

You're reading BLAINESWORLD, a weekly blog published by Blaine Greenfield. It contains some jokes, hopefully, not tooo risqué (typically in Sections 4, 7 and 10); contests; reviews of shows, movies and books; quotes, etc. ... Please feel free to share it with 437 of your closest friends and relatives.. ... And In the unlikely event that you or they are not already a subscriber, just click the following link to be added to the free mailing list: [Here](#).

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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I were joined by our friend Bonnie Solomon for a delicious dinner at Pacific Pagoda. We also enjoyed, as always, friendly service from Peggy.



B. I met friends Mike Martinelli (left) and Donnie Roland for a tasty lunch at LongHorn Steakhouse. We received fine service from Madison.



C. Catch the regular edition of the BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) William Tyler Ezzell and Dillon Giles, actors, HART Theatre; and (second half): Jimmy Ferraro, actor, producer, and director, Murder Mystery For Hire INC.



D. You're in luck, in that you can now view a special Facebook Live edition of the BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: Victoria Lamberth discuss THE SPARROW AND THE WHIPPOORWILL: A BLUEGRASS MUSICAL that runs from Sept. 10-25 at The Magnetic Theatre.



E. Condolences to:

- (1) Linda Weiss Rose and family on the passing of Bob Altschuler, Linda's husband
- (2) The family of Tom Cunningham, a colleague of mine when I taught at Bucks County Community College. For his obituary, click: [Here](#).

F. Congratulations to:

- (1) Beth and Steve Byas on the birth of Hayes Philip Strull, their newest grandchild.
- (2) Tom Giraldi on being named Best of Mercer 2021 in the upholstery category.
- (3) Rob Lieberman on having a room at Montclair State University, The Robert Jay Lieberman Club Room, named in his honor in recognition of his dedication, generosity and commitment to education.

G. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Danny Brice--a technical problem-solver extraordinaire.

Danny was one of the first friends I made in Asheville when I moved here in 2009. He helped set up our computer and phone lines (remember when folks had them?), and I recall saying to myself: "Self, this guy knows his stuff."

What has continually impressed me about him is his ability to do so many things--and do them well, too. He has helped me with painting, website maintenance, installing TVs and publishing a book to name just a few tasks off the top of my head. In addition, he has helped convert my radio show and other clips into YouTube videos.

He is extremely knowledgeable, as well as friendly.

Danny can be reached at: daniel@danielbrice.com or via phone: 828.216.9147.



2. Invites

A. Reminder: There's still time to enter ...

***** **CONTEST #20** *****

One lucky reader will win a pair of suspenders, so that he or she can join my newly-formed Suspender Club.

As you have probably been seeing, I have taken to wearing suspenders. My pants no longer fall down as a result, and I can actually use my pockets again. (Previously, whatever I would put in them would cause my pants to drop even lower.) One friend even showed me that as a result of wearing suspenders, he can now carry both his packed wallet and a gun.

An added advantage to wearing them ... when traveling, since you can't take your belt off for the TSA inspection, you even get a free mini-massage when you get patted down.

A lot of folks only think about men wearing suspenders, But that is wrong. For more information, click: [Here](#).

To enter this contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #20 in the subject line. Include your name, email address and phone number in the body of the email. All entries must be received before Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 9 p.m.

Pictured below: Danny Pleasant, my friend and newest member of the Suspender Club, who also owns Courtesy Barber Shop and always gives me a terrific haircut.



B. Announcing

***** **CONTEST #21** *****

One lucky reader will win two tickets to THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK, running at HART from September 24-Oct. 10.

To enter this contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #21 in the subject line. Include your name, email address and phone number in the body of the email. All entries must be received before Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 9 p.m.

C. I'll be doing a Zoom seminar on Marketing for Asheville SCORE on Saturday, Oct. 9, at 10 a.m. Stay tuned for details. There is no charge for this

event, but you must pre-register.

D. Are you interested in shows, concerts, movies, TV, etc.? ... If so, I encourage you to join a new group I've formed on Facebook that's called Entertainment. To do so, all you need to do is click: [Here](#).

E. Come join Cynthia for the two courses she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week via Zoom: Meditation on Monday and Move Your Body on Wednesday. To attend these and/or any of the other courses, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

Note: For others, see Sect.13 (at the bottom of this issue).

3. FYI

Note: When you click any of the following articles, you may see an ad. Click the ad (in the upper right hand), and you should be able to read the article. If you can't, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put NAME OF THE ARTICLE (you saw the link) in the subject line, and I'll be glad to send it to you.

