

BLAINES WORLD

#1197
8.26.2019

In this issue

- [1. Reflections](#)
- [2. FYI](#)
- [3. Joke 1](#)
- [4. Reviews](#)
- [5. TV alert](#)
- [6. Joke 2](#)
- [7. Clips/Websites](#)
- [8. Technology tip](#)
- [9. Joke 3](#)
- [10. A quote I like](#)
- [11. Thought for the day](#)
- [12. Advance planning department](#)

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) Will be in New Jersey (at the wedding of her nephew), so please excuse the fact that you are getting this week's missive a day earlier. Regular distribution on Sunday will resume next week.

(2) Loved a tuneful production of MAMMA MIA at HART. You'll enjoy both the singing and dancing, but whatever you do, make sure you stay after the last number. The bows are not to be missed. ...For tickets, please click: [Here](#). ... And to see all 7 pictures at full size, please click: [Here](#) and then click the arrows to the left or right of each picture.



(3) Afterward, we went with our friends Grant Randall and Judy Ray for dinner at our favorite Italian eatery in Waynesville: Angelo's.





(4) We've gotten to check out two of the eateries across the street from our new home in Fairview and had tasty dinners at both places: Nachos and Beer (top photo) and Angelo's (bottom photo, a completely different restaurant than the one with the same name in Waynesville).



(5) And we had fun one night at the home of Grant Randall and Ginny Plaisted where Ginny used her blender to make healthy versions of a Dairy Queen Blizzard for us.





B. In the unlikely event you missed the BLAINESWORLD show on WPVM, you can view my interviews with Robert Thomas and Murphy Funkhouser Capps by clicking: [Here](#).

Note: Special thanks to Grail Moviehouse for sponsoring the above. To find out what's currently playing, please click: [Here](#).



C. Condolences to Chanda Calentine and family on the passing of Mary Jane Calentine, Chanda's grandmother.

D. Congratulations to:

(1) Barrie Barton on being named Coaching Coordinator for TEDxAsheville 2019: Challenging Assumptions, Breaking New Ground.

(2) Carol Seufert on completing the Diversity Certificate Program at the Community College of Philadelphia.

(3) Chelsey Lee Mirheli and Marcia Whitney on their appearance on WLOS, discussing the lack of child care in the Asheville area. If you missed the show, please click this link to view it: [Here](#).

(4) April Johnson for winning three merits out of the four images submitted in the IPC International Print Competition.

(5) Zachary Eden and Shaun Johnston on their marriage.

(6) Graham Podraza on winning Asheville Community Theatre's Al Salley Award.

(7) Tom Sofield and Jenna Michelle on their engagement.

(8) Lyn and Marcie Lynne Nihart on their wedding.

(9) Judy and Mike Chadwick on the birth of Seth Ryan, their fifth grandchild.

(10) Glenn Burd, winner of Contest #18: a copy of COMBO PROSPECTING: THE POWERFUL ONE-TWO PUNCH THAT FILLS YOUR PIPELINE AND WINS SALES by Tony J. Hughes.

All told, there were three entries. And that reminds me that it is now time to introduce:

***** CONTEST #19 *****

Do you have a child, grandchild, niece or neighbor whose parents might be on a limited budget? If so, this is the contest for you to enter.

Three lucky winners will win a copy of RAISING HAPPY KIDS ON A REASONABLE BUDGET by my friend Patricia Gallagher. In this informative book, you'll find many budget-stretching, dollar-saving tips.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #18 in

the subject line. Include your name and mailing address in the body of the email. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Mon., Sept. 9.

E. Correction: Last week's issue mentioned a show I saw at SART: THE LYONS--a dark comedy about a dysfunctional family that's also quite touching. ... One of the two pictures that I ran forgot to include Michael Mattison's last name. Sorry 'bout that. See below for the picture with the corrected caption.

Callan White and Michael Mattison (top photo) were both outstanding as the heads of the family, and Chelsey Mirheli and Maximilian Koger (bottom photo) shined as their two children. ... Shannon Dionne and Brendan Harmon effectively rounded out the cast that was ably directed by Tyler Adcock.



