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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I loved a recent production of MAMMA MIA! that we saw. Here's what I wrote about it on Facebook:

Even if you've seen MAMMA MIA! on stage or in the movies, you won't want to miss Flat Rock Playhouse's production of this joyous musical, running through Nov. 13. ... Everything about it is superb, including the performances of my friends Jason Watson (bottom left) and Scott Treadway (bottom right). ... For tickets, click: [Here](#).



B. Afterward, we had a fantastic meal at the Haus Heidelberg German Restaurant in Hendersonville. It was the first time we've been there. It won't be the last.



C. We had a fun time at the Vernados Circus at the Asheville Outlets. ... You'll have a blast, too, if you attend this spectacular show that runs through Nov. 20. ... For tickets, click: [Here](#).

To see any picture at full size, click here: [Here](#).

Note: When you do, you'll also see clips from some of the acts when you click the first comment.



D. There were three BLAINESWORLD podcasts this past week.

(1) The first one featured: (first half) Jordan Linkston, Christmas Angel Coordinator, ABCCM; and (second half) Randy Freeman, barbershop quartet singer with Land of the Sky Chorus... To view it, click: [Here](#) and look for the one dated 11.1.2022. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



(2) The second one featured Aaron Ybarra, playwright and actor extraordinaire, discussing "Nice Dress," his play, as well as The Magnetic Theatre's Third Annual One Act Play Festival. ... To view it, click: <https://www.blaineworld.net/> and look for the one dated 11.3.2022. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



(3) And the third one featured Christine Hellman, director, for three of the one-act plays at The Magnetic Theatre's One Act Play Festival - November 4-13. . . . To view it, click: <https://www.blainesworld.net/> and look for the one dated 11.5.2022. ... You'll then have the option to view it on YouTube or listen to it on your favorite podcast player.



E. Congratulations to Mark Sfirri on having his baseball bats chosen for inclusion in the Baseball Hall of Fame and museum. To read about this exciting development, click: [Here](#).

F. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Peter Rigas--a longtime friend (and former student) who recently passed away.

Peter ran several successful restaurants during his career before starting his own houseware and consumer product company.

I always admired his enthusiasm and love for passionate discussions about a wide variety of topics. In addition, I liked how he laughed at my jokes. And he did so, I guess, because he remembered what I taught him; i.e., no grade was ever final.

In recalling Peter, I appreciated hearing from his close friend Michael Firestone. He shared the following with me:

"We were like Felix and Oscar from THE ODD COUPLE. We loved each other, but were so different. I'll always remember our 2000 Europe trip when we went into a store called Greenfields in Italy. ... The stories we shared bring tears to my eyes."

For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).



2. Invites

A. YOU'RE INVITED ... to be part of a world premiere musical that will be performed at The Tina McGuire Theater at The Wortham Center for the Performing Arts on August 18, 19, and 20, 2023 (with the possibility of adding another weekend).

About the show from Marcy Gallagher, the playwright:
At the Cafe is about four women who are navigating the challenges of middle age, as well as struggling with their own personal issues. There are 14 original songs. The story is humorous, poignant, dramatic, thought-provoking, and fun--something for everyone. It is set in Asheville pre-pandemic and there are numerous references to Asheville in the script. I really wanted this work to be pure Asheville through and through--writer, songwriter, cast and crew.

We'll have a preview sometime in February or March for about 30 people, with select songs and dialogue. Rehearsals will begin in June. A pre-show rehearsal will be on August 16 and dress rehearsal on August 17.

Performers will be paid.

*****NEEDED *****

4 actors who can also sing for the following roles:
Lorraine--African-American woman in her 40s - early 60's.
Molly--(any ethnic group) divorced, trying to get a job, also in that age group.
Server--(any ethnic group) in his or her 20s, sings opening song and is in every Cafe scene.
Young Man--(any ethnic group) gay, about 20 yrs old, also in every Cafe scene.

1 keyboardist who does not have to sing.

If interested in being considered for any of the above roles and/or if you want more information, contact Marcy Gallagher via phone or text: 828-989-5423; or email: marcygallagher222@gmail.com. If you leave a message, put CAFE in the subject line of your email or at the beginning of your text message; or say CAFE at the beginning of your voicemail message.

Please share this information with others who you think might be interested in it.

Note: All parts will be filled on a first come, first serve basis, so the sooner you apply, the better.

AT THE CAFÉ

A Musical by Marcy Gallagher

Music by Sarah Kohrs



B. There's been an EXTENSION for entering ...

***** 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, Nov. 7.

C. 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.

D. 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.

E. 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](#).

F. 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](#).

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

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

3. FYI

Your autobiography
by Seth Godin

Even the longest biography is only 66 hours on audio. This means that the author has to leave out almost everything.

We write our own autobiography each day by deciding what to focus on, what to rehash, and what to worry about.

For the rest of this thought-provoking blog entry, click: [Here](#).