How to Enjoy Retirement Without Going Broke
by Peter Coy

I've been asking readers to suggest ideas, and I got this one last week from Jerry Moskowitz of Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y.: "I teach a class for seniors called Keeping Current in Economics and Finance. An interesting subject may be decumulation — how to successfully spend money in retirement."

Excellent idea, Jerry. Accumulating money for retirement is hard, but decumulating it is tricky, too. Even the experts have trouble saying how to pace your spending so you can enjoy retirement without exhausting your savings before you die. You can't know for sure how long you'll live, whether you'll suffer a costly illness or how markets will perform.

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

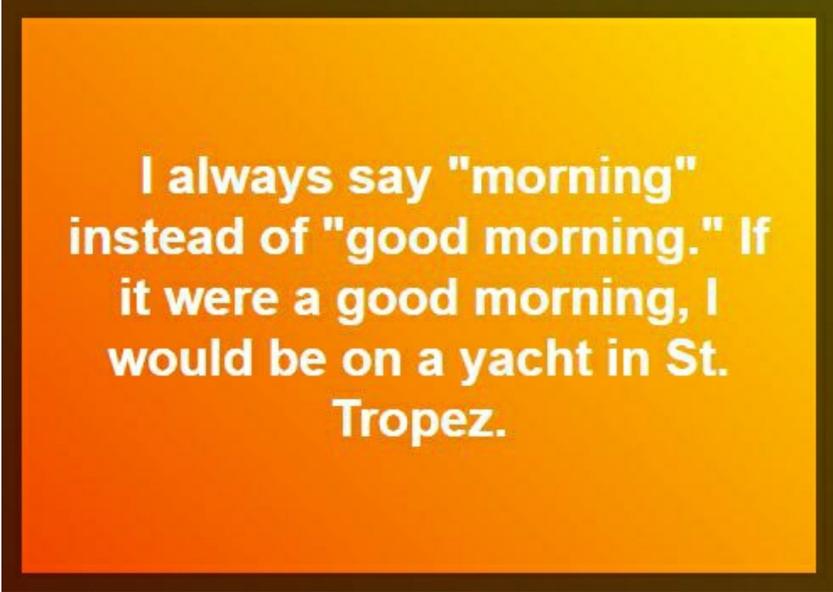
FYI, part 2

To read the following articles, please click: [Here](#).

A. Why Poetry Is So Crucial Right Now. B. Invasion of the robot umpires. C. The Truth Is that You Can't Protect Everything From Every Hurricane. D. ABBA reunites for Voyage, first album in 40 years.

4. Joke 1

And if it were a "very good morning," I'd be with Cynthia, my beautiful bride. (Thanks, Jan Weinstein-Sparta, for sharing.)



I always say "morning"
instead of "good morning." If
it were a good morning, I
would be on a yacht in St.
Tropez.

5. Reviews

A. Enjoyed ALL MY LIFE on HBO. It is a film based on the the true story of Jennifer Carter and Solomon Chau, a young couple who accelerated their wedding after receiving a devastating diagnosis. Jessica Rothe and Harry Shum Jr. have nice chemistry together in the leading roles. Rated PG-13.

B. Saw THE BIG HEAT on TCM. This powerful crime drama was directed by Fritz Lang and stars Glenn Ford as a heroic detective investigating what appeared to have been a suicide. Ford was excellent, as was Gloria Graham, but it is Lee Marvin who steals every scene he was in. Not rated, but because of the violence, I'd give it an R.

6. TV alert

A. DOCTOR FOSTER: Streaming on Netflix

Suranne Jones is outstanding as a doctor who suspects her husband is having an affair. My only regret: It only ran for two seasons. A third season had been discussed, but never made it to the air.

B. Ilene Logelin: Just wanted to share that the Netflix series Frankie and Grace has just started a new season. I watched two episodes already. If you liked this series, you may want to check it out.

C. THE WHITE LOTUS: You can find it on HBO or HBO MAX

This is a harp social satire that follows the exploits of various employees and guests at an exclusive Hawaiian resort over the span of one highly transformative week. The characters are all quite interesting, and the 6-part

series kept my attention through five of the six episodes. The last one, however, was disappointing.

Note: I recently read that there will be second season, but it will feature all new characters and a different location.

D. IN BRUGES: Now on Amazon Prime

Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson star in this dramedy about two hitmen hiding out in Bruges, Belgium, after a job goes wrong. It is quirky and fun to watch.

7. Joke 2

I asked the librarian if the library had any books about paranoia. ... She whispered, "They're right behind you."



8. Clips/Sites

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: bjinbc@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

Thanks, Jean Dolan, for sharing the following:

A lot of details I never knew about this song. Thought you might find this interesting.

