
You're reading BLAINESWORLD, a weekly blog published by Blaine Greenfield. It contains some jokes, hopefully, not tooo risqué (typically in Sections 4, 7 and 10); contests; reviews of shows, movies and books; quotes, etc. ... Please feel free to share it with 437 of your closest friends and relatives.. ... And In the unlikely event that you or they are not already a subscriber, just click the following link to be added to the free mailing list: [Here](#).

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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I were joined by our friends Paul and Jenn Hartzog and Joe and Cathy Mallon for a tasty dinner at Thai Spice in Hendersonville after we saw THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES. (See Section 1G for more information about that show.)



B. We also saw INCIDENT AT OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP at North Carolina Stage Company. This delightful coming of age comedy about an Irish Catholic family in 1973 had us laughing throughout the performance. We got a special kick of seeing four actors for the first time: Dax Dupuy, Kyra Hewitt, Heather Michele Lawler and Susan Stein. They were all outstanding, as was Scott Treadway who played three separate roles. Charlie Flynn-McIver's direction was spot on, and we also enjoyed his handling of the question-and-answer session after the show.

In addition, we appreciated the fact that there was a Friday afternoon performance--something we had never seen before in the area. We'd love to see more such matinee performances, if not on Fridays then on Saturdays.

Good news ... INCIDENT AT OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP runs through February 25. For tickets, click: [Here](#).



C. Afterward, we had delicious crepes at Twisted Crepe.



D. I had the pleasure of hosting three webcasts during the week. They can all be seen and/or heard by clicking: [Here](#).

(1) Top: 2.12.2024 - Millicent Hunnicutt, actor, and Jimmy Ferraro, producer/director

(2) Middle: 2.13.2024 - Jesse Boeckermann, Western Region Director at Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte

(3) Bottom: 2.14.2024 - Rebecca Kelly--visual artist, teacher, author



E. Condolences to Carole Biro and family on the passing of Carole's brother-in-law.

F. CORRECTION: Thanks, Warren Friel, for pointing out the following mistake in last week's issue ...

Section 3C had an incorrect link to this article: The No. 1 soft skill you need to get hired right now, according to LinkedIn.

The correct link is: [Here](#).

G. Announcing this week's ...

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

It goes to Hendersonville Theatre.

Here's what I had to say about its most recent production:

Be prepared to both laugh and cry when you see THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES . . . Jen Rush, Natalie Broadway and CC Blakburn all excel as the three women who explore both consensual and nonconsensual sexual experiences. . . . They were directed with aplomb by Ellen Pappas, and Sara Hassinger did a great job as stage manager. See below for their pictures.

Special kudos to Victoria Lamberth, Hendersonville's dynamic artistic director. Since she took on that position, the productions are seemingly getting better and better. In addition, she has somehow managed to find the time to act in and/or direct various shows.

And also deserving recognition for their hard work are Jonathan Forrester, Board president; Beth Norris, secretary; and other Board members Denise Lockett, Michele Sparks and Dr. Steve Woodsmall.



2. Invites

A. Announcing ...

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

But first, the results from Contest #2 ... all told, there were eight entries. The winner was Michelle Kuhnen. Her prize was a copy of my friend Brian Biro's outstanding new book: LESSONS FROM THE LEGENDS: NEW APPLICATIONS FROM THE TIRELESS WISDOM OF JOHN WOODEN & PAT SUMMITT.

And now, here is the information on the next contest ...

One lucky reader will win a copy of THE LITTLE BOOK OF INSULTS, edited by Rosanna Kelly. (Thanks, Michael Lazanski, for providing this prize.)

Among them:

"I never forget a face, but in your face, I'll be glad to make an exception."--Groucho Marx

"Of course, Americans had often been discovered before Columbus, but it had always been hushed up."--Oscar Wilde

"She has not only kept her lovely figure, she has added to it."--Bob Fosse

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #3 in the subject line. Include both your name and mailing address in the body of the email. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2024.

B. Want to be a guest on my BLAINESWORLD webcast? It can now be seen on YouTube or you can listen to it on your favorite podcast player.

