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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](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put SUBSCRIBE in the subject line.

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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I, continued to hunker down in Week 27 of the corona pandemic. But we managed to get our absentee ballots. And right away, we voted by dropping them off at the Election Services' Office.

In doing so, we realized that we wanted to share the following with you; i.e., we both WHOLEHEARTEDLY ENDORSE JOE BIDEN for president.

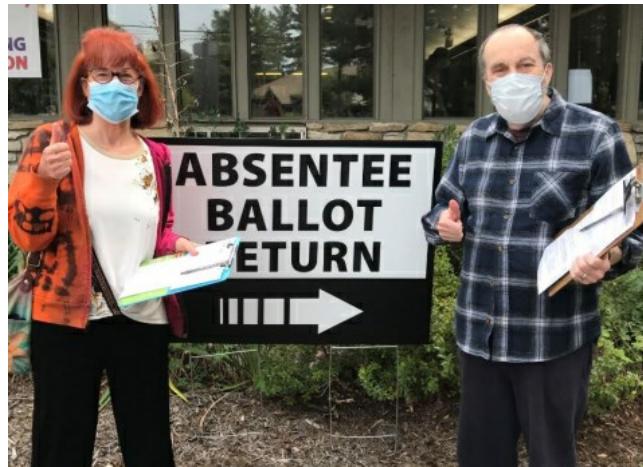
We urge y'all to do the same, especially after we revisited this quote from Carl Reiner: "My personal goal will be to stick around until 2020 and vote to make sure we have a decent, moral, law-abiding citizen in Washington who will make us all proud again to live in America."

Unfortunately, Reiner didn't quite make it, but we did. And what follows are just some of the many reasons why we are making this endorsement.

If you disagree with the above and want to unsubscribe from BLAINESWORLD (or unfriend me from Facebook) as a result, that's your choice. We realize there is a lot of information that we are about to present. The only thing we ask is that you at least skim this material, along with the clip or article that accompanies each point.

1. Biden is a good, kind guy as can be seen by his emotional conversation with activist Ady Barkan. See: [Here](#). ...
24. And lastly, there's this list of 100 reasons Trump is unfit to be president. See: [Here](#).

Note: Due to space constraints, we have only presented 2 of our 24 reasons. To see the remaining 22, and we strongly encourage that you do, please click: [Here](#).



B. We recently visited the Asheville Humane Society, to visit Little Bear (pictured below). She is one of three cats that our friend Elena Skochko has been forced to give

up because of health reasons. Little Bear is a sweetheart of a cat. She is 11 years old and would be ideal for a single man or woman or a married couple with no children or other animals. She is affectionate and would thrive in the right setting.

Lisette and Gigi, her other cats, are 9 month old sisters. They are bonded and need to stay together. They are both very sweet cats. For pictures of them, go to the top of Section 2 when you click: [Here](#).



C. We discovered what may well be the best pizza in Asheville, NC, if not all of Western NC. It came from the newly opened Pie.Zaa in the South Slope section of Asheville at 46 Millard Ave. ... And whatever you do, make sure you get some of their delicious Morsel cookies for dessert.... In addition, say "hello" to either or both of the friendly owners: Tyler Kotch and Jack Morrissey.



D. Afterward, we visited WAKE, Mel Chin's giant animation sculpture, which is located just across the street from Pie.Zaa. For more information about it, please click: [Here](#).

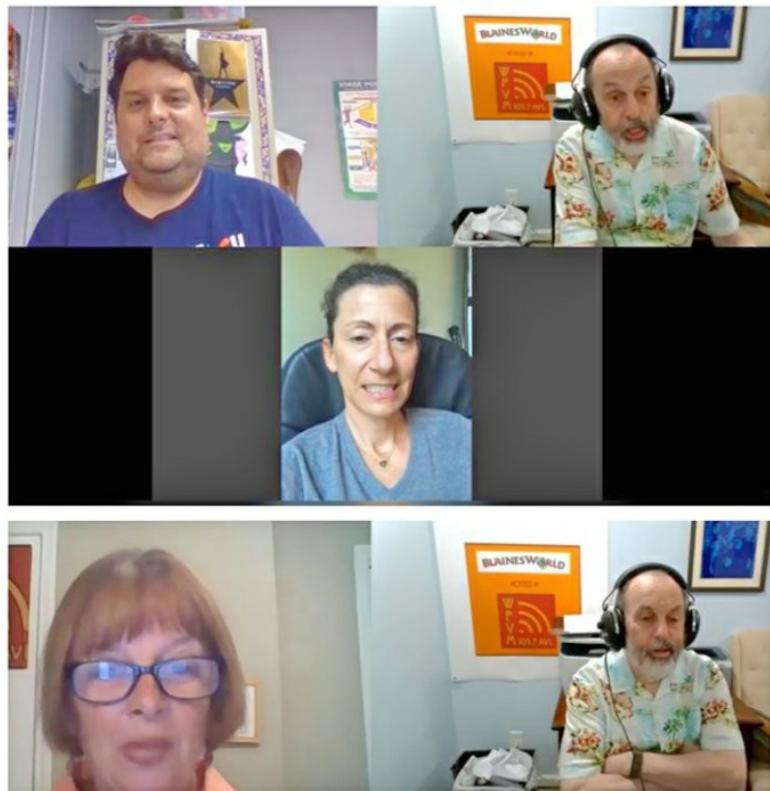


E. I had the pleasure of seeing my friend, the amazing Reggie Kelly, sing in a recent Zoom performance, along with David M. Thomas on piano, Aidan Plank on bass and Ricky Exton on drums. To view the performance, please click: [Here](#). ...Then join me in showing Reggie some appreciation (and love) at Cashapp: \$Barbaragfinley. ... Or you could make a donation via PayPal by indicating the that the gift is for "Reggie Kelly" when you click: [Here](#).





