
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 very much enjoyed the following play. Here's what I wrote about it on Facebook:

Jennifer Gatti (far left) and Callan White (second from left) will knock your socks off with their performances in THE ROOMMATE. ... This edgy comedy, directed with aplomb by Angie Flynn-McIver, runs through Oct. 30 at NC Stage. .. For tickets, click: [Here](#). ... Or you can watch online by clicking: [Here](#).



B. Afterward, we joined a bunch of friends for some tasty pizza at Blaze Pizza (top photo), at which time we also celebrated our friend Marcy Gallagher's birthday. That's Marcy (bottom photo) with Sarah Kohrs. They both got a special kick out of the pizza box, in that they are both working together on the development of a musical.



C. Cynthia and I participated in early voting (top photo). I also greeted friends on another night (bottom left photo), at which time i was serving as a volunteer poll greeter, along with John Stover (bottom right photo).

Note: Early voting is such a pleasure, especially if you're like me, and you remember having to wait 3.5 hours to vote in the Bush-Gore election. For information on early voting in Buncombe County, click: [Here](#).



D. Please catch the first of two BLAINESWORLD podcasts this week, featuring (first half) Ellen Knoefel and Connie Stanfield, both with Project Linus; and (second half) Rev. Nick Honerkamp, Church Development Director at Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry. ... To view it, click: [Here](#) and look for the one dated 10.24.2022. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



E. Please catch this week's second BLAINESWORLD podcast, featuring Allison Scott, Director of Impact & Innovation... To view it, click: [Here](#) and look for the one dated 10.25.2022. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



F. Condolences to Chuck Beattie and family on the passing of William Goler (Butch) Beattie Jr., Chuck's brother.

G. Congratulations to:

(1) Mark Jones on his appearance in an Ingles commercial. To view it, click: [Here](#).

(2) April Johnson on her Emma portrait, "A hope and a promise" winning "Imaging Excellence" in PPA's IPC (international competition).

(3) Colton Overcash on joining a D.C.-based firm as a National Security Consultant. His portfolio will cover many vital interests including the DOJ, Dept. of Energy and Dept. of Homeland Security.

2. Invites

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

***** **CONTEST #17** *****

One lucky reader will win an autographed copy of GLUTEN-FREE ITALIAN RECIPES by my friend Laurie Richardone. To quote one Amazon reviewer, "This book ... elevates gluten-free cooking to an art form that is tasty, yummy and easy to prepare. ... If you think that gluten-free translates into card board tasting food, this book is a happy surprise for anyone who is seeking truly delicious, healthy gluten-free recipes for Italian food lovers."

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #17 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include your name and mailing address. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 31.

seasonal cooking for today's table

GLUTEN-FREE ITALIAN RECIPES

Laurie Richardone



B. ACTORS WANTED. MUSICIANS/ENTERTAINERS, TOO. (There are over 50 roles)

For: Return to Bethlehem where the public is invited to experience the marketplace as it might have been when Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

There are a variety of speaking and non-speaking parts for people of all ages.

This is not a paid gig, but one that is a lot of fun. Plus, there are no auditions. You are almost guaranteed to be chosen to be part of the cast. And there are no rehearsals.

It runs from Dec. 1-4 at the Groce United Methodist Church, 954 Tunnel Road in Asheville. You can choose to be in anywhere from 1-6 performances.

For more information and/or to register, click: [Here](#).

If you have any questions, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put the word BETHLEHEM in the subject line.

C. Want to be a guest on my BLAINESWORLD podcast, now seen on YouTube or you can listen to it on your favorite podcast player. If you have news you'd like to share and/or a story to tell, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put GUEST in the subject line. In the body of the email, include both your name and phone number.

Even if you've been a guest before, I'd welcome the opportunity to speak with you again. I now tape via Zoom, usually in the early evenings.

For more information about the show, click: [Here](#).

And please click "Like" when you do check out this page.

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 follow the instructions when

you click: [Here](#).

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

F. If we're not yet friends on Facebook, click to send me a friend request: [Here](#).

3. FYI

Some random thoughts about having your picture taken:

1. Always ask for more than one picture to be taken. (I typically take three.)
 2. Make it a point to try to smile.
 3. Don't put yourself down (before the picture is taken) by saying or thinking, "I don't take good pictures."
 4. If really concerned about how the picture is going to come out, ask to see it. My friend Honey Woloff actually snatches the camera from me, then deletes any pictures she doesn't like.
 5. If need be, ask to have the picture taken again.
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4. Joke 1

HOA member response of the year ...

What one guy did when told by his HOA that he needs to cover his trash [cans](#) so they are not visible from the street.



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I both liked CALL JANE, a drama about a suburban housewife whose pregnancy leads to a

life-threatening heart condition. In order to terminate her pregnancy to save her life, she must do battle with an all-male medical establishment opposed to such a move. She eventually finds two women willing to help her and she become so inspired by their work that she decided to join forces with them. There's fine acting from Elizabeth Banks, Sigourney Weaver, Chris Messina and Wunmi Mosaku. Rated R.

