

BLAINES WORLD

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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 25 of the corona pandemic. Doing so, we always smile when we see the sunflowers outside our back windows. We get a special kick out of the one in the middle who needs to wear sunglasses.



(2) Enjoyed our recent outside meal at Post 25 Kitchen & Lounge in Arden. My cheeseburger was tasty, and Cynthia really liked her ribeye steak. Make sure you ask for the sweet potato fries. They were outstanding.





(3) Had delicious DoughP doughnuts at the Underground Cafe in downtown Asheville. There were perhaps the best we've ever had!



B. THUMBS UP to SART for its recent virtual production of COUPLES. It was a lot of fun and extremely well-acted. .. Pictured: (top) Chelsey Gaddy who introduced the performance; and (bottom) actors Karen Covington-Yow, John Hall, Melissa (Missy) Stone, Betsy Fregoso, Ariel Casale, Lara Hollaway and Mike Yow. ... Kudos, also, to Michelle Coletti for her spot-on direction.



C. I was on twice this past week on WPVM.

(1) Catch my regular BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#).

Guests: (first half) Richard Shulman, composer, pianist and recording artist; and (second half) Lisa McDonald, founder/director, Kindness Empire.





(2) And I was honored to be a guest on Laura Wagenknecht's "In Awe" program. To view it, please click: [Here](#).



D. Condolences to:

- (1) Laura Liberti Klimitas and family on the passing of Paul E. Klimitas, Laura's husband. .
- (2) Holly Jones and family on the passing of Lane Friend Ragsdale, Holly's cousin.

E. Congratulations to:

- (1) Gaia Goldman on being the July Listing Leader for the South Office of Beverly-Hanks Realtors.
- (2) Arlene Lorimer Ditzler and family on the birth of Lucy, Arlene's new great-granddaughter.
- (3) Chelsea and Austin Wade on the birth of Lincoln Conrad Wade, the newest addition to the Wade tribe.
- (4) Ezekiel Christopoulos on his appointment as Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Consultant, BRG Strategy Enablement and Communications at SunTrust.
- (5) Dawn Marie Westmoreland for being named as WPVM's Show Host of the Month. To learn more, please click: [Here](#).

F. Reminders:

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

***** 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 books' 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.

- (2) You can still register for my Asheville SCORE seminar on marketing that will take place on Saturday, Sept. 26, at 10 a.m. It will be a Zoom seminar, so you can enjoy it from the comfort of your home, and it is free. All you need to do is sign-up by clicking: [Here](#).

- (3) 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 *****

This week, it goes to Korean House—one of our favorite restaurants in the Asheville area.

Unfortunately, it closed last month after being in business since 2014.

The eatery was owned by Christina Im and her brother Jayson Im. The two of them were always friendly, as was their staff.

The food was fantastic. We never had a bad meal there.

We'll especially miss the fun times at the many party gatherings we had there after seeing a show at Asheville Community Theatre.

According to Jayson, "We had eight more years left on this lease, and we thought we'd be in Asheville forever. I loved this place and had no reason to leave.

"Who would have thought a pandemic would happen?" he added. "All that momentum got shifted away, and with that depression and ... we never in our biggest dreams thought we would leave this building."

We wish both Christina and Jayson much luck in their future endeavors and hope that we may be fortunate enough to see them return to the Asheville restaurant scene.

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



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2. FYI

I was speaking to my friend Steve Byas recently, and he shared the following quote from his doctor:

"If you get the flu and COVID at the same time, it could be devastating and possibly kill you."

Even if you are not a fan of flu shots, methinks that this year is a good time to reconsider your thinking because of the above reason. For more information, please click: [Here](#).

FYI, part 2

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

A. Elena Skochko: Please help me spread the word, so these bonded sisters can get adopted together into a loving indoor home. B. Jeanie Linders: You and your lovely wife look like you have a lot of fun! C. I'm a Urologist, and Seltzer Isn't Doing Your Bladder Any Favors. D. Helping Children With Pandemic Grief. E. How a Veterinarian Spends Her Sundays.

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3. Joke 1

Wouldn't mind seeing these, along with A Virus Line, Jesus Christ Superbug, Virus of Penzance, Masked Fair Lady, She Gloves Me, Stayathoma, How to Succeed in Covid Without Really Dying and my favorite, Fiddler Stay on the Roof. (Thanks, Debra Rubin, for sharing.)



IN THE AGE OF CORONAVIRUS

Don't Kiss Me Kate
A Funny Thing Happened
on the Way to the Pharmacy
Don't Come from Away
Little Shop of Hoarders
Damn Hankies
NO Company
How to Succeed in Business
Without Leaving Your Couch
Two Gentlemen with Corona
The Sound of Mucus
No More Sundays
in the Park with George
9-5, but 7-9 for Seniors
Joseph and the Amazing
Technicolor Lab Coat
Dear Evan Hand Sanitizer
The Fantastik...409
An American Quarantined in Paris
They're Plaguering Our Song
A Gentleman's Guide to Handwashing
The Band's Visit is Postponed

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4. Reviews

A. Loved LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL on TCM. This lively documentary celebrates 1950s rock 'n' roll through archival clips of the era and concert footage filmed during the 1970s. Among the many artists featured are Bill Haley and the Comets, Fats Domino, the Shirelles, Little Richard, Bo Diddley and Chuck Berry. You won't be able to stop singing along to the music. Rated PG.

