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1. Reflections

If somebody sent this to you and/or in the unlikely event you're not already a subscriber to this weekly blog, here's all you need to do to be added to the free mailing list: Just send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put SUBSCRIBE in the subject line.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Continued to hunker down in Week 24 of the corona pandemic. Yet needing to get out, we decided to take a trip to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. We had a blast. ... The top photo shows us outside the Hall. The middle photo shows us joined by Buddy Holly (in the background) among others. The bottom photo shows us in our new Rock & Roll Hall of Fame t-shirts. What's especially cool about them is the fact that you can see all the inductees on the back.

Note: The Turtles are not among the inductees, but hopefully that will change in the near future.





(2) Another highlight of the trip was finding this Beef Jerky Factory Outlet on our way back.

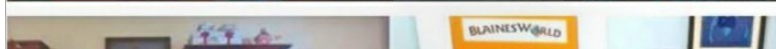


(3) Lastly, on I-26, we stopped off at this stunning scenic overlook in Mars Hill.



B. To view the BLAINESWORLD show from Aug. 26, please click: [Here](#).

Guests: (first half) Melody LeBaron, Transformation expert, Transforming Space + Self + Loss; (second half) Andrew D. Atherton, Estate and Trust Practice Group Chair and attorney, McGuire, Wood & Bisette, P.A.





C. Condolences to Ann Marie Houghtailing on the passing of her mother.

D. Congratulations to:

(1) Aaron Ybarra for his appearance on THE LATE SHOW WITH STEPHEN COLBERT. To view it, please go to the 6:45 mark when you click: [Here](#).

(2) Scott Treadway on the launch of his new handmade soaps. For more information about them, please click: [Here](#).

(3) Katherine Morosani on her appointment as an Adjunct Professor at University of North Carolina at Asheville.

(4) Francie Sabell, winner of Contest #6: a copy of my friend Ashleigh Phillips' new CD, WHEN THE RAIN FALLS . All told, there were three entries. ... And that reminds me it is now time to introduce ...

***** CONTEST #17 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of THE EMPATH'S SURVIVAL GUIDE: LIFE STRATEGIES FOR SENSITIVE PEOPLE by Judith Orloff, MD. To quote the book's description from Amazon: " This practical, empowering, and loving book was created to support empaths and anyone who wants to develop their sensitivities to become more caring people in an often-insensitive world. It helps empaths through their unique challenges and gives loved ones a better understanding of the needs and gifts of the sensitive people in their lives."

To enter, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #17 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include both your name and mailing address. All entries must be received on or before Mon, September 7, at 9 p.m.

E. Invitations to:

(1) Be part of my upcoming Zoom seminar. (See below.) You can't beat the price; i.e., free!

Upcoming Online Seminar

Dear Asheville SCORE Clients,

We at Asheville SCORE are excited to present a FREE online seminar with Blaine Greenfield and AB Tech's Small Business Center.

Marketing Your Business

Marketing for the 21st Century small business is more dynamic and challenging than ever. Discover how to effectively and efficiently use marketing tools. Gain insights to understand and reach your customer, analyze your industry and business environment and differentiate between branding, advertising, and grassroots marketing techniques.

Time: Saturday, September 26th 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Our instructor is Blaine Greenfield

Blaine Greenfield has 35 years of teaching experience as a Marketing Professor at the community college, university and graduate levels. At the same time, he operated his own consulting firm-providing marketing assistance to small and medium-sized businesses, as well as to non-profit organizations. Blaine has spoken groups throughout the country, and he has served as a mediator and/or arbitrator in over 2,500 cases.

To register, please click: [Here](#).

(2) Join Cynthia in either of the two virtual 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](#).

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

Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for the following nomination:
Moving to Fairview, Blaine and I lost our pet sitter who we loved. So when we went to Cleveland, we were concerned about finding someone good for Lovey, our 18-year-old cat.

Fortunately, Cappy Tosetti, a long-time friend of ours, is a pet sitter with her own business: Happy with Cappy Pet Sitting. So we had her come to care for Lovey. Care for her is not the right word. Cappy is also knowledgeable about taking care of all the others details of going away--from mail to taking care of the garbage to having the name of someone close by in case of an emergency.

And then here is how she cared for Lovey. She stayed one day for over three hours. Lovey, feeling safe (not her normal way of being) snuggled onto Cappy's lap and stayed there the whole time.

In addition, she stayed in touch each time she saw Lovey, texting us with both a written update and several pictures. We felt so at ease leaving our cat with her and will use her again. If looking for an excellent pet sitter, we strongly recommend Cappy. She can be reached at: cappyt@att.net or 828.707.7203.



