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1. Reflections

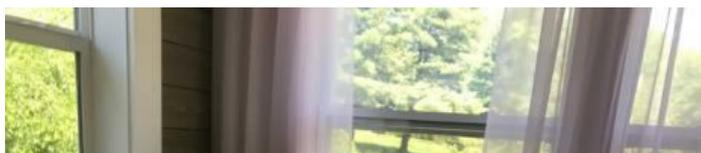
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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Are continuing to hunker down in Week 11 of the corona pandemic. We even managed to put together a new chair that I'll be using for the taping of my radio show. ... Thanks to Lisa Stendig, our talented decorating friend, who helped us choose this chair and has been working with us remotely to put some finishing touches on our home. If you'd like her to help you out, she can be reached at 212.360.6595.



(2) Enjoy the fact that Lovey, our cat, is also managing to find time in her busy schedule to hunker down in our sun room.





B. During the week, I:

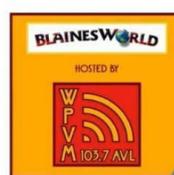
(1) Caught my friend BJ Leiderman's virtual concert at White Horse Black Mountain that helped raise funds for MANNA Food Bank. As always, BJ was amazing. He was ably assisted, behind the scenes, by Bob Hinkle, host and executive producer; Rebekkah Hilgraves, voiceover and director, technical production; and Maggie Rainwater, publicity. ... If you missed the event or would just like to see it again, please click: [Here](#).



(2) Took care of dinner one night, venturing out to Acropolis Apollo Flame Bistro for some tasty Italian food.



(3) Hosted two BLAINESWORLD shows on WPVM. The first featured Howard Smith, pianist; and Ashleigh Phillips, singer/actor. It can be viewed by clicking: [Here](#).



And the second featured Ness Nowik, performer, Songs Sealed Delivered; and volunteer, Pandemic of Love. It can be viewed by clicking: [Here](#).



D. Condolences to:

- (1) Shar Brice and family on the passing of Roger, Shar's brother.
- (2) Jill Scisly Sharp and family on the passing of Jill's momma.
- (3) Mike Martinelli and family on the passing of Mike's Aunt Rae.

E. Invitations:

- (1) Join Cynthia in either of the two courses she teaches for Arms Around ASD: Meditation on Mondays and Move Your Body on Wednesdays. To attend these information and/or any of the others (that are open to the public), scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).
- (2) Join me in this year's Step2Raise Challenge for the Dementia Society of America by clicking: [Here](#)

Note: When you register, I'd love have you join the BLAINESWORLD team. Or another option is to start your own team.

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

******* CONTEST #10 *******

One lucky reader will win a copy of THE BIG SHIFT: NAVIGATING THE NEW STAGE BEYOND MIDLIFE by Marc Freedman. ... According to THE NEW YORK TIMES, "[This is] "an imaginative work with the potential to affect our individual lives and our collective future." ... THE WALL STREET JOURNAL states the book is "an invaluable and inspiring read."

If you would like to enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #10 in the subject line. In the body of the email, include your name and mailing address. All entries must be received by the EXTENDED DEADLINE of 9 p.m. on Mon., June 1.

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

This week, it goes to David Troy Francis--my talented friend who recently presented a fantastic Zoom concert that served to help raise funds for Loving Food Resources. You're in luck, too, in that you can still hear it by clicking: [Here](#).

Kudos to all the others who helped make the evening the success that it was: Derick Boyd for his Absolut quarantine cocktail, Pam Siekman for her concert organization, Mike Boustead for his livestream production, Brent Wyatt and Loving Food Resources for promotional help and WPVM for its media sponsorship.



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2. FYI

Rather than spend your time getting bogged down reading about presidential tweets, coronavirus and other conspiracies, etc., try what I do in both this blog and my daily Facebook posts; i.e., seek out stuff that's humorous and/or positive in nature.

It could be a joke, meme, song, cartoon, quote, video or inspiring story. When you find something good, then share it with your friends. And if you think I'd also like to see it, please share it with me.

You'll feel better--and so will I. Thanks in advance!

FYI, part 2

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

A. Risa Reavely: Pizza Is A Healthier Breakfast Than Cereal, Nutritionists Say. B. Remembering 100,000 Lost to Coronavirus in America. C. Gwen Miller: Cynthia, the bacon on almond butter sandwich is inspired. D. Lori Diamond: Welcome to the Asheville Humane Society thrift shop located at the corner of Patton Avenue and Deaverview. E. Dawn Westmoreland: Dawn's give away of plants. F. How to Prepare You Dog to Be Left at Home Alone (Again). G. Ellane Chandler: We enjoyed Lock-In.

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3. Joke 1

Fortunately, the guy made it possible for me to use this corny cartoon.(Thanks, Renee Brecht-Mangiafico, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

A. Saw THE WRONG MISSY, a Netflix comedy about a guy who discovers too late that he has been texting the wrong girl. It's dumb and raunchy, but parts are funny, and you'll be impressed by the performance of Lauren Lapkus. Even David Spade has his moments. Not rated, but if it had been, it would have definitely had an R rating.

B. Lori Hansen: If you have Amazon Prime, check out the THE BEAUTIFUL FANTASTIC. Cute, quirky film about friendship with Tom Wilkinson. If you like gardening and flower, it's a bonus. I like it when I come across one that is a little unknown gem..

