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1. Reflections

If you're reading this via Facebook or LinkedIn, please be advised that you will get it quicker if you get it via email. Another advantage: You'll never miss it that way because you may not have logged in for a day or two. And in the unlikely event you're not already a subscriber, all you need to do is send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I continued to hunker down in Week 22 of the corona pandemic, but managed to enjoy our outdoor dinner at Cornerstone Restaurant where we had some delicious cheeseburgers and sweet potato fries, along with fine service from Graham.



B. INTRODUCING Rudolpho, my new guard dog who protects me from unwanted guests when I'm in my downstairs office. ... Thanks to my talented friend, Thomsen Guth, for getting him up and barking. ... To hear him for yourself, please click: [Here](#).



C. Cynthia had the pleasure of hosting Cappy Tosetti who told us all about her newest venture ... she will be introducing her very own line of Goat & Co. Bath Soap to the Asheville area.



D. Catch this week's BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). Guests were: (first half) Flori Pate, co-founder/creative director Dig Local and co-founder/executive director of Food Connection, and Ted Pate, co-founder/CEO of Dig Local; and (second half) Edie Weinstein, licensed social worker, psychotherapist, journalist, interfaith minister, author, editor, event organizer and speaker.



E. Congratulations to:

- (1) Jensen Gelfond and Beth Mayberry on their wedding.
- (2) Victor Feraru on his admission to the NY Bar.
- (3) Bill Yorke on his retirement from Bucks County Community College.
- (4) Mark and Lindsey Land on the birth of Dyland Clair Land, their second daughter.
- (5) Rob Akers on the fact that his latest book, "Final Future," was honored as a Finalist in the 2020 International Book Awards.
- (6) Jerry Leventhal, winner of Contest #15: a copy of my friend Richard Shulman's new CD, LIFE SEASONS. All told, there were four entries. ... And that reminds me if it now time to introduce ...

***** CONTEST #16 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of my friend Ashleigh Phillips' new CD, WHEN THE RAIN FALLS. I've heard this many times, as has Cynthia, and we love it more each time we listen.

To enter, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #16 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include both your name and mailing address. All entries must be received on or before Mon, August 24, at 9 p.m.





F. Invitations:

(1) Join Cynthia in either of the two virtual courses she teaches for Arms Around ASD: Meditation on Mondays and Move Your Body on Wednesdays. To attend these and/or any of the others (that are open to the public), scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

(2) Please see Section 7A (below). Your help is needed.

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

Thanks, Andy Scarpati, for the following nomination taken from one of his recent Facebook posts:

Say Happy 93rd Birthday to my wife's chiropractor for the past 20 years: Dr. Howard Lamp who is still working out of his home office in the Doylestown area. He has no website, no email, no social media, no advertising, and he is still busy! His chiropractic skills are legendary in the area. And he just returned from a fishing trip in Alaska. I marvel at his enthusiasm for life.

He truly is one of the most amazing beings I've ever met! His knowledge of the human body is outstanding.

His phone number is 215.794.5551.



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2. FYI

If you shop Amazon a lot, as we do, you've probably been a bit disappointed lately. Some shipping times take over a month, and certain products just aren't available. ... So when that happens, we take a look at items available on ebay. We've found this to be a worthwhile website to check out.

FYI, part 2

To read each of the following contributions in full, please click: [Here](#).

A. Honor Moor: The Best Places to Retire in 2020 [Asheville is first on list]. B. Honor Moor: Student Election Assistant. C. 11 Supposedly Fun Things We'll Never Do the Same Way Again. D. 'Challenge Accepted': Why Women Are Posting Black-and-White Selfies. E. As the Virus Deepens Financial Trouble, Colleges Turn to Layoffs.

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3. Joke 1

This is a stinky crime!





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4. Reviews

A. Enjoyed SHOWBIZ KIDS on HBO. It is a documentary about the high-risk high reward business of working as a child actor in the entertainment industry. Featured are interviews with such successful child actors as Henry Thomas, Maria Wilson, Todd Bridges, Evan Rachel Wood, Jada Pinkett Smith, Wil Wheaton and others. I especially liked how the film followed two young hopefuls and their parents as they attempt to find success in show business while maintaining a healthy childhood. NR, but appropriate for anybody over the age of 10.

B. Saw AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE on TCM. This ecological drama, adapted from an Ibsen play, tells the story of a town doctor who speaks out against the pollution of a local hot springs. Steve McQueen, playing against type, gives a fine performance, as does Charles Durning. I found it interesting. Rated G, but probably would have limited appeal to anybody under the age of 13.

Note: I had the pleasure of appearing in Bette Neveu's TRAITOR (a modern adaptation of the above play) when it ran for three performances at The Magnetic Theatre just as the pandemic was breaking. While I liked the above film, I actually liked the play version I was in better.