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2. FYI

Thanks, Honor Moor, for this excellent recommendation:
Parents of college students, make sure they order their absentee ballot.

In Buncombe County, click: [Here](#).

In North Carolina, click: [Here](#).

And nationwide (and for voter registration, too), click: [Here](#).

Note: This obviously doesn't just apply to college students. So if you want an absentee ballot for yourself, see above. Personally, we will probably use early voting to make sure there are no questions about our ballots being counted.

FYI, part 2

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

A. Are Mammograms Worthwhile for Older Women? B. Are They Still Beach Books if You're Not Reading Them on the Beach? C. Don't Cancel That Newspaper Subscription. D. Thank you Blaine for another edition of ITS A WONDERFUL WORLD!! E. Jason Istvan: Great content as always! F. Connor Ray: The cat imitating the painting was hysterical! G. Jeanie Linder: What's with the thumbs up? H. Linda Rose: I've been to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame twice! I. Gayle Crist: I hope you and Cynthia had a great time at the R&R Hall of Fame.

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3. Joke 1

Quarantined with her hubby for the past several week, Gertrude decided to start knitting something special for him! (Thanks, Lavelle Olexa, for sharing.)





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4. Reviews

A. Revisited HANNA on HBO. It is an action film about a teenage girl raised by her father in the wilds of North Finland. She has been trained to become the perfect assassin. ... There are some thrilling fight scenes, and excellent acting from Saoirse Ronan (in one of several roles that have caught my attention), Cate Blanchett and Eric Bana .. Rated PG-13, but because of the violence, I'd only recommend it for mature teenagers.

B. Ken Greenfield: If you're all interested [in jazz], see BIRD--Clint Eastwood's movie on Amazon Prime.

C. Enjoyed MY WIFE SAID YOU MAY WANT TO MARRY ME: A MEMOIR (Harper) by Jason B. Rosenthal. It is a beautiful tale of love, loss and new beginnings by the widow of bestselling children's author and filmmaker Amy Krouse Rosenthal, whose last act of love before her death was setting the stage for her husband's life without her in the viral New York Times Modern Love column, "You May Want to Marry My Husband." ... If you read it, you'll cry in parts, but also be touched in many others. I strongly recommend it, but especially for those who may have lost a loved one.

Note: If you want to read Krouse's original piece, and I encourage you to do so, please click: [Here](#).

And for Rosenthal's response to the above, please click: [Here](#).

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5. TV alert

A. COBRA KAI: Now on Netflix

Netflix becomes the home of the first two seasons of the acclaimed Karate Kid continuation (previously a YouTube original) with a third coming in 2021. According to Rotten Tomatoes:

"[This is] a blend of pleasantly corny nostalgia and teen angst, elevated by a cast of well-written characters."

B. 2020 MT Video Music Awards: Sunday, Aug. 30, at 8 p.m. on both MTV and The CW

Keke Palmer hosts what is being conceived as an homage to New York City with performances including Lady Gaga, Ariana Grande, Miley Cyrus, BTS (a VMA debut), Black Eyed Peas, The Weekend and more.

C. A HIDDEN LIFE: Thursday, Sept. 3, at 4 p.m. on HBO

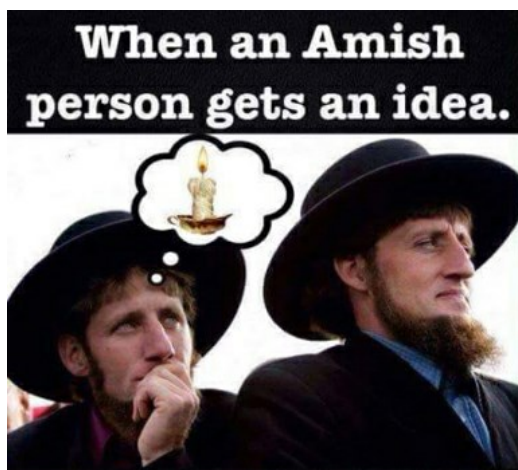
Based on real events, A HIDDEN LIFE is the story of an unsung hero, Franz Jägerstätter, who refused to fight for the Nazis in World War II. When the Austrian peasant farmer is faced with the threat of execution for treason, it is his unwavering faith and his love for his wife Fanni and children that keeps his spirit alive.

D. ELVIS: THAT'S THE WAY IT IS: Friday, Sept. 4, at Midnight on TCM. Called "one of the all-time great rockumentaries" by TV GUIDE, Elvis is showcased in rehearsal and onstage for his sold-out concert in Las Vegas.