B. Thanks, Mike Martinelli, for sharing this insightful review:
TILL ****

It's such a sad storyline about the true events of the death of Emmett Till in 1955 Mississippi, but the film is beyond brilliant. Look for this film to sweep cast ensemble at SAG and Critics Choice and Danielle Deadwyler will sweep the lead actress category in every award. The film also has incredible sets and costume designs. The script and direction are top notch.

This film will not do well at the box office because of the serious subject and arrogant people in this world today. I can't tell how you how quickly you should run to see this film.

C. See THE GOOD NURSE, now on Netflix. It is about a nurse who risks her own life to uncover the truth in a gripping thriller based on true events. Jessica Chastain and Eddie Redmayne were outstanding in the leading roles. ... But the best part was seeing my friend Charlotte Cohn (pictured below) in a small but pivotal. She rocked!



6. TV alert

A. THE WHITE LOTUS, Season 2: Coming Oct. 30 to HBO

Heiress Tanya McQuoid (Jennifer Coolidge) is back, now married but lonelier and needier than ever, in the darkly comic hit about spoiled, neurotic rich guests at a luxury hotel where a mysterious murder occurs.

B. ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT: Now on Netflix

This is an adaptation of the 1929 best-selling novel by Erich Maria Remarque, who was wounded five times as a teenage soldier in World War I. It is Germany's entry for the 2022 foreign-film Oscar.

C. THE PERIPHERAL: Now on Amazon Prime

Chloë Grace Moretz plays a virtual-reality gamer in the Blue Ridge Mountains who tries out a VR gizmo that transports her to spooky, underpopulated London circa 2099 — only it turns out it's no game. AARP's "TV for Grownups" calls it "a must for sci-fi fans."

D. TOP GUN: MAVERICK: Now on Amazon Prime

The sequel to the 1986 flyboy classic again stars Tom Cruise, and he is in fine form, and I liked the fact that throat cancer survivor returns for a brief time. There's plenty of action, and I also liked the performances of both Jennifer Connelly and Miles Teller.

7. Joke 2

I had a dream last night that I was a teepee. The next night, I dreamt that I was a wigwam. I told my therapist, and said not too worry ... I was just too tense.



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 version from Shebang, was1960s teen music & dance TV show hosted by Casey Kasem: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Thanks to my talented friend Kris Carrasco for sharing his rendition of "All I've Ever Known: from the musical Hadestown: [Here](#).

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

(1) Chris Montez, "The More I See You," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) And here's Carly Simon singing the same song: [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

(3) Howard Smith: Hymns (10.30.2022): [Here](#).

(4) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Bill Wyman: [Here](#).

(5) Taking Neil's advice (above), here's Wyman playing with the Stones: [Here](#).

(6) Stayin Alive Shopping in Public: [Here](#).

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

Big Think gives you ideas and insights from some of the world's most successful people. To access it, click: [Here](#).

Some interesting posts included these:

Parents: Don't focus on happiness, help build resilience instead

Is Buddhism a religion?

What makes a piece of art worth \$450 million dollars?

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

When using your phone or iPad and typing something, if you want to use all caps, quickly press the Up arrow (on the left) twice. That will do that same thing that pressing Caps Lock does when you are using a regular keyboard. To go back to regular typing, press Up arrow once. (Thanks, Amy Przynosch, for sharing.)

10. Joke 3

This has me writing a note to myself: "Self, ask a different question the next time you go to that restaurant." (Thanks, Mike Martinelli, for sharing.)



11. Two quotes I like

A. Thanks, Leslie Jordan (1955-2022), for your career as an American actor, comedian, writer and singer. His television roles included Lonnie Garr on Hearts Afire, Beverley Leslie on Will & Grace (for which he won the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Guest Actor in a Comedy Series in 2006) several characters in the American Horror Story franchise, Sid on The Cool Kids and Phil on Call Me Kat. During the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, Jordan became an Instagram sensation, amassing 5.8 million followers. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

“There are many paths to God. What really bothers me – and what I think is the height of arrogance and stupidity - is when one group believes their way is the only way. That really gets my dander up.”—Leslie Jordan



B. Thanks, Jerry Lee Lewis (1935-2022). for your career as an American singer, songwriter, and pianist. Nicknamed the Killer, he was inducted into both the Country and Rock and Roll Halls of Fame. For more information about this life, click: [Here](#).



12. Thought for the day

Dirty Money

The Story:

A well-respected speaker began a seminar by showing an audience of 150 people a crisp \$20 bill.

He asked, “Who wants this \$20 bill?”

All 150 people nodded.

He said, “I am going to give this money to someone, but first....”

Then he proceeded to crumple the bill up.

He asked the crowd again if anyone wanted it.

All 150 hands went up in the air.

The speaker then dropped the money on the floor and stomped all over it.

He then raised it in the air to show the crowd. The money was filthy.

“Does anyone want it now?”

Every hand went up.

The speaker proceeded to tell the crowd that no matter what he did to ruin the money, people still wanted it because its value remained the same.

It was still worth \$20.

The Moral:

Life often beats us up to the point where we feel inadequate. We deal with bad circumstances and make bad choices that we have to deal with later. However, no matter what you go through, your value will remain the same.

You have something special to offer that no one can take away from you.

Source: [Here](#) (story #7)

PS. Make it a great week!

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