THE TURTLES – HAPPY TOGETHER: [Here](#)

B. Video of the week

Thanks, Mark Jones, for sharing the following:

Watch the Full WICKED IN CONCERT: [Here](#)

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

(1) Gloria Gaynor, "I Will Survive," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#)

(2) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: MTV, NBC, and a career as an office-based anesthesiologist : [Here](#)

(3) Howard Smith: Sunday hymns, 9.5.2021: [Here](#)

(4) World Taekwondo Demonstration Team Delivers a Jaw-Dropping Performance - America's Got Talent 2021: [Here](#)

(5) The Promise: Mark Lowry feat. The Martins (Official Music Video): [Here](#)

D. Here's a website that you might want to check out:

Thanks, Dawn Westmoreland, for the following recommendation:

Canva.com is a free resource that is user-friendly for making graphics for social media and other projects. You can make your own designs with easy to use tools.

To get to it, 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](#).

9. Technology tip

To zoom in or zoom out on parts of your screen in Windows 10, use Magnifier. To turn on Magnifier, press the Windows logo key + Plus (+). Zoom in by continuing to press the Windows logo key + Plus (+). Zoom out by pressing the Windows logo key + Minus (-). To turn off Magnifier, press the Windows logo key + Esc.

Source: [Here](#).

10. Joke 3

Thought y'all would like to see the latest addition to my office door! (Thanks, Susanne Steele, for sharing.)



11. Two quotes I like

Thanks, Don Everly (1937-2021), for your career as half of one of rock and roll's pioneering groups, The Everly Brothers. For all their greatest hits, click: [Here](#). ... For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

“Old men need applause too.”—Don Everly



Thanks, Charlie Watts (1941-2021). for your career as a drummer for the Rolling Stones from 1963 until your death. According to VARIETY, you were "universally recognized as one of the greatest rock drummers of all time." For more information about this life, along with a video of him discussing the drums he played, click: [Here](#).

“When I was a kid I never learned to play. I actually got in bands through watching people play and copying them.”—Charlie Watts



12. Thought for the day

Gillian is a seven-year-old girl who cannot sit in school. She continually gets up, gets distracted, flies with thoughts, and doesn't follow lessons. Her teachers worry about her, punish her, scold her, reward the few times that she is attentive, but nothing. Gillian does not know how to sit and cannot be attentive.

When she comes home, her mother punishes her too. So not only does she Gillian have bad grades and punishment at school, but she also suffers from them at home.

One day, Gillian's mother is called to school. The lady, sad as someone waiting for bad news, takes her hand and goes to the interview room. The teachers speak of illness, of an obvious disorder. Maybe it's hyperactivity or maybe she needs a medication.

During the interview an old teacher arrives who knows the little girl. He asks all the adults, mother and colleagues, to follow him into an adjoining room from where she can still be seen. As he leaves, he tells Gillian that they will be back soon and turns on an old radio with music.

As the girl is alone in the room, she immediately gets up and begins to move up and down chasing the music in the air with her feet and her heart. The teacher smiles as the colleagues and the mother look at him between confusion and compassion, as is often done with the old. So he says: "See? Gillian is not sick, Gillian is a dancer!"

He recommends that her mother take her to a dance class and that her colleagues make her dance from time to time. She attends her first lesson and when she gets home she tells her mother: "Everyone is like me, no one can sit there!"

In 1981, after a career as a dancer, opening her own dance academy and receiving international recognition for her art, Gillian Lynne became the choreographer of the musical "Cats."
Hopefully all "different" children find adults capable of welcoming them for who they are and not for what they lack.

Long live the differences, the little black sheep and the misunderstood. They are the ones who create beauty in this world.

Source: Author unknown; if you know who wrote this and/or where it came from, please let me know.

Note: Thanks, Joe McDermott, for sharing this email:

I believe the author was the late Sir Ken Robinson, an education expert in Britain who came to the US in the late '90s. I personally heard him tell this story at Lehigh University in 2008 at the iExchange awards presented by the Ben Franklin Partnership. His talk focused on the need to modernize public education to address the changing needs of our society as we become more technical and less industrial producers.

To view his talk, click: [Here](#)



13. Advance planning department

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

A. Bill Lewis: DRINKING HABITS. B. Jeff Catanese: Montford Park Players Presents Shakespeare's Rarely-performed Pericles. C. Jeff Catanese: FREE COMEDY! Ritch Shydner's History of Stand-up. D. A GOOD DAY at Parkway Playhouse.

PS. Make it a great week!
