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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity:

PLEASE DON'T MISS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SEE BIG FISH ... This enchanting musical runs through Sunday, June 11, at HART. ... Tickets can be obtained by clicking: <https://harttheatre.org/big-fish/>. ... All 30 cast members shined, especially my pictured friends: Morgan Miller, Sam Rodd, Matt Edwardsen, Lara Hallaway and Max Morte. And also these other friends: Kristen Hedberg, Julie Kinter, Hogan McLamb and Mandy Vollrath. ... Kudos to Candice Dickinson for her spot on direction, as well as to Matt Blanks for his excellent music direction, Jacob Wallas for his lively choreography and Emily Drake for her attractive costuming.



B. We saw a fantastic Asheville SCORE workshop, "Knowledge Fusion: Stand Up Comedy & Small Business," presented by comedian Jack Lunn (center). His presentation rocked. And kudos to Mike Truffa, SCORE's Educational Events Manager, for coordinating the event and leading a lively discussion afterward.



C. I hosted four BLAINESWORLD podcasts this past week. They all can be found at: <https://www.blaineworld.net/>.

(1) Top on 6.5.2023: James Navé--Poet. Storyteller. Teacher. Manuscript Coach.

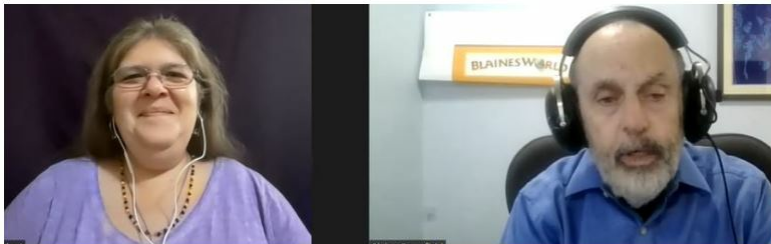
(2) Bottom on 6.6.2023: Natasha Kush--Transport Director, Shelter Dog Transport Alliance.



D. And also ...

(1) Top on 6.7.2023: Shifra Nerenberg, Spiral Intuitive Advisor & Animal Communicator.

(2) Bottom on 6.8.2023: Marc Cameron and Bill Gregg, co-directors of THE LARAMIE PROJECT.



E. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to the Longhorn Steakhouse at 3 Restaurant Court in Asheville.

The food is always good; in fact, I don't think we've ever had a bad meal there.

But what distinguishes the place for us is the fine service we receive from such servers as Michelle (pictured) and Cheyenne.

And lest I forget, it is often a pleasure to go there with my friend Mike Martinelli who first introduced us to the place.



2. Invites

A. Announcing the extension of ...

***** CONTEST #9 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of *CONFESSIONS OF AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER* by my friend Matthew Schwartz.

The author has had approximately 10,000 stories on television stations across the country for four decades. He has won more than 200 awards, including four New York Emmys and four regional Edward R. Murrow Awards for investigative reporting.

He did a half-dozen interviews with a real estate developer who was not yet well known outside New York: Donald Trump.

He went undercover to catch a car dealership rolling back odometers and selling the cars as new. He did a series on pets dying in airplane cargo holds. It led to a federal law making air travel safer for pets.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #9 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include your name and mailing address. All entries must be received by the EXTENDED DEADLINE of 9 p.m. on June 12.

B. Please LIKE and SHARE the Facebook page for *At the Café*, the new musical written by Marcy Gallagher with music by Sarah Kohrs that will have its world premiere at The Tina McGuire Theater at The Wortham Center for the Performing Arts on August 18-20 and 25-27. For more information, click: [Here](#).

C. Want to be a guest on my *BLAINESWORLD* podcast, now seen on YouTube or you can listen to it on your favorite podcast player? If you have news you'd like to share and/or a story to tell, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put GUEST in the subject line. In the body of the email, include both your name and phone number.

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 podcast, click: [Here](#).

D. Are you interested in shows, concerts, 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](#).

E. Come join Cynthia for the one course she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week: *Move Your Body* on Wednesday via Zoom or in person. To attend this and/or any of the other courses that are offered, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

3. FYI

A. Get air quality data where you live: [Here](#). (Thanks, Janet Zofchak, for sharing.)

B. How poor air quality affects your health
by Berkeley Lovelace Jr. and Denise Chow

Air quality advisories were in effect for 110 million people in the United States on Wednesday morning, ranging from New Hampshire to South Carolina and covering the Northeast, including Boston, New York City and Philadelphia.

In the Northeast, the poor air quality is the result of wildfires raging in eastern Canada, sending smoke wafting into the U.S. In some areas, the smoke is so dense that people can smell it and the skies appear hazy. About 90 million people in the U.S. are impacted by the smoke.

