

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 enjoyed a delicious dinner at the Local Joint with our friend Bonnie Sibner.



B. We also had the pleasure of watching our friend Marcy Gallagher lead a Zoom Shabbat service for the Jewish Secular Community of Asheville. She was joined by her husband Tom.



C. So glad to again get the chance to see a Different Strokes! production--the world premiere of OXALIS by Travis Lowe. ... This thought-provoking drama about a woman having to deal with Level 1 Bipolar Disorder was superb. ... Kudos to the four cast members for their excellent performances: Scott Fisher, Kirby Gibson, Bjorn Goller and Tracey Johnston-Crum, as well as to Stephanie Hickling Beckman for her taut direction. ... I also enjoyed, as always, the talk back that was expertly led by Zakiya Bell-Rogers, and that Dr. Noreal Armstrong, CEO and executive director of A Therapist Like Me, added her valuable insights as a member of the panel.



D. Please catch this week's BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) Eddie LeShure, co-owner of A Mindful Emergence, LLC; and (second half): Margaret Kirschner, co-owner of A Mindful Emergence, LLC.



E. And you can also catch a special Facebook Live edition of the BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests (first part) Julie Kinter, director, and Reagan Mulvey, actor, discussing THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK; and (second part) Joel Perkin, director, and Cathy Fischer, actor, discussing I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE.



F. Condolences to Joanne Roudebush and family on the passing of Joanne's sister Judith .

G. Congratulations to:

(1) Keith Spencer for being featured in this Poet & Quants Best & Brightest EMBA article: [Here](#).

(2) Shelly Jacobs and family on their newest addition: a granddaughter.

H. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Reza Fierzawat--our favorite server at Wasabi, the excellent Japanese restaurant in Asheville.

It was great to see her again when we recently dined downtown. It had been far too long since our last visit.

Reza is both friendly and attentive, and she has an amazing memory. We couldn't believe that she remembered exactly what we wanted.

We've never had a bad meal at this eatery. We recommend it highly. And even if Reza is not working when you go there, you'll find that also enjoy the service you get from any of the other servers.



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 the EXTENDED DEADLINE of Monday, Sept. 13, at 9 p.m.

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

***** 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 Monday, 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

Finally, truth in labeling. Now you know what you'll get if you purchase these eggs. (Thanks, Jimmy Ferraro, for sharing.)



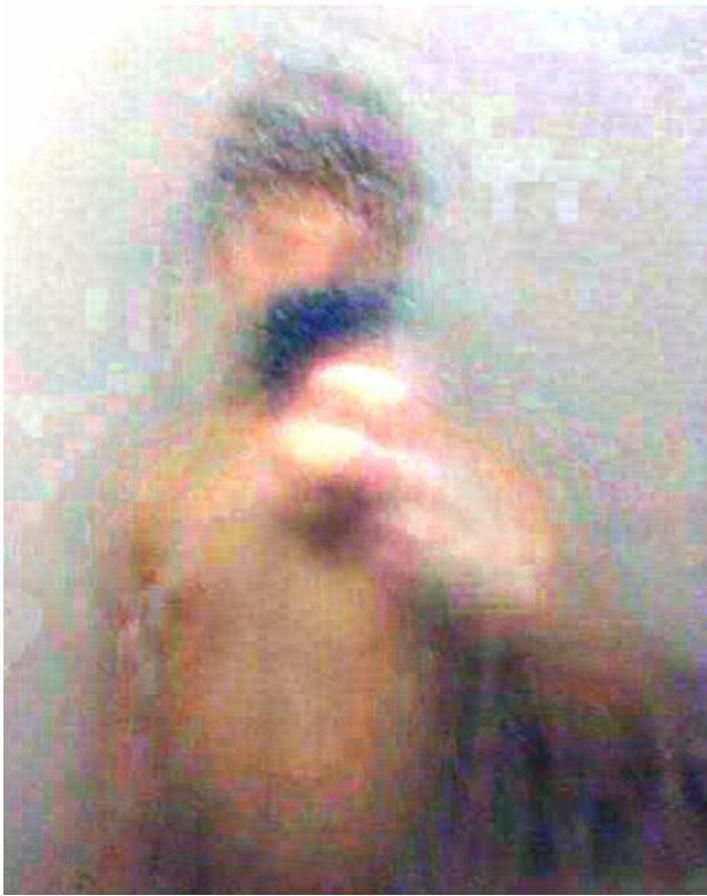
FYI, part 2

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

A. Jessen Yipp: Improving Work-Life Balance: Is There Such A Thing As Business Hours Anymore? B. Action on Climate Change is Urged by Medical Journals in Unprecedented Plea. C. The Pandemic Messed With Your Sleep. Here's How to Feel Rested Again. D. Will Hearing Aids Ever Be Hip? E. Honor Moor: Broadway vaccine rules: All the shows in New York that require vaccinations and Covid tests

4. Joke 1

I have a friend who tried to take a picture of himself in the shower. But the image was too blurry. He has selfie steam issues. (Thanks, Carol Seufert, for sharing.)



