

# 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](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put SUBSCRIPTION in the subject line.

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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Continued to hunker down in Week 16 of the corona pandemic. In doing so, we have gotten to enjoy many walks in our Fairview community, but also around our home where we get to see these and other sunflowers bloom.



(2) Are managing to do some outdoor dining. We recently had some terrific pizza at Standard Pizza's Biltmore Ave. location. We not only liked what we ate, but we were very impressed with both the company's signage, social distancing and use of masks.





(3) We also got to eat outside at 131 Main. As always, the food was outstanding. However, we did not like the fact that there were not signs on the door and, also, that only about 20% of the employees were wearing masks.

Note: Please see Sect. 12 for more information on this topic.



B. Saw the 3 Cool Cats in an excellent Facebook Live concert. Michael Fillipone on vocals and bass, Hank Bones on guitar and vocals, and Russ Wilson on drums and vocals were all outstanding. Thanks, Karen Kopic Engle, for hosting the event.

Your can still see the above by clicking: [Here](#).

And you can join me in showing some appreciation (and love) to the group by clicking: [Here](#).



C. BLAINESWORLD show: 7.1. 2020. Guests: (first half) Dr. Diana Tyler, chiropractic associates with Apex Brain Centers; and (second half) Lee Tomlinson, founder and chief inspirer, The CARE Effect Movement. To view it, please click: [Here](#).



D. Congratulations to:

- (1) Annelise Taylor Henry on her move to Atlanta and her becoming a full-time coach with the OTF Duluth team.
- (2) Robin Morris on becoming a grandmother for the third time. Ruth Wood on having her article published in The Iron Butterflies Project. To read it, please click: [Here](#).
- (3) Tony Earnest Medlin on his promotion to Professor at Baton Rouge Community College.
- (4) Bruce Lang for the fantastic Facebook Live concert he performed for SART. If you missed it, you can still view it by clicking: [Here](#). ... And when you do, please consider making a contribution to support the fine work done by SART by clicking: [Here](#).
- (5) Maria Armington, winner of Contest #12: a copy of DO IT! MARKETING: 77 INSTANT-ACTION IDEAS TO BOOST SALES, MAXIMIZE PROFITS, AND CRUSH YOUR COMPETITION by David Newman. All told, there were five entries. And that reminds me that is now time to introduce ...

\*\*\*\*\* **CONTEST #13** \*\*\*\*\*

Several lucky winners will receive two pencils: one a left-handed one and the other a right-handed one. If you don't know the difference between the two and/or you never received these at one of my programs, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #13 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., July 13.

E. Correction: Last week, I wrote about a website that I think you'll enjoy. But my bad: I didn't give you the correct website to get it. You can not find that right information below. Sorry 'bout that!

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](#).

F. You're invited to 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](#).

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

This week, it goes to Bud Sales--seen below on his tractor.

I met Bud recently while walking on the scenic land that he owns and graciously allows the public to use for walking, either by themselves or with their dogs. In addition, he makes it available for training purposes for the runners at Reynolds High School. And, as can be seen, he even takes care of it himself.

It was a pleasure to not only meet Bud, but also to talk to him. He has an encyclopedic knowledge of all of Asheville.

In addition, he had been active in the Reynolds Fire Dept. for some 40 years and was Fire Chief for many of them. He also served on the Buncombe County Commission's



Planning Board.

His family owns Sales Farm and Greenhouse, located on 25 Sales Farm Drive in Asheville. This company, to quote from the Facebook page, is:  
A family-owned and family-run greenhouse business committed to growing and selling healthy, beautiful flowers and vegetable plants.

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



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## 2. FYI

Thanks, Brian Biro, for recommending that I get the Apple News app. To quote from the website:

Get coverage of current events. Read engaging stories on the topics that interest you. Subscribe to Apple News+ to access magazines, newspapers and digital publishers. With Apple News, you can do it all in one place, and across all of your devices.

There's a \$9.99 per month with the first month free.

I recommend it highly, though I'm disappointed that THE NEW YORK TIMES will no longer be available to those who subscribe.

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

FYI, part 2

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

A. 19 Small Acts Of Kindness That People Swear They'll Never Forget. B. A Pandemic Problem for Older Workers: Will They Have to Retire Sooner? C. The Secret to Perfect Pizza at Home? Cast Iron. D. Tina FireWolf: LOVE THIS? Make me an offer. E. Elizabeth Yaruss: The poem [in BLAINESWORLD #1240] - Thank you, Blaine, for publishing the poem.

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## 3. Joke 1

Now that's customer service! (Thanks, Carole Biro, for sharing.)



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#### 4. Reviews

A. Very much enjoyed FEEL THE BEAT on Netflix. This musical drama is about about a self-centered dancer who is banished from Broadway. She moves back to her small Wisconsin hometown and gets recruited by her former teacher to coach the town's misfit group of young dancers. Sofia Carson is fine in the leading role. If you like feel-good films, see this one. Rated NR, it is appropriate for anybody over the age of 5.

B. Saw THE SEVEN YEAR ITCH on TCM, a funny 1951 comedy starring Tom Ewell and Marilyn Monroe. Ewell annually packs his wife and children off for summer vacation while he stays behind to work at the office. But when he meets Monroe, his new neighbor, he invites her to dinner with the intent to sweep her off her feet. It doesn't quite work out that way. I saw a G rating on Rotten Tomatoes, but methinks that might be a mistake. I would think that it would only be appropriate for mature teenagers.