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5. TV alert

A. SPACE FORCE: Now on Netflix
Steve Carell and John Malkovich team to put a new branch of the armed forces spaces in this satire.

B. QUIZ: Sunday, May 31, at 10 p.m. on AMC
A three-part. fact-based British drama about a couple accused of colluding with a

fellow contestant to answer questions by responding to well-time coughs.

C. DIRTY JOHN: THE BETTY BRODERICK STORY: Tuesday, June 2, at 9 p.m. on USA

This eight-part docudrama is based on the real case of a San Diego divorcee whose rage resulted in lethal payback to her ex. It stars Amanda Peet and Christian Slater.

D. . PSYCHO YOGA INSTRUCTOR: Movie premiere on Sat. Jun 6, at 8 p.m. on Lifetime

An unhappily married student feels of rush of excitement when her suave yoga teacher takes a liking to her.

E. The 60 best comedies to watch amid the pandemic: [Here](#).

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6. Joke 2

A 4-year-old kid kept telling his teacher about his baby sis who was going to be born because he was very excited about it. One day his mom made him feel the baby's movements by placing his palm on her stomach. The kid didn't say anything. . . . From that day onward, he stopped telling his teacher about his baby sis. One day when his teacher inquired about his baby sis. The boy's eyes were filled with tears. He replied, "My Mummy ate it!"



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7. Clips/Websites

A. New section, featuring arguably the greatest rock group of all time: The Turtles!

By popular request, you will now find "Happy Together," either by the group itself, or somebody else's cover version. From time to time, you'll also find other songs from the group.

Thanks to my friend, the multi-talented Bruce Lang and his snake charmer accompanist, for this week's contribution that's guaranteed to knock your socks off: [Here](#).

B. Another video of the week

Charlie Ianni: Lockdown in Fred Sanford's home: [Here](#).

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

(1) Jean Dolan: Yusuf/Cat Stevens Re-Records 'Tea for the Tillerman' for 50th Anniversary, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Natalie Kaye: Claudia Pellegrini: Raise Me Up: [Here](#).

(3) Steven Shulman: Talented dog: [Here](#).

(4) Cynthia Greenfield: Kelly Clarkson - Broken & Beautiful: [Here](#).

D. Website you'll want to check out ... Natalie Kaye: Ivan and I are now watching One Day U programs on our television and hope to be able to watch all of these programs.

Note: One Day University is an adult education program founded by Steven Schragis

and John Galvin in 2006. The program's one-day sessions feature four or five lectures by leading American university professors.

You can view these 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: [Here](#).

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8. Technology tip

If you use Zoom more than once a week, there are some keyboard shortcuts that can save you lots of time.

Here are three of them:

I is for invite. Press `Cmd+I` (macOS) or `Alt+I` (Windows) to jump to the Invite window where you can grab the link to the meeting or send invitations to others via email.

M is for mute. Press `Cmd+Ctrl+M` (macOS) or `Alt+M` (Windows) when you are the meeting host and want to mute everyone else on the line.

S is for share. Press `Cmd+Shift+S` (macOS) or `Alt+Shift+S` (Windows) to share your screen.

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9. Joke 3

Y'all now know the naked truth. (Thanks, Bill Lewis, for sharing.)

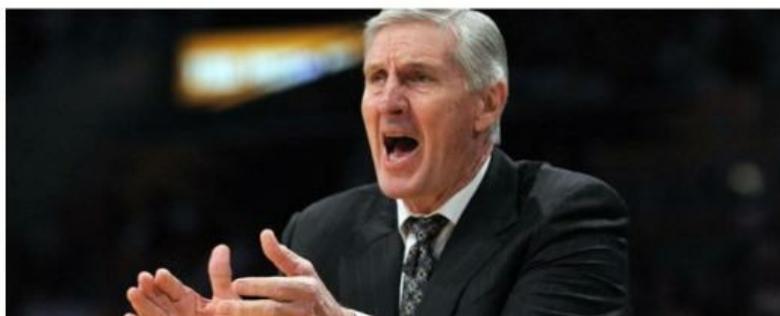


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10. A quote I like

Thanks, Jerry Soan (1942-2020), for your career as an NBA player and head coach that resulted in your being named to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2009. For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).

"In my prime, I could have handled Michael Jordan. Of course, he would be only 12 years old."--Jerry Sloan





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11. Thought for the day

Please take a moment on Memorial Day to honor and mourn the military personnel who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. ... And as you do, please read part of this final letter that Major Sullivan Ballou wrote home to his wife Sarah: "If the dead can come back to this earth, and flit unseen around those they loved, I shall always be near you in the garish day, and the darkest night amidst your happiest scenes and gloomiest hours always, always, and, if the soft breeze fans your cheek, it shall be my breath; or the cool air cools your throbbing temples, it shall be my spirit passing by. Sarah, do not mourn me dear; think I am gone, and wait for me, for we shall meet again." ... For the entire letter, click: [Here](#); to hear it and for more information, click: [Here](#). (Thanks, Sandy Howard, for sharing.)



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12. Advance planning department

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

A. Carrying On with Murphy. B. Jeanie Linders: The Center for Arts & Entertainment is Back! C. Natalie Kaye: Terrific list of virtual theatre programs to check out.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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