Note: I've added this film to my list of all-time favorite films. If you'd like to get a copy of this list, send an email to: bjinbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

B. Liked THE OUTSIDER on TCM, the story of a real-life brave Native American who fights in WWII and helps to raise the flag at Iwo Jima. Tony Curtis gives a fine performance as Ira Hayes, though you need to view it through the eyes of 1961 audiences and put aside the fact that Bronx-born Bernard Schwartz (who changed his name to Curtis) is the son of Jewish immigrants from Hungary. It just wouldn't be acceptable today. I also liked the work of James Franciscus. NR, but appropriate for anybody over the age of 12.

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5. TV alert

A. AWAY: Now on Netflix

Hilary Swank stars as Cdr. Emma Green of the first manned mission to Mars in a 10-part space drama.

B. HARBOR FROM THE HOLOCAUST: Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 10 p.m. on PBS (check local listings: [Here](#))

Watch to find out about the lesser-known story of the 20,000 Jewish refugees who fled Nazi-occupied Europe for Shanghai, China.

C. COASTAL ELITES: Saturday, Sept. 12, at 8 p.m. on HBO

According to TV GUIDE, [this is] "an inspired quintet of mostly comic monologues by playwright and master satirist Paul Rudnick. ... The great Bette Midler kicks it off in grand style."

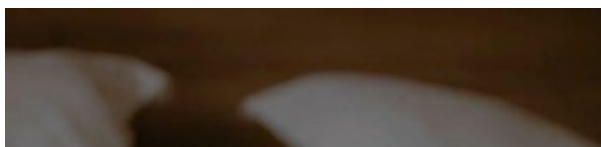
D. DERANGED GRANNY: Movie premiere on Saturday, Sept. 12, at 8 p.m. on Lifetime

The always watchable Wendie Malick plays a grandmother whose obsession with being close to the kids isn't healthy.

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6. Joke 2

Does anyone else say to their dogs, "I'll be back soon" when you leave the house or is that just me? (Thanks, Jane Hinz, 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 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 The Umbrella Academy: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Thanks, Marvin Sadovsky, for sharing this one:

If you are over 60 or know somebody who is ... or if you've ever had a problem with a Zoom call that was a disaster because some on it did not know what they were doing ... then you MUST see this clip:

JP Sears: What a Zoom Call With Old People Is Like: [Here](#).

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

(1) Somewhere over the Rainbow - Israel "IZ" Kamakawiwo'ole, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) "Wizard of Oz" Homecoming Assembly: [Here](#).

For more information about the above: [Here](#).

(3) Dana DellaCamera: "Hunch Punch": [Here](#).

(4) Davyne Dial: Greta family photo: [Here](#).

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

The Useless Web can be reached by clicking: [Here](#).

Its only goal is to show you the most pointless websites that exist on the internet. Just click the big button to discover one, and it will automatically open in a new tab.

The only problem: Results are hit or miss.

For example, I got this one that I thought was ... different:

Pooping Pooches White Elephant 2019 Gag Gift Calendar: [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

You can protect your phone battery by avoiding exposure to extreme temperatures. Repeated heat exposure damages the battery, and so does allowing your phone to get too cold

If your phone overheats, it can cause data loss and corruption or even battery leakage, causing it to catch fire. If your phone gets too cold, the battery will die more quickly - plus, you risk damaging the battery.

For some useful ways to prevent this from happening, please see #4 when you click: [Here](#).

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9. Joke 3

Soooo true!



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10. A quote I like

Thanks, Tom Seaver(1944-2020), for your terrific Hall of Fame baseball career that had you compile 311 wins, 3,640 strikeouts, 61 shutouts and a 2.86 earned run average. ... You provided me with many memorable viewing moments, especially when you helped the the New York Mets win the 1969 World Series. ... For more information about Seaver's life, please click: [Here](#).

"If the Mets can win the World Series, the United States can get out of Vietnam."—Tom Seaver

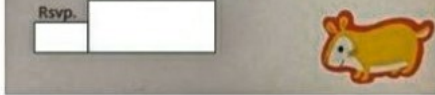


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11. Thought for the day

LET'S HEAR IT FOR EMMA! See her recent birthday party invitation on top and then the results on bottom. (Thanks, Carol Seufert, for sharing.)





All the donations (Emma in center)



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12. Advance planning department

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

A. Katie Jones: A. Edward Arnaudin: The next Asheville Movie Guys event will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14, featuring a virtual discussion of "Black Panther." B. Katie Jones: Black When I Was a Boy (Live Streamed). C. Barrie Barton: Covid Stole My Lunch, But Left Dessert. D. Different Strokes! Performing Arts Collective: while Black.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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