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

This week, it goes to Masters Mark Dry Cleaners in Spartanburg, SC. Though not located near my Biltmore Lake community, the company picks up cleaning at our home and then a few days later, drops it back off. ... We have used Masters Mark for many years and have been very pleased by the service that is offered, as well as by the fine job of dry cleaning. We've also found the prices to be quite reasonable. ... I only regret that when we move next month to Fairview, this company does not service that area--or at least not yet. ... For more information, please click: [Here](#).

[Back to Top](#)

2. FYI

Mr. Curious here: My friend Carole Biro recently sent me the following article. It got me thinking ... is this something I should offer with the other members of my ROMEO (Really Old Men Eating Out) Club: Brian Biro, Tom Gallagher and Marvin Sadovsky?

"Old Coots" Gang Sets Up Table At A Farmer's Market To Give Out Life Advice
by Kame Lemmeu

What would you do if you passed a table full of elderly retirees, displaying a huge sign that read 'Old Coots Giving Advice - It's probably bad advice, but it's free'? Probably go up and start asking for advice! The 'Old Coots' gang consisted of Gus Wheeler, Lou Borgenicht, Carol Sisco, Chris Vanocur, Tony Caputo, and John Lesnan.

The friend group needed a new and creative way to liven up their Saturdays since they all knew each other's life stories. What better way to share their life knowledge than to give advice and wisdom to anyone who inquired? That's exactly what Tony Caputo sought out to do. Except people started taking it seriously and it became a real thing.

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

FYI, part 2

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

(1) Terry Crosby: AN EVENING OF MYSTICAL POETRY/ (2) Kerry Griffin with information about 2 events at The Center for Art and Inspiration. (3) 31 Bizarre Medical Conditions That Sound Made Up. (4) Ron Peyton: Love your newsletter!!! (5) Thanks to all those who submitted ideas on how to clean the front of our dishwasher, including among others: Tom Swyers, Tony Medlin, Francie Sabell, Carolyn Derreberry, Alan Goldstein, Gladys Podhurst, Pat Hannigan and Jeannie Ditsche.

3. Joke 1

Too bad that Batman couldn't have encountered the Catwoman portrayed by Julie Newmar in the first two seasons of the TV show. To see her in action, please click: [Here](#). (Thanks, Zuzu Welsh, for sharing.)



'I have to admit, Catwoman — you are not as I expected.'

[Back to Top](#)

4. Reviews

A. My daughter Risa recommend that I watch **HOMECOMING: A FILM BY BEYONCÉ** on Netflix, and I'm glad that I did. This excellent documentary looks at her 2018 Coachella performance that paid homage to America's historically black colleges and universities. Even if you're not a fan of Beyoncé, you'll like the film for what it has to say about why she is recognized as a goddess by so many fans. . NR, but appropriate for most ages.

B. Heard **THE REPORTER WHO KNEW TOO MUCH: THE MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF WHAT'S MY LINE TV STAR AND MEDIA ICON DOROTHY KILGALLEN** (Blackstone Audio), written by Mark Shaw and narrated by Gabra Zackman. ... I vaguely recall Kilgallen from her appearances on the TV show, but didn't know about her prowess as an investigative reporter. I also didn't know that she was writing a tell-all account about the JFK assassination at the time of her death. ... This engrossing book unfolds like a "whodunit" murder mystery involving suspects including Frank Sinatra, J. Edgar Hoover, Mafia Don Carlos Marcello and a "mystery man," all who may have silenced Kilgallen. ... It was one of the best books I've read this year.

[Back to Top](#)

5. TV alert

A. **WOODSTOCK**: Now available via Netflix

This documentary, which originally aired on PBS, marks the historic concert's 50th anniversary

B. **DOG: IMPOSSIBLE**: Monday, Sept. 2, at 9 p.m. on Nat Geo **WILD**

This special preview features canine behavior specialist Matt Beisner working with dangerous, aggressive or misunderstood dogs that trainers are too afraid to handle. The series premieres on Sunday, Sept. 9, on its regular night.

C. **BLACKBOARD JUNGLE**: Tuesday, Sept. 3, at 10 p.m. on TCM

An idealistic teachers confronts the realities of juvenile delinquency in this powerful drama starring Glenn Ford, Anne Francis and Sidney Poitier.

D. **THE SPY**: Premieres on Friday, Sept. 6, on Netflix

Sacha Baron Cohen gets serious as he portrays real-life Mossad agent Eli Cohen in this six-episode series.