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5. TV alert

A. WORLD'S TOUGHEST RACE: ECO-CHALLENGE FIJI: Series now on Prime Video

From the creator of SURVIVOR, 66 teams descend upon Fiji to compete in the most epic global adventure race ever attempted.

B. PROJECT POWER: Premieres on Sunday, Aug. 9, on Netflix

Oscar winner Jamie Foxx (Ray) stars with Joseph Gordon-Levitt in an action thriller about a street drug that has all of New Orleans buzzing with its side effects.

C. TOUGH AS NAILS: Wednesdays at 8 p.m. on CBS

Inspired by executive producer and host Phil Keoghan's working-class family, "Tough as Nails" is about competitors who consider the calluses on their hands a badge of honor.

D. RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN: THE KING AND I: Friday, Aug. 21, at 9 p.m. on PBS (check local listings at: [Here](#))

This 2018 production from London's West End boasts the same stellar leads (Kelli O'Hara and Ken Watanabe) who were in the 2015 production at New York City's Lincoln Center Theatre that won four Tonys.

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6. Joke 2

Sooos grateful that supermarkets never closed. (Thanks, Jimmy Ferraro, for sharing.)





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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 find this clip from my friends Erinn Dearth and Dan Beckmann on their "It's Riley" talk show: [Here](#).



B. Video of the week

Thanks to my friend, the amazingly talented Elsten Torres, for sharing his live performance at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts: [Here](#).

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

(1) Sue Hinkle: Jim Croce: Time in a Bottle, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#)/

(2) Kathryn O'Shea: "Summertime, written by George Gershwin. Performed by me and my mama Lytingale: [Here](#).

(3) Richard Shulman: Musical meditation prayer: [Here](#).

(4) Doug Snipes: Something about this biscuit: [Here](#).

(5) HS Smith: Sunday morning performance: [Here](#).

D. Here's a website that you will also want to check out:

Love weird stuff? Then you need to check out Oddee, one of the web's largest and most popular blogs featuring the craziest, strangest and most bizarre content you probably won't find anywhere else. You can do so by clicking: [Here](#).

Recent posts that caught my attention included the following:

The New Prohibition: Speakeasy Gyms Emerge In The US

10 Most Popular Dog Breeds

7 Haunted Airbnbs You Can Book Right Now

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](#).

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8. Technology tip

When you take a picture with your cellphone, iPad or camera, take three pictures. That way, if you're not smiling or your eyes are closed, the odds are pretty good that at least one of the pictures will meet with your approval. And if you get the chance, take a quick look at the pictures that were taken, so if you're not satisfied with them, you have the chance to get them retaken.

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9. Joke 3

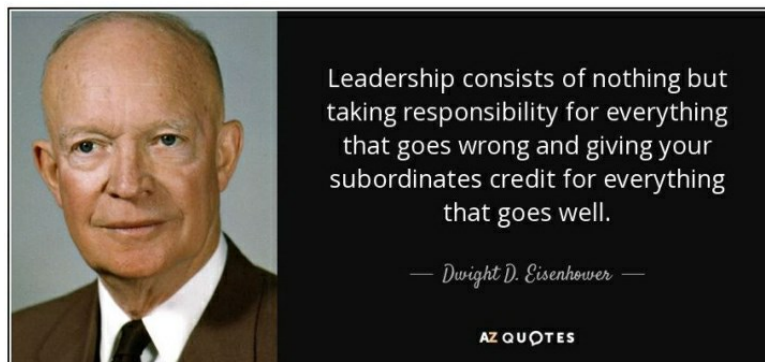
In a controversial move, Netflix will now edit all of the racial jokes from *BLAZING SADDLES*. The reedited classic film from Mel Brooks will air this coming Saturday evening from 8 p.m. to 8:07 p.m.



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10. A quote I like

Thanks, Ginger Heskett, for sharing:



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11. Thought for the day

A wise teacher once brought balloons to school, told her pupils to blow them up and write their name on one. After the children tossed their balloons into the hall, the teacher moved through the hall mixing them all up. ... The kids were given five minutes to find the balloon with their name on it, but though they searched frantically, no one found their own balloon. ... Then the teacher told them to take the balloon closest to them and give it to the person whose name was on it. In less than two minutes, everyone was holding their own balloon. ... The teacher said to the children, "These balloons are like happiness. We won't find it when we're only searching for our own. But if we care about someone else's happiness, it will ultimately help us find our own." (Thanks, Carole Biro, for sharing.)





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12. Advance planning department

To read about each of the following events in full, please click: [Here](#).

A. Will Ezzell: SART's Favorite Ginger. B. Richard Shulman: In a Lawn Concert. C. Katie Jones: Trainwreck.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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