4. Joke 1

Lest you forget. (Thanks, Sally Burke Butcher, for sharing.)



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I liked *ARMAGEDDON TIME*, a coming-of-age story about the strength of family that's set in the 80s. Anne Hathaway, Jeremy Strong and Anthony Hopkins are all quite good as the adult leads, but it's the work of the young boys (Michael Banks Repeta and Jaylin Webb) that make this worth watching. Rated R, though I think it's appropriate for mature teenagers.

Note: We saw the above at the Grail Moviehouse, now featuring a second screen. And the good news is that a third screen is due to open soon.

B. We both also *LOVING ADULTS* on Netflix. This thriller depicts the thin line between love and hate that turns deadly when a wife discovers her husband's affair. There are a lot of twists and turns that kept us guessing until the very end. Not rated, but if it were, it would get an R.

C. Thanks, Mike Martinelli, for this review:
MY POLICEMAN ***

An Amazon original movie about the lives of three people over a 40 year period going back to 1957 and the current times.

The film starts out slowly but quickly picks up and has gorgeous cinematography and a beautiful score.

6. TV alert

A. *BLOCKBUSTER*: Now on Netflix

The co-creator of *Superstore* brings you a comedy set in America's last Blockbuster Video store and starring Randall Park, Melissa Fumero and J.B. Smoove.

B. *MY POLICEMAN*: Now on Prime Video

Harry Styles plays a 1950s British copper who falls in love with an urbane, older museum curator (David Dawson), yet also marries a lovely young schoolteacher (Emma Corrin). *AARP* calls it "an honest tearjerker with terrific actors, including Rupert Everett as the curator who reunites with his policeman decades later, after suffering a stroke."

C. *MANIFEST*: Season 4 now on Netflix

This drama about a passenger plane that disappears and then mysteriously reemerges five years later frozen in time, ran for three seasons on NBC without a resolution. The series topped Netflix's charts after cancellation, so the streamer snapped it up for 20 final episodes.

D. *THE TIME MACHINE*: Monday, Nov. 6, at 9:30 a.m. on TCM

A turn-of-the-century inventor sends himself into the future to save humanity. Rod Taylor and Yvette Mimieux are both terrific in this 1960 flick.

7. Joke 2

Finally, a party we can all support! (Thanks, Kim Chandler Smith, for sharing.)



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 the Ingrooves: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Thanks, Jennifer Orr, for sharing this video that she did with Tom Orr and Marie Chapman-Hill ... Monster Mash: [Here](#).

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

(1) Paul Marks: Over the Rainbow · Israel Kamakawiwo'ole, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (11.6.2022): [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Keith Emerson: [Here](#).

(4) Thanks for the recommendation, Neil. And as always, I took your advice and found something of his playing ... wow!: [Here](#).

(5) Perpetuum Jazzile is a musical group from Slovenia. Most of their music is performed a cappella. Africa -- originally performed by the rock group Toto -- has been their signature song for many years. The opening is simulated rain: [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

(6) A classic baseball moment: Sandy Koufax vs. Mr. Ed: [Here](#). (Thanks, Steve Shulman, for sharing.)

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

The Smithsonian Magazine shares history and technology stories without the stuffy language. It's edutainment

in the best way. To view it, click: [Here](#).

Among the recent articles that you might find interesting:
When Julia Roberts Was Born, Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King Paid the Hospital Bill
Deer-Car Collisions Rise When Daylight Saving Time Ends
The First Female Crash Dummy Has Arrived

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

Does Changing Your Password Stop Hackers + 5 Essential Tips
by Mike Chue

What's this weird post on my social feed? Did I get hacked? Those were my first thoughts when I noticed something odd on my account. Does changing your password stop hackers?

Yes, changing your password will prevent hackers from accessing your account. Updating your account password at the first sign of an attack limits damage. Changing your password regularly also improves security. Stolen credentials in data breaches are often old.

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

10. Joke 3

Can't beat that price ... or the fact that you also get free Vitamin D when you join. (Thanks, Carol Shimp, for sharing.)



11. A quote I like

"Happiness is letting go of what you think your life is supposed to look like and celebrating it for everything that it is." --Mandy Hale, blogger turned NEW YORK TIMES best-selling author (for more information, click: [Here](#))

12. Thought for the day

FATHER BUILDS SON THE BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME EVER Carter. the little boy in the picture below, has spina bifida. So his dad used his son's wheelchair as the central figure in the boy's costume. ... For more information about this costume, click: <http://tinyurl.com/95r4quw>. .. And if you're like me, and you celebrate all holidays because there's more food, fun and friends that way, HAPPY HALLOWEEN! (Thanks, Walter Beals, for sharing.)



13. Advance planning department

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

A. Rodney Smith: SANTA CLAUS CONQUERS THE MARTIANS. B. Victoria Lamberth: Auditions at Hendersonville Theatre. C. Rodney Smith: THE CRUCIBLE.

PS. Make it a great week!

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