Even if you've been a guest before, I'd welcome the opportunity to speak with you again. I now tape via Zoom, usually in the early evening.

For more information about the webcast, click: [Here](#)

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

D. Come join Cynthia for the course she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week: Move Your Body on Wednesday via Zoom or in person.

To attend this course and/or any other that is being offered, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

3. FYI

Note: I encourage y'all to check this section on a regular basis. It will contain tips with useful information, articles I thought you'd like to see, etc. In particular, the first one (below) is one NOT to be missed!

A. The Day I Put \$50,000 in a Shoe Box and Handed It to a Stranger I never thought I was the kind of person to fall for a scam.: [Here](#).

THIS IS NOT A JOKE! ... A friend of mine actually gave a lot of money to a complete stranger. ... When she did, she never thought that she was the kind of person to fall for a scam. ... Even a popular personal finance expert did the same thing.

PLEASE READ ABOVE ARTICLE TO OPEN YOUR EYES



B. Using this 1 word more often can make you 50% more influential: Harvard study

A nearly 50-year-old Harvard University study found that the word "because" helps people make more persuasive requests. Here's why, says a Wharton professor.

To read, click: [Here](#)

C. 5 Tips For Breathing Life Back Into Struggling Friendships

Although having great friendships can be considered the cornerstone of happiness, it doesn't mean you're always satisfied with your girls, which is normal. As an adult, not only is it hard to make friends, but the busyness of life tends to make it challenging to retain and grow your current relationships.

To read, click: [Here](#).

D. I'm a Neurologist. Here's the One Thing I Do Every Day for My Long-Term Brain Health

If you're worried about cognitive decline, add this to your routine.

To read, click: [Here](#)

4. Joke 1

I hope my doctor never institutes this practice because I'd never get to see him ... it would take me too long to complete the form!



"The doctor will see you shortly. In the meantime, please fill out your medical Google search history."

5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I saw **BOB MARLEY: ONE LOVE**, biopic of the icon who inspired generations through his message of love and unity. Kingsley Ben-Adir was fine in the leading role, but overall, the film was dreary and very hard to hear. We didn't stay for the whole thing. Rated PG-13.

B. We much preferred **HARRY & SNOWMAN**, a moving documentary about immigrant Harry deLeyer and the plow horse he rescued from slaughter. now streaming on Amazon Prime. Horse lovers will like the film, but so will just about anybody else. Appropriate for age 10+, according to Common Sense Media.

C. I saw **DAVE CHAPPELLE: THE DREAMER** on Netflix and thought it was the worst of all his specials. (I had previously enjoyed some of the others.) As might be expected, there were a lot of trans jokes, and I just don't find them funny. Plus, other bits were way too long; e.g., about Will Smith and "The Slap." Rated TV-MA, which is given to those films not suitable for kids.

6. TV alert

A. **YOUNG SHELDON**, Season 7: Thursdays at 8 pm. on CBS

In the final season premiering this week, Meemaw (Ghostbusters' Annie Potts) deals with the aftermath of her house's demolition by tornado, and Sheldon's football coach dad (Lance Barber) dies, setting in motion events leading up to *The Big Bang Theory*.

B. **BLUE BLOODS**, Season 14: Fridays at 10 p.m. on CBS

After 14 years, the family saga of Police Commissioner Frank Reagan (Tom Selleck) and his cop sons, TV's number 1 prime-time hit and number 3 broadcast drama, ends this season.

C. **AMERICAN IDOL**: Season 22: Sundays at 8 p.m. on ABC

Lionel Richie, Katy Perry (who announced this will be her final season with the reality TV juggernaut), Luke Bryan, host Ryan Seacrest and guest icons hunt for the next great American singer.

D. **THE GOOD DOCTOR**, Season 7: Tuesdays at 10 p.m. on ABC

In the seventh and last season of the show about a doc with savant syndrome, the brilliant Dr. Murphy (Freddie Highmore) confronts his neurologist mentor, Dr. Glassman (*The West Wing's* Richard Schiff).

