

BLAINES WORLD

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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: bjinbc@aol.com and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I are continuing to hunker down in Week 12 of the corona pandemic. We did manage to venture out briefly to get some fantastic ice cream from Kilwins Asheville. We loved it, as well as the fact that it was brought to us by our friends Marcy and Tom Gallagher

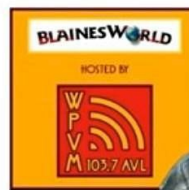
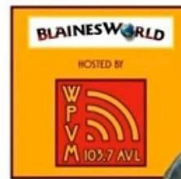


B. I enjoyed Asheville Community Theatre's Zoom production of LITTLE WOMEN. It was the best such show I've seen since the corona pandemic began. ... Kudos to Julie Wharton for her spot on direction; John O'Neill for his outstanding stage management; friends Dillon Giles, Jan Robbins and Leslie for their excellent acting; and all the other members of the talented cast and crew who made the evening the success that it was.





C. Catch the BLAINESWORLD show from 6.3.2020 with these guests: Glenn Yost, magician extraordinaire, in first half; and Kevin Jameson, CEO and founder of Dementia Society of America, in second half. To view it, please click: [Here](#).



D. Condolences to Laura Gregory and family on the passing of Hoyt Gregory, Laura's father.

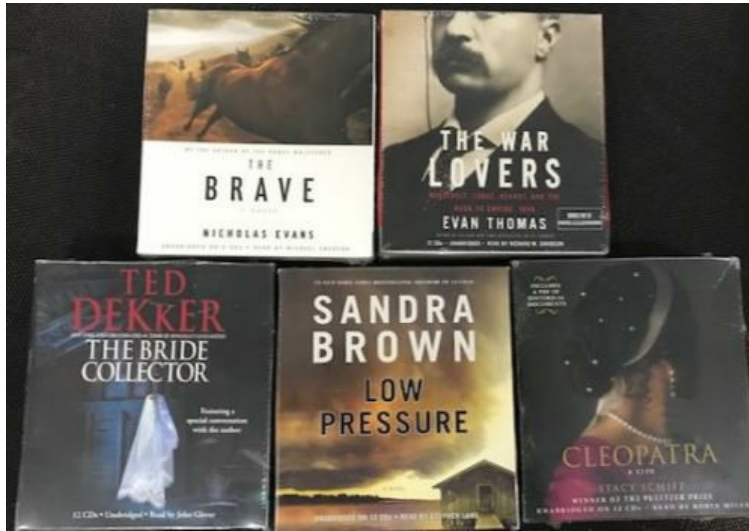
E. Congratulations to:

- (1) Sarah Richardson and Weston Holley on their engagement.
- (2) Colton Overcash on receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Department of Homeland Security.
- (3) Lee and Lisa White on earning their 2nd Degree black belts.
- (4) Dawn Westmoreland on her terrific interview on Laura Wagenknecht's "In Awe" radio show on WPVM. To view it, please click: [Here](#).
- (5) Leonard Ennis, winner of Contest #10: a copy of THE BIG SHIFT: NAVIGATING THE NEW STAGE BEYOND MIDLIFE by Marc Freedman. All told, there were three entries. And that reminds me that is now time to introduce ...

***** CONTEST #11 *****

Five lucky winners will win a book on CD. If you still have a CD player at home and/or in your car, this is the contest for you. Here are the five books that I have available as prizes: (1) LOW PRESSURE by Sandra Brown; (2) THE WAR LOVERS by Evan Thomas; (3) THE BRAVE by Nicholas Evans; (4) THE BRIDE COLLECTOR; and (5) CLEOPATRA: A LIFE by Stacy Schiff. ... Note: To find out what each book is about, visit: [Here](#).

If you would like to enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and pout CONTEST #11 in the subject line. In the body of the email, include your first, second and third choices for the book on CD you'd most like to win. Also, please include your name and mailing address. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Mon., June 15.



F. Invites:

(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 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.

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

This week, it goes to Dan Beckmann and Erinn Dearth (in picture on right)--my talented friends who recently had the world premiere of LOCK-IN, a socially-distanced film that they both wrote and directed in under two months. It featured a cast of over 100 performers, including yours truly, and has to be seen to be believed. You can do so by clicking: [Here](#).