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6. Joke 2

I used to lose sleep wondering about this. Now I know! (Thanks, Jo Roberts, for sharing.)



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 performance from Mark Ronson, King Princess - Happy Together (Lyrics) (From Lucifer Season 5): [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Thanks, David Troy Francis, for sharing the following:
Evergreen. This is a very touching video Mike created and surprised me with this evening. In it, he overlays my performance of Evergreen from earlier today with the same piece from a concert forty years ago. The recently discovered concert video from 1980 is the only example I have of my piano performance before my left arm became paralyzed for that horrible year in 1989 and caused the permanent damage to two of my fingers in my left hand. I worked diligently to mitigate and overcome that damage, but it is truly emotional for me to hear me play before that occurred.

To view it, please click: [Here](#).

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

(1) Phil Ochs: When I'm Gone, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

Note: If you let the above continue to play, you'll get to listen to other fantastic songs by Ochs. And for those who haven't heard it, here's my one Phil Ochs story: Many years ago, I was psyched to see him in concert with Laura Nyro. When I get there, I heard an announcement that he wouldn't be performing because he was sick. I was rather annoyed. ... But then the announcer said, "In his place, we have a newcomer that we think you'll enjoy." ... It was an obscure artist by the name of James Taylor. ... I remember thinking, "He's not half bad."

(2) Natalie Kaye: You'll Never Walk Alone/Climb Every Mountain-Rebecca Robbins, Claudia Pellegrini: [Here](#).

(3) Aaron Ybarra: Digital Church- Saturday Edition: [Here](#).

(4) Chris Oaks: ONE FRIEND (Lyrics) - Dan Seals: [Here](#).

D. Here's a website that you will also want to check out: Mental Floss describes itself as "the encyclopedia of everything," the site offers content on some of life's most interesting questions. To access it, please click: [Here](#).

Some recent posts included
20 Remakes That Are Better Than the Original Movie
The Forgotten History of Russian's California Colony
Why Do Cats Sleep So Much

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

Cellphone batteries have a limited lifespan. Here are some rules for charging them: Don't let your battery drain to 0%. Cell phones have lithium- ion batteries and allowing them to drain to zero diminishes battery capacity.

Do charge your phone to between 40% and 80% instead of 100%. The upper mid-range is the ideal level for a stable battery, as it will help you get the most out of its lifespan.

For others, please slick this informative article:[Here](#).

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9. Joke 3

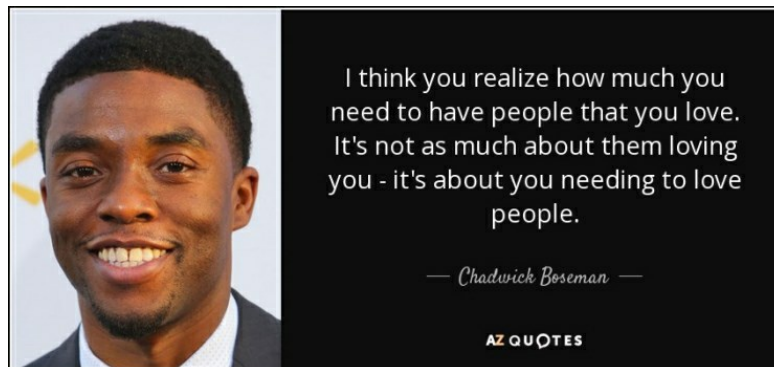
The Silhouettes coined the name of this game back in 1958 with their classic song, "Get a Job. " If you want to join me in singing along, please click: [Here](#).



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10. A quote I like

Thanks, Chadwick Boseman (1976-2020), for your way too short acting career that produced memorable performances about such real-life historical careers as Jackie Robinson, James Brown and Thurgood Marshall. ... You'll also be remembered for playing a superhero in four Marvel Cinematic Universe films, including BLACK PANTHER for which you won both an NAACP Image Award and Actors Guild Award. ... To read more information about Boseman's life, please click: [Here](#).



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11. Thought for the day

Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing this:
The Answer to All Education Funding

Finally, you'll see an educator (Gerry Brooks) who truly gets what's needed to be done to turn schools around.

To view this thought-provoking and fun video, please click: [Here](#).

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

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12. Advance planning department

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

A. Chelsey Gaddy: VIRTUALLY YOURS, starring Maximilian Koger and Natalie Brouwer. B. Jason Scholder: BIRTHDAY BRUNCH OF JOKERS. C. Katie Jones: Crimes Missed Demeanings and Video Tape!

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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