5. Reviews

A. Saw FEAR, a 1996 thriller, on HBO. I got a big kick out of it because it starred Mark Wahlberg and Reese Witherspoon--both at the beginning of their movie careers. The film is about a 16-year-old girl who meets a 23-year-old guy at a Seattle nightclub, and they fall in love. When their relationship falls apart, things begin to get scary. Rated R.

B. Saw THE JOKER IS WILD, a 1957 biography, on TCM. The story is about nightclub crooner Joe E. Lewis who has his career and nearly his life cut short when his throat is slashed as payback for leaving the employ of a Chicago mob boss. He is brought back from the abyss by his faithful piano player and friend and is helped to become a successful sand-up comedian. Frank Sinatra is perfect in the leading role, and I also liked the work of cast members Mitzi Gaynor, Jeanne Crain and Eddie Albert. Not rated at the time, I would give it a PG-13 now.

6. TV alert

A. WE'LL MEET AGAIN: The PBS docuseries now on Amazon Prime
Ann Curry hosts the emotional 2018019 series, which reunites strangers who helped each other during extraordinary times.

B. SCENES FROM A MARRIAGE: Sundays at 9 p.m. on HBO
According to TV GUIDE, [This] "wrenching dissection of a rock relationship has all the emotions." ... Oscar Isaac and Jessica Chastain are "the brilliant stars."

C. MUHAMMAD ALI: Sunday-Wednesday, Sept. 19-22, at 8 p.m. on PBS (check local listing [Here](#))

The fact that it comes from master documentarian Ken Burns is enough of a reason for me to see this.

D. IMPEACHMENT: AMERICAN CRIME STORY: Tuesdays at 10 p.m. on FX

I enjoyed Crime Story's previous depiction of the O.J. Simpson, so I'll probably watch how the Monica Lewinsky story is portrayed. I'm also a Clive Owen fan, so I'll be curious to see how he comes across as Clinton.

7. Joke 2

If you're like me, and you celebrate all holidays (more food, fun and friends that way), HAPPY ROSH HASHANAH! ... And as you welcome in 5782, the Jewish New Year, a better way to do so is to dip an apple and not a computer into your honey. ... PS. The term at the bottom of the meme is a greeting that's often used to mark the day. It is short for "l'shanah tova tikatevu ve techatemu," which means "may you be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life for a good year." .



8. 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 view this cover from Marcelo David Ortega: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

MAKE MY DAY (WITH THIS NEWS ABOUT ABBA) ... And make sure you click the link to not only read more, but you'll also get to listen to two songs from the upcoming album! [Here](#).

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

(1) Foreigner, "I Want to Know What Love Is," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#)

(2) Howard Smith: 9.12.21 hymns: [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: September 11, 2001, was a beautiful late summer day: [Here](#).

(4) Brian Biro: This is a touching one: [Here](#).

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

Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for sharing this one:

Smile makes it easy to start your day with positivity, delivering the top uplifting news and stories in a fun, 5-minute daily email.

Methinks you'll like it as much as I do.

To sign up, 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

If you're using Facebook on a computer, use the built-in zooming feature on your browser (example: Safari) to make Facebook appear larger on your screen. This will zoom in on the entire page, not just text.

Hold down ctrl (PC) or command (Mac) on your keyboard. Then press + to zoom in or - to zoom out.

10. Joke 3

I've been waiting a long time to use this--like nine months. And I can no longer hold it. So in honor of it being Labor Day, see below. (Thanks, Bill Lewis, for sharing.)



11. Two quotes I like

LEST WE FORGET 9/11 ... (1) "September 11 is one of our worst days but it brought out the best in us. It unified us as a country and showed our charitable instincts and reminded us of what we stood for and stand for."--Lamar Alexander, retired politician who served as a Tennessee senator from 2003 to 2021 (2) "If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate."--Sandy Dahl, wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl ... Both quotes are on the mark, and they have me hoping that we can again pull together as a country.



12. Thought for the day

Amen--and awomen, too! (Thanks, Elaine Bilk, for sharing.)

**Blessed are we who can laugh
at ourselves for we shall never
cease to be amused.**



13. Advance planning department

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

A. Robert Thomas Band concert at the White House. B. Cathy Jewel Fischer: I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE. C. Cheyenne Dancy: A GOOD DAY. D. Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg - Livestream Tour.

PS. Make it a great week!