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



4. Joke 1

Kismet, our amazing cat, would like this place! (Thanks, Alyson Miller-Greenfield, for sharing.)



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I both saw and liked *THE SON*, now playing on Netflix. It is a sad, powerful drama about a family that struggles to reunite after falling apart. Performances from Hugh Jackman, Laura Dern, Vanessa Kirby and Akie Kotabe will leave you thinking about this film, long after you've seen it. Rated PG-13.

B. I enjoyed *A BEAUTIFUL LIFE*, which we also saw on Netflix, more than Cynthia. This Danish romantic drama is about a young man with an extraordinary voice who gets the chance of a lifetime when discovered by a music producer. It stars Danish pop singer, Christopher Lund Nissen (or simply "Christopher," his stage name), in his acting debut. We both thought the music was quite good. Rated 14+ by Common Sense Media.

6. TV alert

A. *THE 76TH ANNUAL TONY AWARDS*: Sun., June 11, at 8 p.m. on CBS

See Samuel L. Jackson, Wendell Pierce, Audra McDonald and the rest of the season's top contenders vie for the theater world's equivalent of the Oscars.

B. *OUR PLANET II*: On Netflix, starting Wed., Jun 14

The first season of this docuseries won two Emmys for its extraordinary scenes of the natural world and the thought-provoking narration by David Attenborough. The 97-year-old legend returns to host the second season, which focuses its cameras on all new material.

C. *TAR*: Now on Prime Video

Cate Blanchett earned a well-deserved Oscar nomination for this indie drama, playing a talented but prickly orchestra conductor

D. *DEADLOCH*: Now on Prime Video

A pair of mismatched female detectives team up to crack a murder case in a sleepy seaside town in what looks to be an Australian version of *Fargo*.

7. Joke 2

Mother: "I'm afraid our son has decided to take up acting."

Father: "What's so bad about that?"

Mother: "Well, he's gotten so big that whenever he appears in a play, he crashes right through the floor."

Father: "Don't worry about it. It's just a stage he's going through."



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 2022 cover from JJ Bende, Garry Bonner, Alan Gordon, Michel Hollestelle and Ger van Gompel: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME!... A guy in my town put on a grizzly bear costume to scare off the black bear who had been leisurely exploring his yard. ... Luckily for the guy, the bear didn't look too closely or he would have figured out there weren't many grizzlies who wear shorts and sneakers in the wild. ... Not so fortunate is the fact that the bear was running to bring some backup! (Thanks, [Jonathan Berg](#), for sharing.)

To view this video, click: [Here](#).

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

(1) Gloria Gaynor - I Am What I Am, one of my favorite songs: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (6.11.2023): [Here](#)

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Singer Jackie Wilson would have celebrated his Birthday today. Wilson gained initial fame as a member of the R&B vocal group Billy Ward and His Dominoes. He went solo in 1957 and scored over 50 chart singles spanning the genres of R&B, pop, soul, doo-wop, and easy listening. This included 16 Top 10 R&B hits, six of which ranked as number ones. On the Billboard Hot 100, Wilson scored 14 top 20 pop hits, six of which reached the top 10. Wilson was posthumously inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987. Rolling Stone magazine ranked Wilson No. 69 on its list of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time, and number 26 as one of the greatest singers of all time.

To hear his greatness, click: [Here](#).

(4) Salut Salon "Wettstreit zu viert" | "Competitive Foursome": [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

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

Fine-tune your workout with this fun website, MuscleWiki. It not only gives you a full diagram of the muscles in your body, but shows you how to stretch and work them out. To view it, click: [Here](#).

E. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running . . . to view it, please click: [Here](#)

F. I'm back on Facebook after having been hacked. So even if we had been friends there before, friend me again if we haven't yet reconnected. See below.

Hey, you! Yes, you with the impeccable taste in friends. Wanna join my Facebook posse and witness the unparalleled spectacle of my quirky posts and shenanigans? ... I promise a daily dose of hilarity, as well as pictures of both my beautiful bride Cynthia and amazing cat Kismet. ... Find me on Facebook at "Blaine Greenfield" (<https://www.facebook.com/100092574177872>). ... I'm the guy wearing a black shirt with flowers in the profile picture.

9. Technology tip

Ever want to copy and then paste something when using your iPad and/or iPhone? It's easy if you follow these instructions: [Here](#).

Note: Though the clip refers to an iPad, the same technique can be used for an iPhone.

10. Joke 3

On her wedding night, the bride was looking out the window. Her husband asks, "When are you going to come to bed?"

"Not now," she says, continuing to look out the window.

An hour passes and the husband again asks, "When are you going to come to bed?"

"Not now" once more is the answer, and she continues to look outside.

The husband is frankly getting a bit annoyed. Finally, after another hour, he asks, "Are you going to come to bed now?"