E. **THIS IS ME ... NOW: A LOVE STORY**: Now on Amazon Prime

Jennifer Lopez spent \$20 million of her own dough on this genre-bending special timed to drop with her first studio album in a decade. The musical production numbers, with over-the-top sets, costumes and choreography, should be epic.

F. **LOVER, STALKER, KILLER**: Now on Netflix

Netflix's number 1 hit (with a perfect 100 percent Rotten Tomatoes critics' score) tells the astoundingly twisty true story of an Omaha car mechanic on the romantic rebound who dated two women from dating apps.

7. Joke 2

Getting out of bed is such a struggle ...



8. Clips/Websites

A. The Turtles are arguably the greatest rock group of all time!

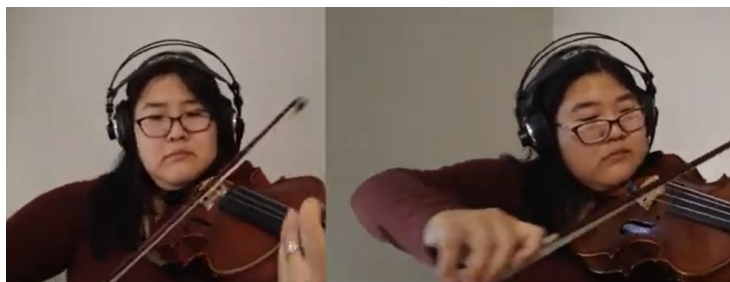
(1) As mentioned previously, this section will feature music by The Turtles--either their recordings and/or covers of their music by others.

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 this cover from Mari Hashimoto, my talented friend, who plays the song on both her violin and viola: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8DiuRO6AoM>.



B. Video of the week

Trip down Memory Lane ... Hey Elsten performance of "Girl" during the NBC-Morning Live program in 2012: [Here](#). (Thanks, Elsten Torres, for sharing.)

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

(1) Pentatonix Performs "Seasons of Love," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (2.18.2024): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: The Beatles: [Here](#).

(4) Thanks, Neil, for having me dig up their appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show. You can view it by

clicking: [Here](#).

(5) It's the 50th anniversary of Blazing Saddles. To celebrate, here's Madeline Kahn's showstopping musical number "I'm Tired": [Here](#). (Thanks, Rachel McCrain, for sharing.)

(6) Chuck Berry with Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band "Johnny B. Goode" | Concert for the Rock Hall: [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

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

Stuck on a level on a video game? Want to learn how to watch videos on Linux? Want to learn more about how to use AI?

Addictive Tips has you covered to help take your technology game to the next level. You can view it by clicking: [Here](#).

I especially liked this article: "How to Use AI at Work." You can view it by clicking: [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: <https://www.facebook.com/blainegreenfield/>.

9. Technology tip

Does your smartphone or tablet have some apps on it that you haven't used in the last six months?

Chances are, the answer is yes. If so, I recommend that you uninstall them unless you know for certain that you'll be needing to use them in the not-so-distant future.

Why you should uninstall all unused apps
by Rick Rouse

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To read the rest of this informative article, click: [Here](#).

And if you haven't done so already, subscribe to Rick's terrific Teach Tip Newsletter by clicking: [Here](#).

10. Joke 3

Looking good, if I do say so myself!

But I'll pass on using both this technology and the urn.

I instead want folks to come to my funeral and say this when they approach the coffin: "Look, he's moving!"

(Thanks, Jean Dolan, for sharing.)



11. A quote I like

Thanks, Randy Sparks (1933-2024), for your career as an American musician, singer-songwriter, and founder of The New Christy Minstrels and The Back Porch Majority. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).



12. Thought for the day

For Valentine's Day, a man brought four cards, four boxes of candy and four bouquets of flowers. The cashier looked at his wedding band and mumbled, "You players make me sick."

He responded: "One set is for my mom because my dad passed away, and he used to do this for her. That taught me how to give love. The next set is for my wife because I love her, and she teaches me how to receive and treasure love. The third set is for my daughter because it's up to me to teach her how she should be loved. And you can have the fourth set because I wanted you to know that a man can show you love and understanding and not want anything back. Have a blessed day."

(Thanks, Paul Marks, for sharing.)



PS. Make it a great week!

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