Note: That's me on the left in a scene from the flick. When you watch it, make sure you don't blink at about the 1:42 mark.

To read more about LOCK-IN, as well as about both Dan and Erinn, please click: [Here](#).



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2. FYI

TODAY'S CHALLENGE ... try this yourself and let me know the results ... wanting to know why I couldn't do this, I did some research and found out the following: [Here](#). (Thanks, Charlie Ianni, for sharing.)





FYI, part 2

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

A. The Birds Are Not on Lockdown, and More People Are Watching Them. B. Libraries Must Change. C. What We Can Learn From Endurance Athletes About Getting Through This Pandemic.

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3. Joke 1

Soooo sad! (Thanks, Bill Lewis, for sharing.)



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4. Reviews

A. Thanks, Lori Hansen, for recommending THIS BEAUTIFUL FANTASTIC (available via Amazon Prime). Cynthia and I were delighted by this contemporary fairy tale about a reclusive young woman, a cantankerous widower and the garden that separates them. It is beautifully photographed, and we enjoyed the performances of both Tom Wilkinson and Jessica Brown Findlay. Rated PG.

Note: I've added this to my list of favorite films. If you'd like to get a copy, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

B. Natalie Kaye: Just watched the documentary on Netflix, 13TH. So powerful about the rise and history of mass incarceration in this country and the New Jim Crow situation. Learned so much. I urge all my white friends who want to understand and learn more about the Black experience in America, especially in light of the recent events and deaths of black people, to watch this.

C. Robin Schoen: I just saw END OF SENTENCE (available on YouTube, Google Play and Amazon Prime). A terrific film. I think you and your readers would appreciate.

About the above, quoting Rotten Tomatoes: After being widowed, Frank Fogle reluctantly embarks on a journey to honor his wife's last wish of spreading her ashes in

a remote lake in her native Ireland and a promise of taking his estranged son, Sean, along for the trip. Between a disconcerting Irish wake, the surfacing of an old flame, the pick up of a pretty hitchhiker and plenty of unresolved issues, the journey becomes a little more than father and son had bargained for.

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5. TV alert

A. GREASE SING-A-LONG: Sun., June 7, at 8:30 p.m.

Though Sunday's Tony Awards may have been postponed because of Broadway going dark during the pandemic, you can still enjoy the sing-a-long version of this classic film with lyrics on screen.

B. Swimsuit flicks: Wed., June 8, at 8 p.m. on TCM

8 p.m. MILLION DOLLAR MERMAID; 10 p.m., GIDGET; 11:45 p.m., SURF PARTY; and 1 a.m., 10.

Note: There will be more swimsuit movies on June 17 and 24.

C. MASTERS OF ILLUSION: Fri., June 12, at 8 p.m. on The CW

A combination of six illusionists, mentalists and magicians will be on this show.

D. LENOX HILL: Wed., June 10, on Netflix

This docuseries follows four dedicated professionals—two brain surgeons, an emergency room doctor and an ob-gyn chief, the latter two pregnant—through their rounds at New York's Lenox Hill Hospital.

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6. Joke 2

I went into a jewelry store with a hammer and smashed a bunch of cases, I then took a lot of expensive watches. On my way out, I struck up a ten-minute conversation with the manager. Police are calling the incident a smash and gab crime. (Thanks, Bill Lewis, for sharing.)



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7. Clips/Websites

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

(1) As mentioned in last week's issue, 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) So thanks, Steve Byas, for this clip: Justin Diaz: Happy Together (Cover): [Here](#).

(3) See below for the latest addition that's now proudly hanging in my home office.



B. Video of the week

Deep River: "Some of That True Love": [Here](#).

Note: Temporarily unable to perform their new show, The Women Of Country: 1973-2019, due to COVID-19, Deep River, Asheville's Premier Country Vocal Group, decided to create a virtual video in which each of its six members plus a guest keyboardist recorded their individual parts at their respective homes using smart phones, and for the instrumentalists, auxiliary microphones connected to smartphones.

