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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I continued to hunker down in Week 42 of the corona pandemic. Fortunately, that didn't prevent us from returning for a visit to friends in our former Biltmore Lake neighborhood. Pictured: (top left) Cynthia with Ed Hackett and Aspen; (top right) Cynthia with Tracy Pittman Hackett and Scarlet; and (bottom) yours truly with Ginny Plaisted and Grant Randall.



B. We also got to see Lovey enjoy her new cat blanket.



C. Click: [Here](#) to catch this week's BLAINESWORLD show, featuring (first half) Neil Ratner MD, and author of ROCK DOC; and (second half)...Robert Przynosch, DPM.



D. Congratulations to:

(1) Declan Sheehy for starting a new position as Director Of Philanthropy at New College of Florida.

(2) Jamie Hart on being on WLOS to talk about all the fine work that her eatery Sand Hill Kitchen, does for the community. To view the clip, please click: [Here](#).



E. Invitations to:

(1) 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](#).

(2) Attend my next SCORE virtual seminar (see below) by clicking: [Here](#).

Upcoming Online Seminar

Dear Asheville SCORE Clients,

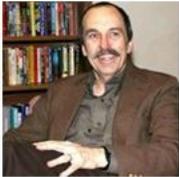
We at Asheville SCORE are excited to present a FREE online seminar with Blaine Greenfield and AB Tech's Small Business Center.

Marketing Your Business

Marketing for the 21st Century small business is more dynamic and challenging than ever. Discover how to effectively and efficiently use marketing tools. Gain insights to understand and reach your customer, analyze your industry and business environment and differentiate between branding, advertising, and grassroots marketing techniques.

Time: Saturday, February 6th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Our instructor is Blaine Greenfield