[Back to Top](#)

6. Joke 2

After Sunday's sermon, methinks this one is needed for next week: "LESSONS IN IRONY." (Thanks, Janeen Ravkin, for sharing.)



[Back to Top](#)

7. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Brent Russell: Selling a home: [Here](#)

Note: His piano-playing prowess will astound you!

(2) Jerry Gross: About a financial adviser asking questions: [Here](#)

(3) Hunter Taylor: 27 of the boys who played Billy Elliot in London dancing together. The first 3 are the original 3 all grown up: [Here](#)

(4) Roberta Gurwood: Moving rendition of Stand By Me: [Here](#)

B. For some articles that are fun to read, check out BoredPanda by clicking: [Here](#)

Among the recent pieces of interest were these:

Artist Creates Amazing Portrait By Smashing Glass In Certain Places

"We Got High Together:" Someone Sends Message To A Really Wrong Number - An On Duty Cop

Two Swiss Tourists Recreate 'The Simpsons' Episode Of Homer's Food Tour In 54

New Orleans Restaurants Shot For Shot

38 Things From The Past That Did Not Age Well (New Pics)

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

D. 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](#)

[Back to Top](#)

8. Technology tip

Last week, I mentioned an easy way to view your web history when using Google Chrome; i.e. press Ctrl+H on your keyboard. ... After you do that, to clear your browsing history, click the Clear browsing data on the left. ... When the dialog box opens, choose how far back to clear using the drop-down list and click the Clear browsing data button. Select Browsing History to clear your visited websites and untick Passwords and Cookies to sign in quickly next time.

[Back to Top](#)

9. Joke 3

Cop pulls me over and says, "Your eyes look red. You been smoking weed?" ... I reply, "Your eyes look glazed. You been eating doughnuts?"



[Back to Top](#)

10. A quote I like

Thanks, Valerie Harper (1939-2019), for your memorable performances on THE MARY TYLER MOORE, RHODA and VALERIE, as well as for your appearances on other TV shows, in movies and on the stage. If you want more information about this talented actor, please click: [Here](#).

Life is amazing. Live it to the fullest. Stay as long as you can.--Valerie Harper



[Back to Top](#)

11. Thought for the day

In case you missed Lara Spencer's insensitive remarks on GOOD MORNING AMERICA, you can see how she laughed at Prince George for taking ballet by clicking: [Here](#).

Afterward, she issued what I thought was a halfhearted attempt at an apology that can be seen by clicking: [Here](#).

My thinking was that this apology wasn't done very well, nor was it even on the air. Click here for other reactions: [Here](#).

And then, after several days had passed, Spencer was finally on the air with this apology: [Here](#). (Thanks, Kimberly Ross, for putting this on my radar screen.)

Note: See the comments that follow the above video for what others thought about it.

My favorite reaction, though, came from my friend Hunter Taylor who is pictured below. He graciously has allowed me to run the following that he originally posted on Facebook:

This is me at age 12 or 13, still learning, and taking about 4 dance classes a week. I was asked to perform at a festival because of how unique my talents were, and because people wanted to hear me sing, and showcase my ballet skills. Boys dance! Boys do ballet. The lessons I learned from years of dance training have

not only helped me in my profession, but have also formed who I am as a person.

For someone with a position that reaches millions of people to make fun of a boy who has chosen to take ballet class is not only shameful, but really harmful to a multitude of people.

As you can imagine, being the only boy in school who took dance classes, I wasn't met with acceptance and applause from everyone I encountered. There was a time when I was bullied and went home crying quite frequently because people didn't understand or accept that a boy would want to dance and perform.

This is just a simple message to all the boys and men who are wanting to dance, just beginning to dance, currently training, and even to professionals: boys dance! Boys do ballet! Keep it up

I truly hope that Lara Spencer at Good Morning America has learned a valuable lesson and will not be so quick to judge.



[Back to Top](#)

12. Advance planning department

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

A. NC events

(1) Terry Crosby: AN EVENING OF MYSTICAL POETRY. (2) Kerry Griffin with information about 2 events at The Center for Art and Inspiration. (3) Lip Sync Battle Royale at Attic Salt Theatre Company.

B. PA/NJ event

At Actors' Net in Morrisville, PA: AN IDEAL HUSBAND.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

[Back to Top](#)

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)