

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

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Are continuing to hunker down in Week 15 of the corona pandemic.On a beautiful day, we recently got to visit the Labyrinth Center in Fairview. For more information, please click: [Here](#).



(2) On our way home, we stopped for tasty hamburgers at a food truck located across the street from us: FoodStop. We also enjoyed chatting with Glenn, the owner/operator. To read about his amazing background, please click: [Here](#).





(3) At home, we enjoyed take-out from our favorite place for chicken salad in Asheville: Chicken Salad Chick. For more information about this eatery, please click: [Here](#).

Note: Here's a tip from Cynthia that will enable you to enjoy your order even more. Order it on a croissant, but have the croissant packed separately. When you get home, warm the croissant up in your oven. It tastes fresh this way and is oh-so delicious.



B. ALMOST LIKE OLD TIMES ... I had the pleasure of seeing and/or listening to many of Asheville's top actors in The Magnetic Theatre's One Act Play Festival last night. ... If you look closely, you'll see (top left) Kay Galvin and Daniel Sandoval; (top right) Emily Tucker and Tracey Johnston-Crum (bottom left) Dwight Chiles; (bottom center) Carin Metzger, Julia Christgau, Patrice Foster and Rebekah Babelay; and (bottom right) Katie Jones and Rodney Smith. ... Not pictured: Jered Shults, Sonia D'Andrea, Sarah Felmet, Darren Marshall, Jason Phillips, Tabitha Judy, Jon Stockdale, Sarah Felmet, Matt Edwardsen, Locksley Blanchard and Gabby Bailey. ... Kudos to the performances of all of these talented individuals, as well as to the spot on direction they received from Rodney Smith, Julia Christgau, Tippin, Daniel Moore, Carin Metzger, John Baldwin and Jessica Johnson. ... And, lastly, thanks to the following playwrights whose works made for such an enjoyable evening: Dennis Bohr, Andrew Gallant, David Hopes, Bret Murphy, Jonathan Wickremasinghe-Kuhnabout, Adam Szudrich and Terran Wanderer.



C. BLAINESWORLD show, 6.24.2020: Guests: (first half) Rebecca Oquinn, singer, dancer, choreographer, actress, teacher and grad school student; and (second half) Jensen Gelfond, owner, Asheville Digital Lifestyle. To view it, please click: [Here](#).





D. Condolences to:

- (1) Jan Powell on the passing of Jan's Dad.
- (2) Traci Jo Beiner and family on the passing of Traci's papaw.

E. Congratulations to:

- (1) Hilary Greenfield and Michael Smith on their marriage.
- (2) Chuck Beattie on being appointed Pastor of St. Mark United Methodist Church in Fairburn, GA.
- (3) Carol Duermit and family on the birth of Sam, Carol's grandson.

F. Invitations to:

(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) Enter ...

***** CONTEST #12 *****

One lucky winner will win a copy of of DO IT! MARKETING: 77 INSTANT-ACTION IDEAS TO BOOST SALES, MAXIMIZE PROFITS, AND CRUSH YOUR COMPETITION by David Newman. To quote one review: "Wow! This is a terrific book--loaded with practical, proven and often surprising methods and techniques to dramatically increase your sales."-- Brian Tracy, author of High Performance Selling.

If you would like to enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #12 in the subject line. In the body of the email, include both your name and mailing address. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Mon., June 29.

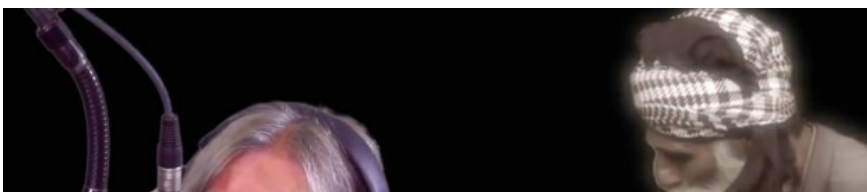
***** BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD *****

This week, it goes to Bruce Lang--my talented singer/songwriter friend who also heads his own studio (Big Creek Recording). ... Bruce recently presented an outstanding one-person concert for SART, the Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre. You can still catch his performance, along with that of the pictured snake charmer, by clicking: [Here](#).

Look closely, and you'll also see yours truly at both the beginning and end of the above.

Note: This concert was also a fundraiser for SART, which received a matching \$3,000 grant to put it on. So if you'd like to show both Bruce and SART some appreciation (and love), you can do so by clicking: [Here](#).

And if you'd like to find out more about Bruce and/or Big Creek Recording, please click: [Here](#).





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2. FYI

Thanks, CJ Breland, for this excellent resource listing that I encourage you to save--and then use often:

10 Best Fact-checking Websites on The Internet:[Here](#).

FYI, part 2

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

A. Tina FireWolf: I love offering gracious hospitality! B. Jeanie Linders: Facilities Manager/Technical Director to oversee productions at The Center for Art & Entertainment in Hendersonville. C. How to Raise an Anti-Racist Kid. D. Rising Seas Threaten an American Institution: The 30-Year Mortgage. E. Museums Embrace Art Therapy Techniques for Unsettled Times.