She replies, "Not now."

The husband responds, "This is ridiculous. It is our wedding night. How come you can't come to bed?"

Continuing to look out the window, she answers, "Because my mother always said this would be the most beautiful night of my life!"



11. A quote I like

Thanks, Pat Cooper (1929-2023), for your career as an American actor and comedian. He was known for his appearances in *The Howard Stern Show* and *Imus in the Morning*, and he also played Masiello in the film *Analyze This* and its sequel *Analyze That*. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

When I got older I said, "Pa, I want an automobile." He said, "What do you want an automobile for, when you have the subway. Five cents - they open the door for you, you sit down. Then when you get to the station they open the door and you get out. In a \$700 auto who's going to open the door for you?" You couldn't argue - they were never stuck for an answer.--Pat Cooper



12. Thought for the day

I asked a friend who has crossed 70 and is heading towards 80 what sort of changes he is feeling in himself? He sent me the following ...

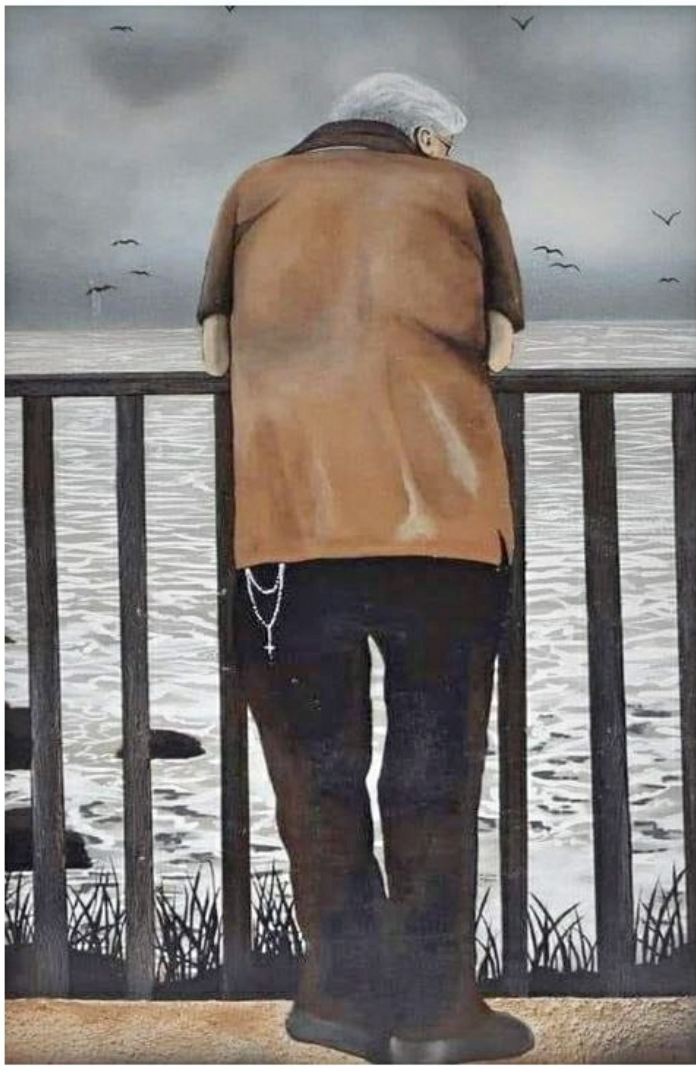
1. After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children and my friends, I have now started loving

myself.

2. I have realized that I am not "Atlas." The world does not rest on my shoulders.
3. I have stopped bargaining with vegetable and fruit vendors. A few pennies more is not going to break me, but it might help the poor fellow save for his daughter's school fees.
4. I leave my waitress a big tip. The extra money might bring a smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living than I am.
5. I stopped telling the elderly that they've already told that story many times. The story makes them walk down memory lane & relive their past.
6. I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.
7. I give compliments freely and generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer. not only for the recipient, but also for me. And a small tip for the recipient of a compliment: Never, NEVER turn it down, just say "Thank You."
8. I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.
9. I walk away from people who don't value me. They might not know my worth, but I do.
10. I remain cool when someone plays dirty to outrun me in the rat race. I am not a rat and neither am I in any race.
11. I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions. It's my emotions that make me human.
12. I have learned that it's better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. My ego will keep me aloof, whereas with relationships, I will never be alone.
13. I have learned to live each day as if it's the last. After all, it might be the last.
14. I am doing what makes me happy. I am responsible for my happiness, and I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be!
I decided to share this for all my friends. Why do we have to wait to be 60 or 70 or 80, why can't we practice this at any stage and age?

Source: Author unknown. If you know who wrote this and/or where it came from, please let me know.

(Thanks, Sheryl Shapiro, for sharing.)



PS. Make it a great week!

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