

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

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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

- (1) Had a grand 4th of July with our friend Sunny Ruble.





The highlight of the evening was seeing Sunny play the piano. Her amazing performance will knock your socks off. Make sure you watch the whole clip (it's less than 3 minutes) to also see her dance and to catch cameo appearances from the equally amazing Cynthia and yours truly. ... To view, please click: [Here](#).



(2) Attended the Zoom 100th birthday party of Cynthia's Aunt Bella. It was a fun event that had us both laughing with the fact that many of 25+ attendees had no idea of what they were doing. So most of the time, several people were talking at the same time--often about unrelated topics. My only regret is that I did not record the festivities for you to see for yourself.

However, to give you a sense of what you missed, please click this hysterical clip from JP Sears entitled "What a Zoom Call With Old People Is Like": [Here](#). (Thanks, Marvin Sadovsky, for sharing.)



(3) We're soooo glad that one of our favorite local eateries, Sky Mountain Pizza, has reopened for takeout. All the food there is great, but we especially like the baked spaghetti (pictured below) and cheesteaks. As might be expected, the pizza is also excellent.







B. I got to see my friend Elsten Torres present a terrific Zoom concert. Thanks, AvMed, for sponsoring it. ... When and if I can get a link to the show, I'll share it in a future issue of this blog.



C. Cynthia's friend Jenn Hartzog stopped by for a recent porch visit. Don't be concerned ... they practiced social distancing except for when I had them sit close together for this picture. And even then, I told them not to breathe or spit on each other.



D. Catch the BLAINESWORLD show on 7.8.2020, featuring guests (first half) Dr. George Pappas, Executive Director, The International Center for Legal Studies ; and (second half) Hank Eder, the PR Guy. To view it, please click: [Here](#).





D. Condolences to:

- (1) Molly Kervick and family on the passing of Edward J. Pellegrino, Molly's brother-in-law.
- (2) Kaleigh Anne Jackson and family on the passing of Kaleigh's pop pop.
- (3) Kathleen Wallace and family on the passing of Sy Platt in December, 2019. I'm saddened to have just learned of his death. He had been a colleague and friend of mine from my Bucks County Community College days, and he was the best trumpet player I ever knew.

E. Congratulations to:

- (1) WPVM on its fifth year anniversary.
- (2) The following individuals who will be volunteering to host and/or help run shows on WPVM in the near future: Ali Marshall , Matt Henson, Andy Ferrell, Hank Eder, Jon Lauterer, Dawn Marie Westmoreland and Scott Kinnebrew.
- (3) Justin Hinton on his new gig TV gig in Washington, DC, at WJLA.

F. Reminders:

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

**\*\*\*\*\* 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 seminars, 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.

Pictured (below) are my friends Marvin Sadovsky and Tom Gallagher, holding their very own left- and right-handed pencils. That's me in the bottom right corner, talking about this fact at a presentation I gave on the Platinum Rule. If you've never heard it, please click: [Here](#).



- (2) You're invited to join Cynthia in either of the two courses she teaches for Arms Around: 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](#).

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

Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for the following nomination:  
This week, it goes to Karen Allison with the Mission Sleep Center.

Several years ago, I had a sleep study done at Mission. Recently, I could not find the results. When I called and spoke to Karen, she was able to dig them up and per my request, then immediately send them out to the Cleveland Clinic.

She not only got this done in a short amount of time, but she also connected with

Blaine and me both via text and e-mail, indicating that she had done what she was asked to do. She also told us that we shouldn't hesitate to contact her if she had any problems.

It is rare for companies to do such a fine job of communicating with people who call in with requests for information--and to then keep them in the loop with respect to what's happening.

Thanks, Karen Allison, for the excellent work you're doing for Mission.

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## 2. FYI

Thanks, Mary Summers, for giving me permission to run the following:  
For the Love of Bees

This June marks Asheville's 8th annual Pollination Celebration! You're thinking honeybees, right? How much do most people really know about honeybees? Let's see...they make delicious honey. Oh yeah, they also pollinate crops. It's no wonder they're popular. They're the poster children of feeding the world.

But they have secrets... Please don't shoot the messenger. Here goes. They are not originally from the U.S. and compete with native bees for resources. Now understand this isn't the honeybees' fault. It's not as if they decided to fly here with the sole intention of invading our country. They were imported from Europe to Virginia in 1622 to make honey and pollinate crops. When you get right down to it, they're agricultural animals with the same function as cows or chickens. They feed us.

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

FYI, part 2

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

(1) Dana Kagan: As to your question about Disney+. (2) Personal Finance Lessons From the Pandemic. (3) Missing the Partner You See 24/7. (4) Colleges Face Rising Revolt by Professors.

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## 3. Joke 1

Dogs think the darndest things! (Thanks, Carole Aho Biro, for sharing.)



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## 4. Reviews

Note: As I have mentioned previously, check with your local cable or DISH provider to see if you can get a better deal. ... For example, I had been paying Spectrum a chunk of money for a bunch of channels that had no interest to me. I then found out that they have a greatly reduced plan that enables you to choose just 10 channels you really want. This was easy to do, so I switched and now am saving \$10/month. ... Best of all, I got back TCM (one of my favorite channels). In my previous plan, I would have had to pay an extra \$10 just to get TCM.

So now I'm catching up on many old films on TCM, including ...

A. THE MAJOR AND THE MINOR, a delightful comedy about the budding romance between an engaged soldier and a woman posing as a 12-year-old girl. Ginger Rogers and Ray Milland have wonderful chemistry together, though Rogers (then 31) never really looks 12). Billy Wilder, already with three screenwriting Oscar nominations under his belt, made his American directorial debut with this film. Rated NR and appropriate for any teenager.

