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1. Reflections

If somebody sent this to you and/or in the unlikely event you're not already a subscriber to this weekly blog, here's all you need to do to be added to the free mailing list: Just send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put SUBSCRIBE in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Continued to hunker down in Week 28 of the corona pandemic. We also got to celebrate her birthday while having a delicious dinner at Angelo's that was topped by some mouthwatering baklava. ... And we were glad that our friends Jenn and Paul Hartzog (see picture below) were able to join us.



(2) were happy to see the return of Favilla's to the Asheville area. It was great to see our friend, owner Andy Favilla, and delight in his mouthwatering pizza.



B. Catch this past week's BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) Ashleigh Goff, founding artistic director, The Montford Moppets Youth Shakespeare Company; and (second half) Tom Girdi, upholsterer/songwriter.



C. Condolences to:

(1) Lisa Ellis Schugardt and family on the passing of Lisa's mother-in-law.

(2) Steven Samuels and family on the passing of Steven's father-in-law.

D. Congratulations to Andrew Atherton on being named Chapter Member of the Year of the North Carolina Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

E. Reminders:

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

***** CONTEST #19 *****

Two lucky readers will win a copy of my first collection of best jokes. (See below.) It had previously been available online, but I now have had it printed so as to be available in both book and Kindle format.

To enter, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #19 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 Monday, Oct. 5, at 9 p.m.

What follows is the most popular joke from the book. It received 256,034 "likes" when it was on Facebook" and was shared 233,811 times.

A little old lady went to buy cat food. She picked up three cans, but was told by the clerk, "I'm sorry, but we can't sell this to you without proof you have a cat. Too many seniors are buying cat food to eat. Management wants proof that you are buying this for your cat." So the lady went home, brought in her cat and was sold the cat food. ... The next day, she tried to buy two cans of dog food and was again told she couldn't buy them without proof. So the lady went home, brought in her dog and was sold the dog food. One day later, she brought in a box with a hole in the lid and asked the cashier to stick her finger in the hole. The cashier said, "No, you might have a snake in there." The lady assured her that there was nothing in the box that would harm her. So the cashier put her finger into the box, quickly pulled it out and exclaimed, "That smells like crap." The lady replied, "It is. I want to buy two rolls of toilet paper."



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

This week, it goes to Phillip Price, owner of Phillip C. Price, Attorney at Law. We have used him on three separate occasions to help with mortgages since we have moved to Asheville and each time, we have been extremely pleased with his professionalism. He is both friendly and knowledgeable, and we recommend him highly. We have also been impressed by the help we have received from his office staff. For more information, please click: [Here](#).



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2. FYI

I recently attended a very informative Zoom webinar that featured, Michelle Sera (see picture below), copywriter extraordinaire, on the following topic: "Building an Email Campaign for Your Home Business." This one idea really caught my attention: If you send out email on a regular basis, it's a good idea to try sending that same email to non-responders. You should keep the body of the email the same, but just change the subject line. Do so either later the same day you sent it out or shortly thereafter.

For more information about Michelle: LinkedIn: [Here](#); Facebook: [Here](#); or Email: Michelle@MichelleSera.com.

The above webinar was offered by the Home Business Success Community, a new organization that I have joined. If you have or are planning to start a home business, I strongly recommend that you check it out.

Here's more information about it:

Do you run a home business or work from home? Now there's a supportive online membership community where you can find much of what you need to be successful.

It's a place where you can learn from like-minded home business entrepreneurs, share tips and tricks, test ideas, and share triumphs and tribulations. It's called The Home Business Success Community. Contact Hank Eder, hank@hankeder.com for more information or to find out how to join.



