarissa Pinkola Estés, an internationally recognized scholar, award-winning poet, diplomate senior Jungian psychoanalyst, and cantadora (keeper of the old stories in the Latina tradition). To quote one Amazon reviewer: " This wonderful book defies any simple review. Its difficult to confine to any summary or set of words other than the author's own. It is broad, deep, elegantly simple at times and then profoundly complex all on the same page. A totally different experience, ever richer, unpacks on each encounter I've had so far. Its heart-breaking, heart-mending and heart-opening."

To enter this contest. Send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #5 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, March 8.



F. Correction: Last week's issue mentioned the Chairman's Circle at Beverly-Hanks for real estate expertise, but failed to mention the name of the person who was named to this group. He is my friend Brent Russell, a truly outstanding agent. Sorry 'bout that, Brent!

G. Invite: Are you interested in shows, concerts, movies, TV, etc.? ... If so, I encourage you to join a new group I've formed on Facebook that's called Entertainment. To do so, all you need to do is click: [Here](#).

H. Announcing this week's ...

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

He is Dr. Ryan Osborne (left photo), director of Head and Neck Surgery at the Osborne Head and Neck Institute (OHNI) and an internationally renowned expert in head and neck oncology.

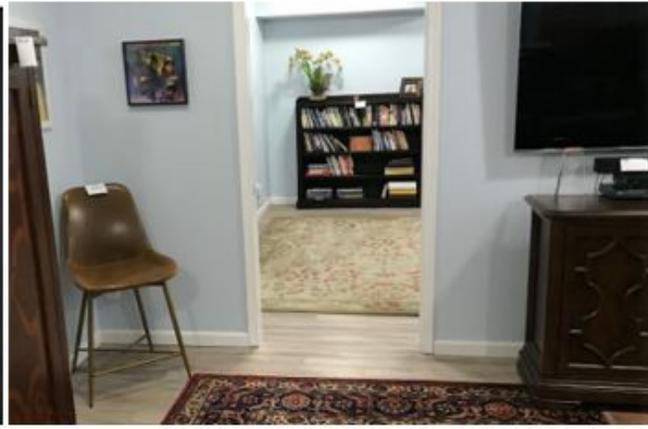
Cynthia found him online via an article he had written on the treatment of hypersalivation/drooling or sialorrhea, as it is formally known. This is defined as the excessive production and/or flow of saliva outside of the oral cavity. To read the article, please click: [Here](#).

I had been dealing with this condition for several years, and it had been getting worse. Nothing seemed to be helping it--not a visit to a local ear, nose and throat specialist, nor sessions with a speech therapist. I even went through a swallowing test.

But amazingly, one virtual visit with Dr. Osborne seemed to have uncovered the problem. As unbelievable as it might sound, I was just not remembering to swallow.

He suggested that I keep reminding myself of the need to do so, and as you can see (right photo) I put up numerous signs with the word "SWALLOW" throughout our house. This seems to have solved my problem!

For more news about the Osborne Head & Neck Institute and/or Dr. Osborne, please click: [Here](#).



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 informative article, please click: [Here](#).

FYI, part 2

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

A. Who Is Still Buying VHS Tapes? B. What Frances McDormand Would (and Wouldn't) Give to 'Nomadland.'
C. How to Walk Safely in the Snow, Ice and Slush.

3. Joke 1

I'm not even Catholic, but methinks I'll give this up too ...



"These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent, would you?"

4. Reviews

A. Enjoyed *KILL BILL: Vol. 1*: This revenge thriller about a woman who wakes from a coma after her jealous ex-lover attempted to murder her on her wedding day is perhaps the most violent film I've ever seen. Yet it held my attention from the very beginning, in large part because of Uma Thurman's work in the starring role. I also like Lucy Liu's performance as one of the villains and Quentin Tarentino's direction. It left me wanting to now find Vol. 2. Rated R.

B. Saw *CRISS CROSS*, an exciting film noir about an armored-car guard who must join a robbery after being caught with his ex-wife by her gangster husband. Burt Lancaster, Yvonne De Carlo and Dan Duryea are all outstanding in the leading role. The cinematography is terrific. Not rated at the time, but my rating now would be R.

C. Here's an article I thought y'all would like to see:

15 iconic roles played by actors who weren't the 1st choice: [Here](#).