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#### 5. TV alert

A. HAMILTON: Now on Disney+

The groundbreaking Broadway musical features the original Broadway cast.

Mr. Curious here: Have you subscribed to Disney+ just to get this show? Is there other good stuff on the channel? Or will you drop it after the first month?

B. THE VAST OF NIGHT: Now on Amazon Prime

To quote TV GUIDE, "Anyone seeking an authentic TWILIGHT ZONE experience should check out first-time director Andrew Patterson's modest unnerving gem of film. ... Presented as a 1950s-era episode of the fictional Paradox Theater ... [the film] elevates its low budget with a soaring imaginative approach to a familiar tale."

C. THE VOTE: Mon.-Tues., July 6-7, at 9 p.m. on PBS (check local listings [Here](#))

This two-part AMERICAN EXPERIENCE reminds us that women weren't given the right right to vote, they had to fight for it.

D. TOUGH AS NAILS: Wed., July 8, at 8 p.m. on CBS

This competition series features everyday folks who keep American running, including a welder, firefighter, farmer, roofer and Marine Corps veteran. They compete for cash by tackling everyday challenges involving strength, endurance, life skills and mental toughness.

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#### 6. Joke 2

Most people don't think I'm as old as I am ... until they hear me stand up! (Thanks, Patrick Salmon, 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](mailto: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 Dan Beckmann and Errin Dearth: [Here](#).

They performed it as part of a 24-Hour livestream that supported both St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Innocence Project.



B. Video of the week

Father Ray Kelly performing "Hallelujah" at a wedding. No matter how many times you have heard this song, you'll enjoy this version by clicking: [Here](#).

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

(1) Buddy Holiday, "Everyday," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Dawn Westmoreland: The thrush's magical song: [Here](#).

(3) Cynthia Greenfield: Man who naps with cats helped raise nearly \$100,000 for a pet sanctuary: [Here](#).

(4) Brevard Little Theatre: A Chorus Line in Quarantine: [Here](#).

(5) Paul Edelman: Had to get this cover out of my system: [Here](#).

D. TikTok has become the go-to platform for folks who love to explore short videos of all kinds including gaming, DIY, sports, comedy and more. To see some of these, 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

Beware when you use an ATM machines about something known as a skimmer. If you don't know what this is, please click this informative clip on how to spot a skimmer:

[Here](#).

Note: This can also be used at the gas station. (Thanks, Walela Dobroski, for sharing.)

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### 9. Joke 3

As you probably know, I celebrate all holidays because there's more food, fun and friends that way ... so please join me in making today a HAPPY JULY 4TH!



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### 10. A quote I like

Thanks, Carl Reiner (1922-2020), for your amazing career as an American comedian, actor, director and screenwriter whose career spanned seven decades. I liked just about everything you were involved with, including YOUR SHOW OF SHOWS, THE DICK VAN DYKE SHOW and IT'S A MAD, MAD, MAD WORLD to name just some of your work. ... In addition, there were your classic "2000 Year Old Man" sketches with Mel Brooks such as this one: [Here](#). ... For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).

**"Inviting people to laugh with you while you are laughing at yourself is a good thing to do. You may be a fool but you're the fool in charge."—Carl Reiner**



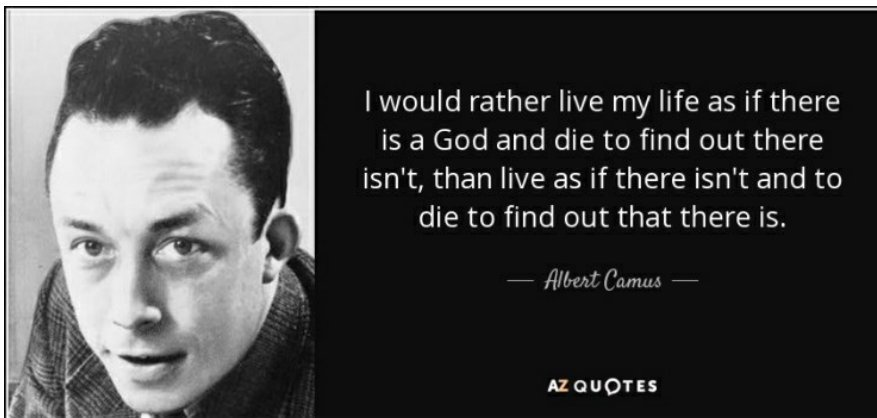
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### 11. Thought for the day

Mr. Curious here ... doesn't this also apply to the wearing of masks? ... Methinks it does, especially if you rewrite it like Cynthia did: "I would rather wear a mask and die to find out there isn't a need to do so, than live as if there isn't a need to wear a mask and to die to find out that there is."

Note: For those who can't wear a mask because of medical reasons, you now have this option: [Here](#).



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## 12. Advance planning department

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

A. Elsten Torres: Join me today [Sun., July 5] if you can on Folk & Acoustic. B. Tune in Sunday, July 5th, at 7 pm Eastern Time, for a FREE community livestream concert by David LaMotte. C. Yoga with Lillah - Outdoor Donation Class at AB Tech. D. July Second Saturday is ON in the River Arts District om Asheville - July 11th.

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**PS.** Make it a wonderful week!

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