F. Catch the most recent BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) Chris Martin, middle school theatre teacher; and (second half) Cynthia Berryman-Fink, writer, Beware of Hanging Icicles: Tales of a New England Girl. ...Look for a special guest appearance from Amy Przynosch (center picture), producer extraordinaire of my show, in the first half of this clip.



G. Reminders:

(1) 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](#).

(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](#).

(3) There's still time to enter ...

\*\*\*\*\* CONTEST #18 \*\*\*\*\*

One lucky reader will win a copy of A MONSTER CALLS by Patrick Ness. According to LIBRARY MEDIA CONNECTION, [This is] "A masterpiece about life and loss that will stay with the reader long after the final page is turned."

Note: It is a beautiful and achingly sad story for readers over the age of 12. It was both featured and recommended on Oprah's 2012 Kids Reading List, and it is a book that adults will also enjoy.

To enter, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #18 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 21, at 9 p.m.

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

This week, it goes to Nick Erker (left) and Kyle Wilken (right), the friendly folks at

Prestige Property Improvements who do such a terrific job taking care of the outside of our Fairview home. ... To see them at work, please click: [Here](#). ... You might not be able to hear all of what I'm saying because of the noise of their equipment, but here's the phone number if you wish to contact them for any lawn care, landscaping or stone work jobs: 828.606.2059. ... You won't be disappointed.



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## 2. FYI

I like bacon, from time to time, and Cynthia cooks it to perfection. Her secret? She uses the microwave.

Not only is it both easy and quick to make it that way, it is actually healthier. To quote Daniel O'Shaughnessy, also known as the Naked Nutritionist: "Heating bacon in the microwave actually causes less nitrosamine to be formed. These are harmful carcinogenic compounds that form when nitrates in foods are heated excessively."

For more information about other foods that are also healthier to microwave, please click: [Here](#).

FYI, part 2

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

A. Chandler Smith: In search of a full-time comedic female performer for our super fun (socially distanced) Murder Mystery shows in Pigeon Forge, TN. B. The Causes for Estrangement, and How Families Heal. Berta Ditillo: Thanks Blaine for such an informative BLAINESWORLD! D. It's (Nearly) Fall: Which Plants Can You Bring Inside? E. Linda Williams: The Pandemic Should Change the Way We Talk About Dying. F. Rare Plant Market Grows in Pandemic.

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## 3. Joke 1

Busy today planning my weekend travel. (Thanks, John Worthington, for sharing.)



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## 4. Reviews

Reflecting on the passing of Ruth Bader Ginsburg (see also Section 10), here are two films about her life that you'll want to see.

A. Loved RBG, a documentary about how Ginsburg's legal battles changed the world

for women. I was especially impressed with the role her husband played in her success, and the fact that he did all the cooking for the family. Rated PG.

Note: This is one of the finest documentaries I have ever seen. It is on my list of favorite films. If you'd like a copy of that list, send an email to me: bginbc@aol.com and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

B. Enjoyed ON THE BASIS OF SEX, the biopic of a young Ruth Bader Ginsburg that features on a groundbreaking tax case that she took on with her husband, attorney Martin Ginsburg. Felicity Jones and Armie Hammer have terrific chemistry in the leading roles. Rated PG-13.

TISSUE ALERT ... To better understand the marriage of Ruth and Marty Ginsburg, please read this note that she found when she went to the hospital to make arrangements after his death.

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My dearest Ruth -

You are the only person I have loved in my life, setting aside, a bit, parents and kids and their kids, and I have admired and loved you almost since the day we first met at Cornell some 56 years ago.

What a treat it has been to watch you progress to the very top of the legal world!!

I will be in JH Medical Center until Friday, June 25, I believe, and between then and now I shall think hard on my remaining health and life, and whether on balance the time has come for me to tough it out or to take leave of life because the loss of quality now simply overwhelms. I hope you will support where I come out, but I understand you may not. I will not love you a jot less.

Marty

Ruth read an opinion for the Supreme Court the next morning. As she told the NEW YORKER, "That's because he would have wanted it."

Source: [Here](#).

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## 5. TV alert

A. RATCHED: Now on Netflix

Sarah Paulson plays Nurse Mildred Ratched (of ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST fame) in an 8-part origin story set in late 1940s.

B. THE 72ND EMMY AWARDS: Sunday, Sept. 20, at 8 p.m. on ABC

Jimmy Kimmel hosts from an empty Staples Center in L.A. with no red carpet and no glamorous stars in attendance. Instead, there will be more than 100 cameras at the homes of nominees or other remote locations.