5. TV alert

A. *NEW AMSTERDAM*: Season premiere on Tues., March 2, at 10 p.m. on NBC

In the Season 3 opener, a plane crashes into the East River, and survivors are already rushed to the already overwhelmed hospital. TV GUIDE calls it an Editors' Choice.

B. *COMING 2 AMERICA*: Fri., March 5, on Amazon Prime

Eddie Murphy again stars in his breezy sequel, which picks up 30 years and three daughters after the original.

C. *CIRCLE OF DECEPTION*: Movie premiere on Fri., March 5, on Lifetime at 8 p.m.

Movie based on the headline-making 2002 death of Washington state's Russell Douglas.

D. *TCM MOVIE MARATHON (Hitchcock films)*: Begins on Fri., March 5, at 8 p.m. and wraps next Friday on

TCM. Tonight's lineup includes 39 STEPS, PSYCHO and NORTH BY NORTHWEST.

E. Ilene Logelin: Just wanted to tell you that I have been watching a Netflix series called Atypical, which is about a high school student on the spectrum. I think it's great. Anyone who is on the spectrum or who has a family member on the spectrum could relate to this show. Just thought you might want to share this with Cynthia.

My reaction: I agree with you. This is also one of our favorite shows!

6. Joke 2

FASHION EXCLUSIVE ... you are now getting a rare first look at this spring's new mask line. (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, 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: 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 them singing "Sound Asleep": [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

New location to get your vaccination: [Here](#).

C. Also, check out these other clips at your convenience:

(1) "It All Fades Away" from BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY, one of my all-time favorite clips: [Here](#).

Note: For the full soundtrack, please click: [Here](#).

(2) Paul Marks: Laughing chimp: [Here](#).

(3) STUNNING Singer! Willie Spence Shines Brighter Than Any Diamond - American Idol 2021: [Here](#).

(4) Aaron Ybarra: Digital church: [Here](#).

(5) Howard Smith: Church music, 2.28.2021: [Here](#).

D. Here's a website that you might want to check out: Lean In: [Here](#). To quote from the website: "We help women come together to learn from each other and achieve their goals, because women can be a powerful force for change in the world."

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

Thanks, Warren Friel, for this follow-up to last week's tip:

Another easy way to convert a Word document to a PDF without having to go online is to print it to Acrobat. With the document open, go to File-Print. Click on the drop down arrow that allows you to select a printer. One of the options should be Print to Acrobat or Print to PDF. Select that option and then click on Print. The Word document will be automatically converted to a PDF, which you can then save.

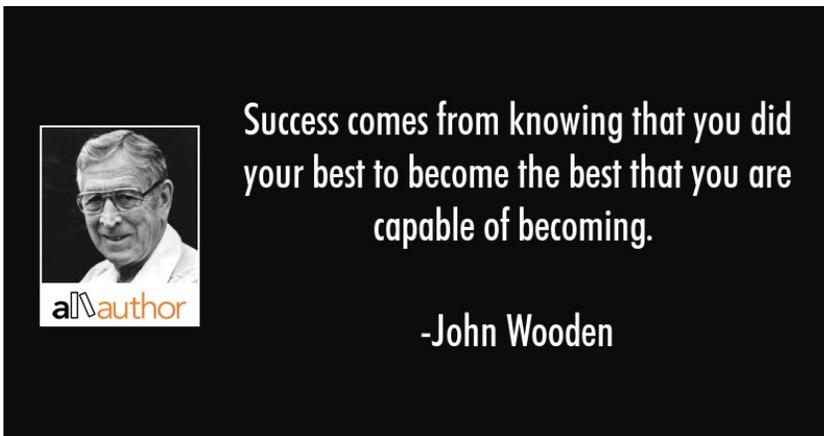
9. Joke 3

Great sign for a barber shop! (Thanks, George Pappas, for sharing.)



10. A quote I like

John Wooden (1910-2010) was an American basketball coach whose teams won ten NCAA national championships in a 12-year period as head coach for the UCLA Bruins, including a record seven in a row.



11. Thought for the day

Thanks, Paul Marks, for sharing this video:
This delivery man is a hero. To view it, please click: [Here](#).

12. Advance planning department

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

A. Comedy Writing taught by Tom Chalmers. B. The Montford Park Players announces open auditions for The Comedy of Errors. C. Tickets are still available for Wandering With Magnetic.

PS. Make it a great week!