The result, thanks to marvelous audio mixing and video editing by Sally Sparks at Streamside here in Asheville, is Deep River's version of Shelby Lynne's 1993 song, Some Of That True Love, from her brilliant album, Temptation, giving quarantined fans a taste of their special show which WILL be presented in it's entirety in a post-vaccine Asheville.

This will be the first of three such virtual videos from Deep River's show, The Women Of Country: 1973-2019, each one featuring one of the Band's three lead vocalists.

For more information:

Sharon Lewis, Band Leader

Deep River, Celebrating 28 Years of Performing in 2020!

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www.reverbnation.com/deepriver

www.facebook.com/deepriverasheville

www.twitter.com/DeepRiverTM1996

www.youtube.com/DeepRiverAsheville

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

(1) The Drifters, "Under the Boardwalk," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Karen Mazza: Father pretends to have adorable 'conversation' with infant son: [Here](#).

And then watch interview with the father: [Here](#).

(3) Aaraon Ybarra: Digital Church- Jonah 4: [Here](#).

(4) Steven Shulman: Squirrels were stealing my bird feed: [Here](#).

(5) Doug Snipes: Mrs. Hughes: [Here](#).

(6) Bruce Lang: Friday On My Mind: [Here](#).

(7) David Troy Francis: You Are the Sunshine of My life: [Here](#).

D. Website to visit ... Paul Rosoff: Blaine, please check out my mom's new website: [Here](#).

It includes information about her book, THEREFORE, CHOOSE LIFE, as well her blog. The latter has a funny one about a beauty salon during the pandemic.

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're on Facebook, beware the Facebook Messenger hoax is out again.

This seems to happen every year or so.

What it entails: A friend invites you to see a video that you supposedly appear in.

Don't accept this invitation and if you get it, change your password.

For more information, please click: [Here](#).

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9. Joke 3

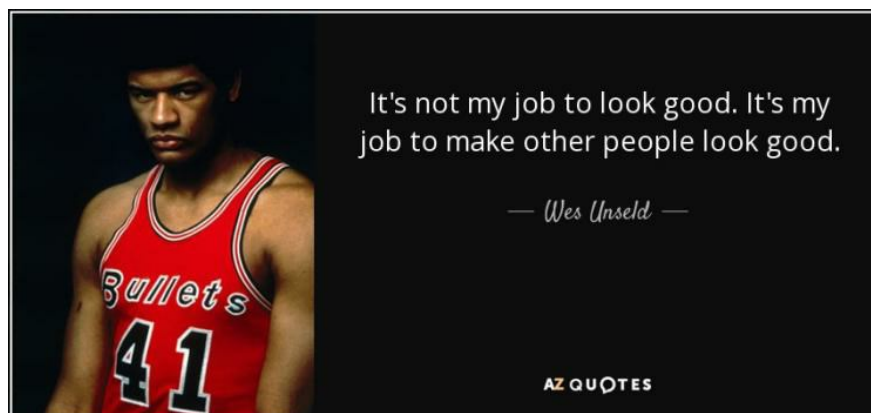
Good advice! (Thanks, Lee White, for sharing.)



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10. A quote I like

Thanks, Wes Unseld (1946-2020), for your Hall of Fame basketball career that you spent entirely with the Baltimore Capital/Washington Bullets as a player, coach and executive. For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).



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11. Thought for the day

Thanks to Rich Orth--my friend and one of my favorite poets/photographers--for giving me permission to run this touching poem that he posted on Facebook on Memorial Day:

Remembrance!
by Rich Orth

The gallant young boy
Went forth with a cause
To right all ills
Never seeking applause
To foreign lands
He bared his soul
Became a man
His youth they stole
Surrounded by death
Strife impossible to bear
He soldiered on
Disguising his despair
Last she heard
His face was still brave
Never let on
Now she weeps by his grave
So never deny
A smile to that boy
Dressed in his uniforms
Barely done with his toys
Reach out to him
Before he ventures away
Thank him for serving
For his time may come today ...



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12. Advance planning department

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

A. Edwin Arnaudin: The next Asheville Movie Guys event will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 8, featuring a virtual discussion of "Molly's Game." B. Katie Jones: Fringe Digital Summer Vol. 1. C. Edie Weinstein: Even Though We Can't Hug, We Can Still Love.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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