C. AMERICA'S GOT TALENT: Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 8 p.m. on NBC and at the same time on the next night

The remaining acts have one more chance to show their stuff on Tuesday with the winner being announced on Wednesday. I'm hoping Simon Cowell returns as a judge less than two months after he broke his back in a motorbike accident.

D. THE CHOICE 2020: Thursday, Sept. 22, at 9 p.m. on PBS (check local listings [Here](#))

FRONTLINE presents two-hour investigative biographies of the presidential candidates—incumbent Donald Trump and former vice president Joe Biden. The show looks at events that shaped each candidates' lives, as well as their visions for the future.

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## 6. Joke 2

MR. HELPFUL HERE: The only thing missing (below) is "more cowbell." If you're thinking the same thing, click: [Here](#).





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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](mailto: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 a SPECIAL CLIP for your viewing enjoyment:  
The Turtles History: Happy Together Full DVD: [Here](#).

Not only will you get to listen to "Happy Together," but you'll also get to listen to other great songs from this group ... and find out all about them, too. You're going to owe me for telling you about this one.

(3) And SPECIAL THANKS to Ken Greenfield for sharing this information about 2021 tour dates for The Turtles. Hopefully, if concerts resume by then, I'm going to try to get to at least one show in NJ, NY or TN. Want to join me?



B. Video of the week

Bob Nehwart: Stop It: [Here](#).

Note: The best thing about this clip is that if you play it, you may never have to go to a psychologist or psychiatrist.

C. Also, check out these other clips at your convenience:

(1) Gloria Gaynor - I Will Survive [Official Video] 1978, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Carol Mikulski: Dog Singing along to Pavarotti: [Here](#).

(3) Roberta Gurwood: Virtual "William Tell": [Here](#).

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

You've probably seen lots of stuff from BuzzFeed, which can be viewed [Here](#).

It is one of the most popular sites online for everything that's viral, newsworthy and even pointless. ... But if you bookmark it, you can check in whenever you want to find such posts as the following:

47 Clever Products That Might Make You Think "I Need An Upgrade"  
Cool And Useful Things For Your Car That You'll Basically Be Racing To Buy  
17 People Who Should Never Be Allowed To Design Clothes Again. Ever.

In addition, you'll find a bunch of trending newsletters that you can get for free by clicking: [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**

How to Declutter Your Digital World  
by Sara Aridi

Working remotely may have eliminated your commute and allowed you to spend the day in your pajamas, but it also means you're most likely bombarded with digital communication every second of the day - from personal and professional emails crowding your inboxes to push notifications reminding you of every news development to the nonstop viral allure of Twitter and Instagram.

If you are suffering from tech fatigue, or simply trying to become more productive online, here are steps you can take to organize your digital landscape.

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

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**9. Joke 3**

HOW ONE FASHION TREND GOT STARTED ... A man is at work one day when he notices that his co-worker is wearing an earring. The man knows his co-worker to be a normally conservative fellow and is curious about his sudden change in "fashion sense." The man walks up to him and says, "I didn't know you were into earrings." ... "Don't make such a big deal, it's only an earring," he replies sheepishly. ... His friend falls silent for a few minutes, but then his curiosity prods him to ask, "So, how long have you been wearing one?" ... "Ever since my wife found it in my truck." (Thanks, Nelson Sartoris, for sharing.)



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**10. A quote I like**

Thanks, Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1933-2020), for your service as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Your tireless fight for women's legal equality shall always be remembered. ... For more information about this remarkable women, please see or revisit the documentary about her life: RBG. And also read this account of her life: [Here](#).



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**11. Thought for the day**

The Story of the Chinese Farmer  
by Allan Watts

Once upon a time there was a Chinese farmer whose horse ran away. That evening, all of his neighbors came around to commiserate. They said, "We are so sorry to hear your horse has run away. This is most unfortunate." The farmer said, "Maybe."

The next day the horse came back bringing seven wild horses with it, and in the evening everybody came back and said, "Oh, isn't that lucky. What a great turn of events. You now have eight horses!" The farmer again said, "Maybe."

The following day his son tried to break one of the horses, and while riding it, he was thrown and broke his leg. The neighbors then said, "Oh dear, that's too bad," and the farmer responded, "Maybe."

The next day the conscription officers came around to conscript people into the army, and they rejected his son because he had a broken leg. Again all the neighbors came around and said, "Isn't that great!" Again, he said, "Maybe."

The whole process of nature is an integrated process of immense complexity, and it's really impossible to tell whether anything that happens in it is good or bad - because you never know what will be the consequence of the misfortune; or, you never know what will be the consequences of good fortune.

For an animated version of the above, 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. Robert Thomas Band Concert. B. Sunny Cook: Is This My Support Group? by Bonnie Milne Gardner. C. Jean Dolan: 'Big Laughs on Campus' Offers Free Yuks to Help Bucks Students. D. Paula Hanke: A Return to Peter, Paul & Mary + 60s Retro Rewind.

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**PS.** Make it a wonderful week!

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