B. LOVE IN THE AFTERNOON. also directed by Wilder, stars Gary Cooper as an aging playboy who hires a detective to locate a mysterious young woman (Audrey Hepburn). This dramedy also starred Maurice Chevalier. The Paris locations were lovely. I liked it, but felt Cooper was too old for his part. Rated NR, and I'd say appropriate for any mature teenager.

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## 5. TV alert

A. As you probably know by now, you can see HAMILTON on Disney+. I just did--and loved every minute of it. The acting, singing and choreography were all brilliant.

To get Disney+, click: [Here](#)

When you do, you'll be invited to sign-up for a combo package. This also included hulu and espn+. I had no interest in that, so I scrolled down to the next offer, which was just for Disney+.

After watching HAMILTON, I then checked out what else was available on the channel. Since nothing else interested me, I unsubscribed with no hassle.

Note: Thanks, Mark Jones, for sharing this song that helped me relive this musical: "Weird Al" Yankovic - The Hamilton Polka: [Here](#).

B. UNITED WE FALL: Series premiere on Wed., July 15, at 8 p.m. on ABC  
This new family comedy finds that raising two kids is cake compared to dealing with an and opinionated and live-in mom (Jane Curtin).

C. GREAT PERFORMANCES AT THE MET: Friday, July 17, at 9 p.m. on PBS (check local listings at: [Here](#))  
Gershwin's PORGY AND BESS, the classic folk opera, will be shown in a production that was taped in February.

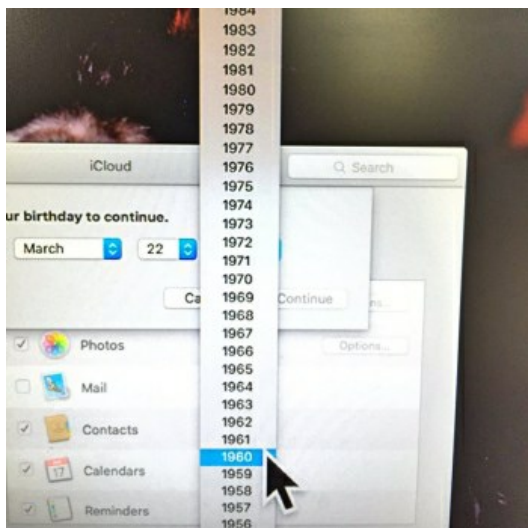
D. MURDER IN THE VINEYARD: Movie premiere on Sat., July 18, at 8 p.m. on Lifetime  
A mother has to save her daughter from mysterious and dangerous bullies.

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## 6. Joke 2

You know you're getting old when your year of birth is no longer immediately visible in drop-down menus, and you have to start scrolling down.



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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 performance from 1967, introduced by Casey Kasem: [Here](#).

B. A. Video of the week

Thanks, Elizabeth Pou, for sharing this one:  
A Call to Unite - Alvin Ailey's 'Revelations': [Here](#).

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

(1) The Four Tops - I can't help myself (sugar pie, honey bunch), one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

Note: Just listening to the above again brings a smile to my face, in that it brings back memories of my daughter Risa's first dance recital. This was the song that was used for it.

(2) Aaron Ybarra: "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (Battle Hymn of the Republic)": [Here](#).

(3) Keith Spence & Don Tenenblatt- Live from Oscar Hammerstein's Living Room in Doylestown: [Here](#).

(4) Ellen Pappas: We'll Meet Again: [Here](#).

D. If you're a fan of BROADWAY shows, you need to read more about this new website by clicking: [Here](#) . .

You'll also love it for the ROCK and COMEDY clips that can be seen by clicking the illustration below. ... Among those you'll find: (1) Gwen Verdon: "If My Friends Could See Me Now" (2) Richard Kiley: "The Impossible Dream" (3) Stiller & Meara: "Jewish & Catholic Wedding" (4) Stam Freeberg (5) Elvis Presley: "Love Me Tender" (6) The Best of The Supremes and many, many others.

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

Most folks are familiar with Zoom, the cloud-based video conferencing service you can use to virtually meet with others.

But did you know there's also a something else that's called Zoom that is completely different than the above? When on your iPad, you can use this feature to zoom in or out of on specific items. For example, you can double-tap or pinch to look closer in Photos or expand webpage columns in Safari. You can also use the Zoom feature to magnify the screen no matter what you're doing. You can magnify the entire screen (Full Screen Zoom), magnify part of the screen with a resizable lens (Window Zoom), or magnify a portion of the screen that stays in one place (Pinned Zoom). ... For more information, please click: [Here](#).

You can also use the same feature when on your iPhone. For more information, please click: [Here](#).

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## 9. Joke 3

A philosopher says to a linguist "What if, instead of periods, women had apostrophes?" ... The linguist replied, "They'd be more possessive and have more frequent contractions."



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#### 10. A quote I like

Thanks, Brian Biro, for sharing this one:

"My aim is not to be consistent with my previous statements on a given question, but to be consistent with truth as it may present itself to me at a given moment. The result has been that I have grown from truth to truth."--Mahatma Gandhi

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#### 11. Thought for the day

Good thing to remember today--and every day! (Thanks, Jimmy Ferraro, for sharing.



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#### 12. Advance planning department

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

(1) Edward Arnaudin: The next Asheville Movie Guys event will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 13. (2) Lillah Schwartz: RESCHEDULED! Join me for a Sunset Yoga Class at the ABTech Campus Parking Lot. (3) Debbie Hancock: Outdoor Estate Sale.

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

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