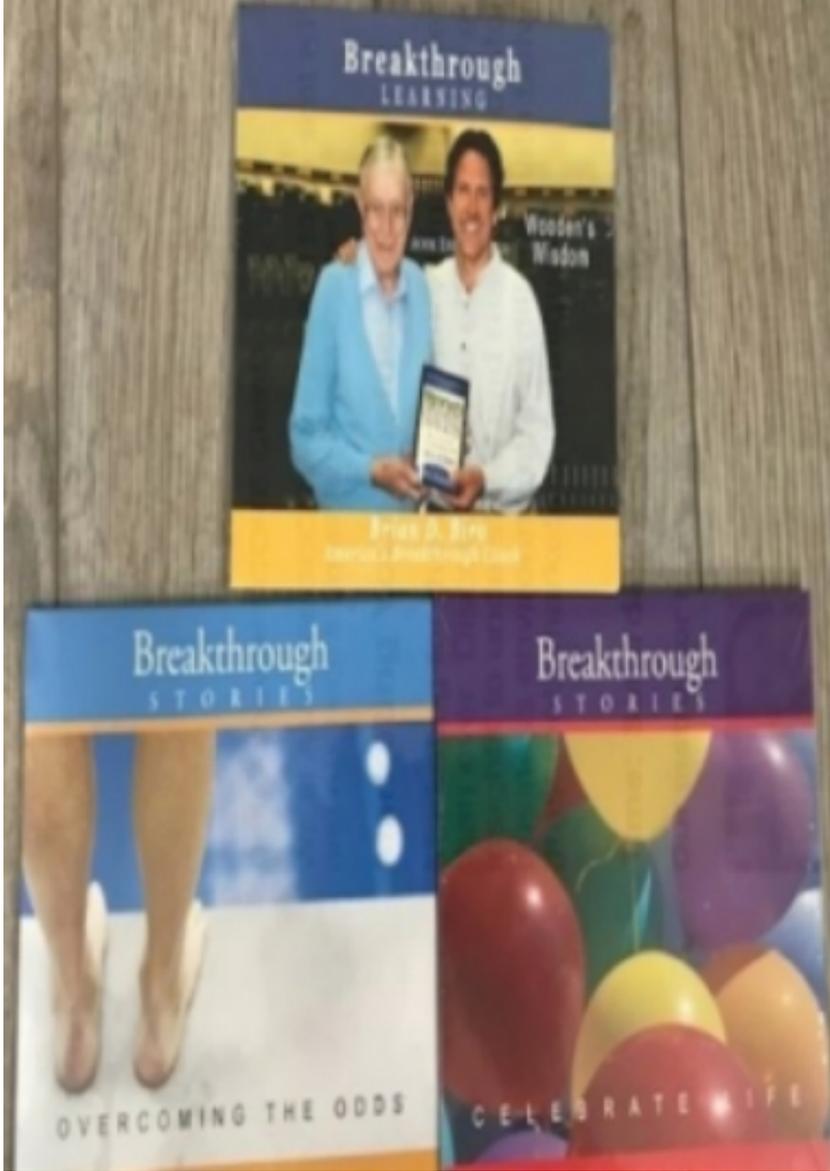


Blaine Greenfield has 35 years of teaching experience as a Marketing Professor at the community college, university, and graduate levels. At the same time, he operated his own consulting firm-providing marketing assistance to small and medium-sized businesses, as well as to non-profit organizations. Blaine has spoken to groups throughout the country, and he has served as a mediator and/or arbitrator in over 2,500 cases.

(3) Enter ...

******* CONTEST #1 (of 2021) *******

Three lucky winners will each win a CD from my friend, the amazing Brian Biro (one of America's top motivational speakers). ... The CD was part of Brian's BREAKTHROUGH series, and I guarantee it will inspire you. So if you still have a CD player at home and/or in your car, make sure you enter this contest. To do so, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #1 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 9 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 11.



F. Announcing this week's ...

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

The winner is Kirsten Fuchs (pictured below), owner of P B & Jay's Café in Fletcher. All the food there is simply divine, and we especially like the fact that she puts her sandwiches on Sysco Simply plant-based sprouted grain wheatberry bread that is as good as any we've ever had. ... Kirsten is always both helpful and friendly, as is her staff. ... She also runs the Bake Pie Company eateries in both Arden and Woodfin.



2. FYI

I've mentioned 1Password before, but in case you're a new reader (or need a reminder), I'll mention it again.

1Password is a fantastic password manager that provides a place for users to store various passwords, software licenses and other sensitive information in a virtual vault that is locked with a PBKDF2-guarded master password.

Cynthia and I just reviewed all our passwords and shared them with each others, as well as with the executors of our respective wills in case anything happens to us both.

1Password is less than \$3/month, and it is worth every cent

For more information, please click: <https://1password.com/>.

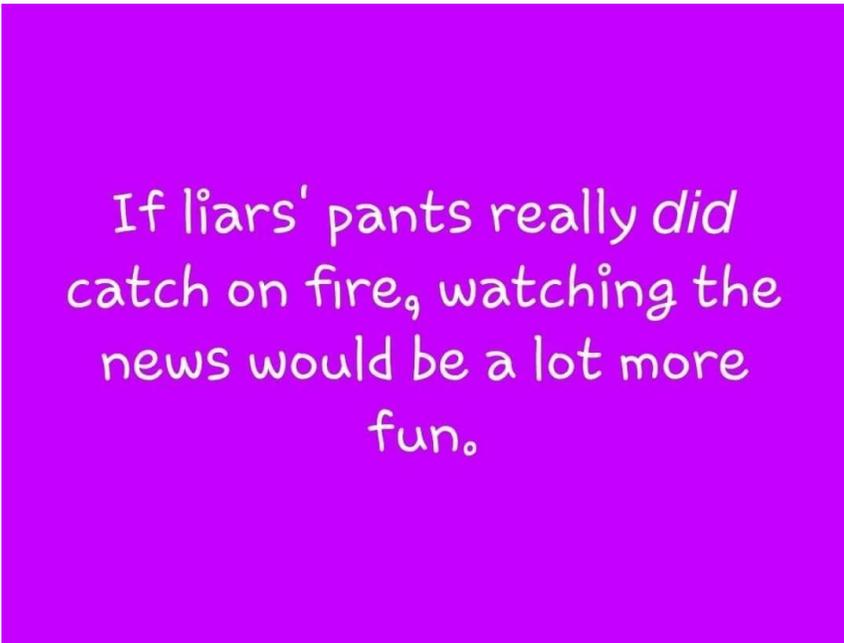
FYI, part 2

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

A. Here's Why Car Thefts Are Soaring. B. Forget About a Gym. C. Because of an Editing Error.

3. Joke 1

Methinks that watching some politicians would be positively hysterical. (Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.)