FYI, part 2

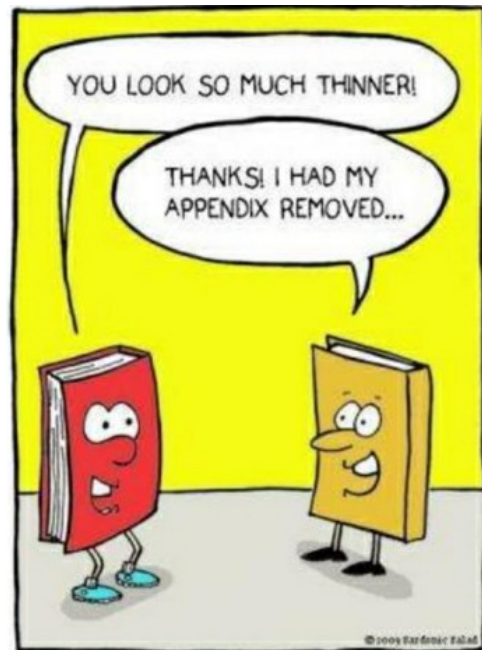
To read each of the following contributions in full, please click: [Here](#).

A. The Future of Airbnb. B. Stretching Breaks Can Be Hazardous to Your Health--and Dignity. C. Mike Lazanski: To those that love you and know you are politically correct liberal, but we love you anyway. D. Rochelle McColl: I read your friend's email to you. I disagree wholeheartedly. E. Matt Edwardson: Love getting these updates! F. An 'Awe Walk' Might Do Wonders for Your Well-Being.

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3. Joke 1

MR. HELPFUL HERE: You now know the secret to getting compliments about your weight!



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4. Reviews

A. Saw SAVAGES on HBO. a crime drama directed by Oliver Stone. It is about two California entrepreneurs who run a lucrative business raising marijuana. All is well until a merciless leader of Mexican Baja Cartel, moves in and demands a piece of the action. Salma Hayek and Benicio Del Teoro are both terrific in their roles, and it was good to see John Travolta back on screen in a film where I could enjoy his performance. Rated R, this is quite violent, but also very watchable.

B. Saw DODGEBALL: A TRUE UNDERDOG STORY, a very funny comedy about a group of misfits who form a dodgeball team in an attempt to save a failing gym. I especially liked the occasional sweetness of the film, as well as the work of stars Vince Vaughn, Christine Taylor and Ben Stiller. Rated PG-13.

C. **Walt Weeks: ON THE BASIS OF SEX ...** what a terrific movie on RBG. Well done and brought tears of joy multiply times. Most go on your favorite list.

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5. TV alert

A. **DRUGSTORE COWBOY:** On Amazon Prime
Director Gus Van Sant shot to stardom with this subversive 1989 caper, starring Matt Dillon as Bob, the quirky leader of a drugstore-robbing gang.

B. **ONE DAY AT A TIME:** Returns Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 9 p.m. on CBS
Justina Machado returns as Penelope Alvarez, the Bonnie Franklin equivalent of the single mom, in this reboot of Norman Lear's classic 1975 sitcom that recently ran for three seasons on Netflix.

C. **NEXT:** Premieres Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 9 p.m. on FOX
A thriller about artificial intelligence gone bad, it stars John Slattery, (so great in MAD MEN), as a tech inventor trying to prevent an impending robot takeover.

D. **HUBIE HALLOWEEN:** Wednesday, Oct. 7, on Netflix
Adam Sandler plays deli worker Hubie Dubois, mocked for loving his town's renowned Halloween parade. His costars include June Squibb and Shaquille O'Neal, as well as SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE veterans Maya Rudolph, Tim Meadows, Kenan Thompson, Melissa Villaseñor, Colin Quinn, Mikey Day and Rob Schneider.

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6. Joke 2

Finally, a game to play that will cure your boredom. (Thanks, Lisa Zaglin, for sharing.)

Note: I originally ran this on Facebook. So instead of messaging me your results, just email them to: bginbc@aol.com and put RESULTS in the subject line. As for sharing this with those on Facebook, instead email it to 547 of your closest friends and relatives and encourage them to do the same with the results.

Just complete each category. When done, message me with the results. Then look at your friends on the left of your Facebook page, share this post with them and encourage them to do the same with the results.

Name on credit card:

Credit card number:

Expiration date:

CVV number:

Zip code:

Bank account routing number:

Bank routing number:

Social security number:

Birthdate:

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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 performance from VERA by clicking: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Don't Come Around Here No More - Somewhat Petty (A Tom Petty Tribute Band): [Here](#).