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3. Joke 1

A biologist, a chemist and a statistician are out hunting. The biologist shoots at a deer and misses five feet to the left. The chemist takes a shot and misses five feet to the right. The statistician yells, "We got him!"



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4. Reviews

A. Thanks, Annemarie Brown, for recommending THE HEALER. It is an absorbing drama about a gambling womanizer who embarks on a life-changing journey as he finds that he comes from a long-time family of healers and that he is to be the next one. Oliver Jackson Coyle was OK in the leading part; Camilla Luddington and Kaitlyn Bernard were both outstanding in their roles. You'll enjoy this one. Rated NR and appropriate for anybody over the age of 12.

B Saw THE ENTERTAINER, a film in which Laurence Olivier recreated his stage role of a third-rate music hall performer. He received a well-deserved Oscar nomination for his work, as did Joan Plowright who played his daughter. The film also featured a young Alan Bates in his first performance. This is an interesting look at the dying days of English music halls. Rated NR and appropriate for mature teenagers.

Note: Olivier and Plowright married shortly after completing THE ENTERTAINER.

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5. TV alert

A. THE STORY OF LATE NIGHT: Series premiere on Sun, June 28, at 9 p.m. on CNN
Airing over six Sundays, you'll learn more about such TV personalities as Steve Allen, Jack Paar and, of course, Johnny Carson.

B. I'LL BE GONE IN THE DARK: Sun., June 28: 10 p.m. on HBO
This six-part documentary series is about the Golden State Killer and his rape-murder spree in the 1970s and 1980s.

C. UNSOLVED MYSTERIES: Starting Wed., July 1 on Netflix
Included are stories of bizarre disappearances and inexplicable crimes.

D. A CAPITOL FOURTH: Sat., July 4, on PBS (Check local listings at [Here](#).)
John Stamos hosts the 40th anniversary special featuring new performances by Patti LaBelle, John Fogerty and the Temptations, among others.

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6. Joke 2

Unfortunately, I didn't do this three months ago. (Thanks, Bill Lewis, for sharing.)



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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 excellent cover from my friends Paula Hanke (far left) and Petty Ratusz (middle) who were accompanied by Jonathan Pearlman (left) on guitar. They appeared on WPVM's "Asheville Heartbeat" show, hosted by Ryan "RnB" Barber (far right).

You can view them on Facebook by clicking: [Here](#) or if you don't have Facebook, click: [Here](#).





B. Video of the week

George Carlin was perhaps ahead of his time when it came to fearing germs. To see his thoughts on the subject, please click: [Here](#). (Thanks, Annemarie Brown, for sharing.)

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

(1) Jimmy Jones: "Good Timin'," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Mark Kolesar: A message from me and my dad, Mel Brooks: [Here](#).

(3) Natalie Kaye: Listen and enjoy the beautiful violin performance of "All the Things You Are" by On Demand Programs and Events Claudia Pellegrini at The Birches in Newtown: [Here](#).

(4) Leonard Cohen: "The Traitor": [Here](#).

D. Ever wonder what to do with the available ingredients you have lying around? If so, check SuperCook. All you need to is add your ingredients, and the website will present you with a list of recipes that can be cooked with what you have. Pretty cool, huh? ... To view this website, 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

If you are posting a video to Facebook Live (or just regular Facebook), you might be wondering how to add Facebook Live videos to YouTube. To learn how, please click this informative video: [Here](#).

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9. Joke 3

Fathers say the wisest things. ... And if you're like me, and you celebrate all holidays (more food, fun and friends that way), HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

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"If at first you don't succeed, shift the blame, change the rules, redirect the focus of your critics, spin the media, redefine success, and there won't be any need to try, try again!"

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10. A quote I like

Citing the work of Laura L. Carstensen, founding director of the Stanford Center on Longevity, Mr. [John] Leland writes that "older people, knowing they face a limited time in front of them, focus their energies on things that give them pleasure in the moment," not on a future that may never be.

Note: This quote comes from an article you might find of interest: "Finding Meaning and Happiness in Old Age" by Jane E. Brody. To read it, please click: [Here](#).

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11. Thought for the day

Here's a beautiful, timely poem. (Thanks, Natalie Kaye, for sharing.)



Pandemic

What if you thought of it
as the Jews consider the Sabbath—
the most sacred of times?
Cease from travel.
Cease from buying and selling.
Give up, just for now,
on trying to make the world
different than it is.
Sing. Pray. Touch only those
to whom you commit your life.
Center down.

And when your body has become still,
reach out with your heart.
Know that we are connected
in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.
(You could hardly deny it now.)

Know that our lives
are in one another's hands.
(Surely, that has come clear.)
Do not reach out your hands.
Reach out your heart.
Reach out your words.
Reach out all the tendrils
of compassion that move, invisibly,
where we cannot touch.

Promise this world your love—
for better or for worse,
in sickness and in health,
so long as we all shall live.

—Lynn Ungar

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12. Advance planning department

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

A. Peggy Ratusz: Virtual 4th of July Concert, presented by Ingles Markets. B. Michael Trayford: Whole30Brain Challenge, hosted by APEX Brain Centers. C. Sean Simmonds: Charity Virtual 5K Run/Walk.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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