If liars' pants really *did*
catch on fire, watching the
news would be a lot more
fun.

4. Reviews

A. Find NEPTUNE'S DAUGHTER if you can. It is a musical comedy with a terrific cast: Esther Williams, Red Skelton, Ricardo Monalban, Betty Garrett, Keenan Wynn and Xavier Cugat. There are some terrific songs and, of course, Williams in a water ballet. No rating, but if there had been, it would have received a PG-13.

B. Read F IN EXAMS: THE VERY BEST TOTALLY WRONG TEST ANSWERS by Richard Benson ... The author has compiled a list of 250 wrong test answers from students, who when faced with no hope of getting a question right, decide to have some fun with their responses. ... This book had me laughing as I read most every page, and you will too when you see any and/or all of the following.

Science Q: What is the highest frequency noise that a human can register? A: Mariah Carey.

Humanities Q: What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common? A: Unusual names.

English Q: Use the word "doldrums" in a sentence. A: I do not play the doldrums.

This would be a good book to give to any student or teacher that you know.

5. TV alert

Note: A lot of new TV shows are on the air or will be in the near future. As always, I welcome your feedback on them.

A. MR. MAYOR: Thursdays at 8 p.m. on NBC

Ted Danson stars, along with Holly Hunter, in a comedy about Los Angeles' unlikeliest civil servant. I saw the first episode and was not overly impressed but am hopeful that things turn around.

B. KING OF STATEN ISLAND: Sunday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. on HBOHD

Struggling since his father died during his childhood, twenty-something Scott squanders his life on drugs, alcohol and casual hookups. The always watchable Marisa Tomei and Steve Buscemi are in the cast.

C. ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL: Series premiere on Sunday, Jan. 10, at 9 p.m. on PBS

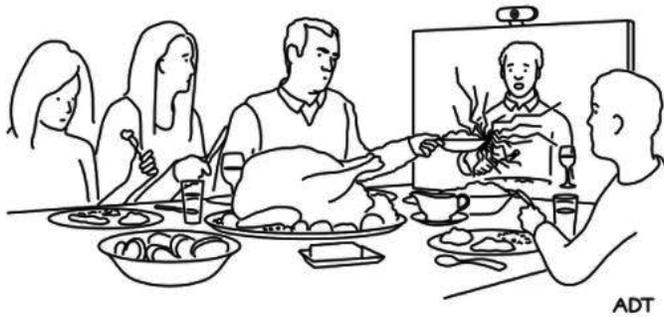
This series about a country veterinarian is based on the books of James Herriot. The late Diana Rigg is featured in some episodes.

D. ZOEY'S INCREDIBLE PLAYLIST: Tuesdays at 8 p.m. on NBC

This show about a woman who starts to hear people's innermost desires through songs is back for its second season. It is one of my favorites.

6. Joke 2

I did the same thing this Zoom Christmas when passing the fruitcak--



"Could you pass the cranberry—"

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 view this piano tutorial of the song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FiQoif0E2Aw>

B. Video of the week

Catch my friend, the uber-talented Ashleigh Phillips, perform "Cowboy Boots," her latest single, by clicking: [Here](#).

It can be found on iTunes, Amazon music, Google Play and Spotify, and can be downloaded with the video Ashleigh's website: [Here](#).

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

(1) Gerry & The Pacemakers - You'll Never Walk Alone, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

Note: Gerry Mardsen, lead singer of the above group, just died. For more information about his life, please

click: [Here](#).

(2) Jonathan Berg: Maroon 5 - Memories | One Voice Children's Choir Cover: [Here](#).