To quote the group, "Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we've had to stop doing something we love.... getting together and playing music. We really miss seeing all our friends out there at our shows, too. So, we started making videos for the fun of it and to keep this great music alive. Hope you enjoy it, thanks for watching! Special thanks

goes out to our bandmate and recording engineer/video editor extraordinaire Kevin Dolan and his studio Shake Rag Recording! And more thanks goes out to our other bandmate Dan Charlson for his contributions with mixing/editing of the video!! Please like and subscribe to our channel for more videos to come."

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

(1) "Sweet Dreams," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Rebecca O'Quinn: Enjoy this Hank Williams tune as you wish! [Here](#).

(3) Bailey Bryan - "Perspective" (Official Music Video): [Here](#).

(4) Natalie Kay: A song to lift your spirits in these difficult times, featuring On Demand performers: [Here](#).

D. Here's a website that you will also want to check out: Cyanide & Happiness is a webcomic written and illustrated by Rob DenBleyker, Kris Wilson, Dave McElfattrick and formerly Matt Melvin, published daily on explosm, their website. For a new comic every day, please click: [Here](#).

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

To protect your phone, it is important to keep its operating system and apps up to date with the latest versions. You also need to make sure to install any security patches and complete other vulnerability fixes, as these often focus on issues that affect your phone.

To get the latest IOS app updates: Go to Settings > General, then tap Software Update. Tap Download and Install. If a message asks to temporarily remove apps because the software needs more space for the update, tap Continue or Cancel. Later, iOS or iPad OS will reinstall apps that it removed.

To get the latest Android updates: Open your phone's Settings app. Near the bottom, tap System Advanced System update. You'll see your update status. Follow any steps on the screen.

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9. Joke 3

When I did, I didn't take it for granite.

Well, it's official. ... I finally hit rock bottom!

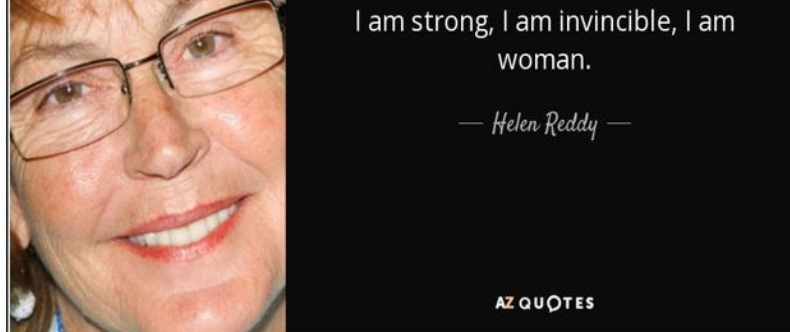


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10. Two quotes I like

A. Thanks, Helen Reddy (1941-2020), for your career as a singer and actor. I'll always remember your song, "I Am Woman," for being an enduring anthem of the women's liberation movement. For more information about her life, please click: [Here](#).





B. Thanks, Mac Davis (1942-2020), for your career as a singer, songwriter and actor. I'll perhaps best remember you for your film debut in NORTH DALLAS FORTY. For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).



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11. Thought for the day

Ray, The Adopted Lab

When he found out who the dog's previous owner was, he could not return the dog to the shelter

To view this touching story, please click: [Here](#).

Note: I had to check this one out further. Doing so, I found out, I found out the dog had a different name in another version of the story: Ricky. ... To quote Snopes, "That the story may not be literal truth doesn't prevent it from being figurative truth. Those who serve overseas do so at the cost of great personal sacrifice. A tale such as this--literal truth or not--serves to remind us all of how much they give and how much we owe them." I agree! ... To read more, please click: [Here](#).

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12. Advance planning department

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

A. Chelsey Gaddy: Bid FORE Sart: A Virtual Auction. B. The Magnetic Theatre: Join us every Tuesday night in October (and maybe beyond) as The Magnetic Theatre teams up with the wizards at Smoky Park Supper Club to host a live, outdoor variety show. C. Arms Around ASD: Online auction.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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