(3) Aaron Ybarra: Digital Church: [Here](#).

(4) Howard Smith: 1.10.21: [Here](#).

D. Here's a website that you might want to check out: 9GAG by clicking: [Here](#).

You'll find a whole bunch of stuff here. Some of it is interesting, but beware of the fact that you'll find some comments can be rude.

Recently, the following caught my attention:

An entire community pulls up a truck, which fell off the road

A friendly reminder when visiting

Amazing routine

E. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running . . . to view it, please

click: <https://www.blainesworld.net/>.

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: <https://www.facebook.com/blainegreenfield/>.

8. Technology tip

To get more storage space on your iPhone, hold down the “power” button, wait until you see the option to slide and power off your phone--and then hold down the “home” button. Doing so will clean out your phone’s RAM, which reduces the amount of space your apps might be taking up.

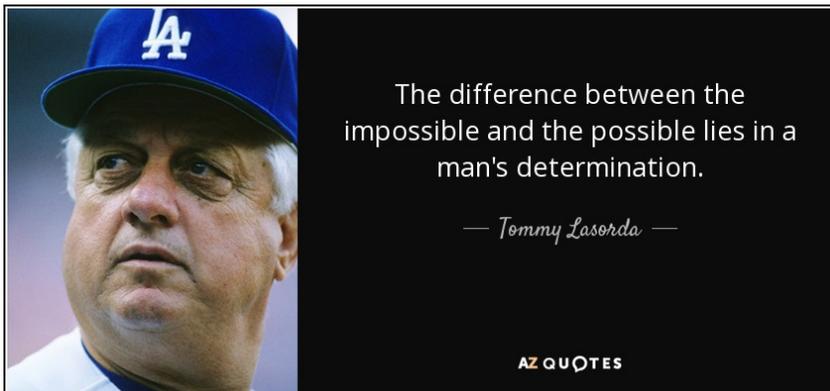
9. Joke 3

JANUARY SPECIAL ... just heard from my friend Bill Lewis (pictured below) that if you act soon, you can still get one.



10. A quote I like

Thanks, Tommy Lasorda (1927-2021), for your Hall of Fame baseball career as a pitcher, coach and manager--much of it with the Los Angeles Dodgers. His teams won four pennants and won World Series championship. For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).



11. Thought for the day

**NO JOKES IN THIS SECTION;
INSTEAD, YOU'LL FIND 3 REQUESTS
(PLEASE SEE BELOW)**

Note: What follows after this paragraph appeared on my Facebook wall on Thursday. It received 238 likes, 106 comments and 4 shares. Two former friends expressed their displeasure, stating that they did not want or expect BLAINESWORLD to be political. ... As you probably know, I attempt to keep this blog upbeat with both

humorous and motivational posts, as well as with information that I thought you might like to see. But starting with my Biden-Harris endorsement from before the election and now as a result of the recent events in Washington, I feel compelled to give you advance notice that you might now see an occasional political and/or science tidbit. I will continue to do my best to NOT include any conspiracy theories; in fact, from time to time, you might even see something that rebuts such garbage.

As a result of what happened in Washington yesterday, I'm not in the mood for laughing. ... Instead, I have the following three requests: (1) If you condone the violence, in any way, please remove me as your Facebook friend and unsubscribe from my BLAINESWORLD blog. (2) By the same token, I no longer wish to communicate with you if you go along with any of Trump's lies, the conspiracy theories that he promotes or his bullying. (3) And even if this means we will no longer have anything to do with each other, so be it. But in addition, kindly lose me as your friend if you believe that Joe Biden hasn't been legally elected as president, that COVID-19 isn't real or in any other conspiracy theories. ... Thank you!

12. Advance planning department

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

A. Chelsey Gaddy: With the overwhelming excitement for our 2021 season, AUDITIONS ARE NOW LIVE! B. The Magnetic Theatre: Registration is open for our upcoming Magnetic U Course, Creating A Livestream Performance with Jessica Lynn Verdi.

PS. Make it a great week!

