

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 had dinner at Birchwood Hall in Waynesville. Our meals were good, but our dessert was even better. We shared the banana pudding, and it was the ABSOLUTE BEST we've ever had!



B. Catch this week's BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) George Awad and Jamie Knox, The Magnetic Theatre; and (second half) Dan Beckmann, Dan Beckmann Photography.



C. There was a special Facebook Live edition of the BLAINESWORLD show this week. It can be viewed by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: Doug Savitt, director, and Jered Shults, actor, discussing NOCTURNE, which opens at HART on Friday, Feb. 4, and runs through Feb. 13.



D. Condolences to Amy McKenna and family on the passing of Erma Zarr Berks, Amy's mother.

E. Congratulations to:

(1) Ziggy's Bakery & Deli on being chosen as BEST CHEESESTEAK OF THE YEAR by Stu Helm's Food Fan Awards.

(2) Carol Seurfert on her new position as Instructional Designer at Community College of Philadelphia.

(3) Kristin Pedemonti on graduating with high honors with her Master's in Narrative Therapy.

(4) Monica Fly on her new position as Organiser at Australian Education Union Victoria.

(5) Carrie Kimbrell on her new job as Front desk Administrator at PHD Weight Loss and Nutrition.

F. Correction: A picture last week showed me eating breakfast with Tom Gallagher. I gave the wrong name of the restaurant. We were at the the Moose Café in Asheville, not Cracker Barrel.

G. Announcing this week's ...

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

Thanks, Cappy Tosetti, for submitting this week's nomination: Bounty and Soul.

To quote from her nomination:

What delight being part of Bounty and Soul, the non-profit organization that provides fresh produce, nourishing food and wellness education to folks in the Black Mountain and Swannanoa area. Because of COVID, everything has to be outside ... over 600 boxes of beautiful food and fresh flowers are given out each week.

Tucked in each box is a "love card," an idea created by founder and executive director Ali Casparian. A way to inspire and a way to bring a bit of sunshine to a person's day.

Volunteers help create homemade cards. It's such a heartfelt project ... something that brings sunshine to those of us making the cards. Fun for individuals, a circle of friends, book club group, scout and school groups. There's always a need for cards every week.

For more information, click: [Here](#). Or contact Karla Gardner, the volunteer coordinator, who will be happy to get you started. She can be reached at: [kgardner@bountyandsoul.org](mailto:kgardner@bountyandsoul.org) or 828.419.0533.

Pictured (below): Volunteers Cappy Tosetti, left, and Susan Markowitz, right.



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## 2. Invites

A. SPECIAL OFFER TO BLAINESWORLD READERS ...

A personalized romance novel is the perfect gift item; e.g., for Valentine's Day, a birthday, an anniversary, etc.

I've ordered two of these books and gotten a big kick out of them. So did Cynthia.

You can order any one of YourNovel.com's paperbacks, hardbacks or ebooks with or without photo added to the cover or as the full front cover. Printed books will be shipped using United States Postal Service Priority Mail, the company's standard mailing service.

To find a list of all books, click: [Here](#).

You can even get a 10% discount on any of your purchases by mentioning this code: BW10%. This code will expire July 7, 2022. And you can also mention this code to your friends and relatives. They can all use it. YourNovel is open all year, and the books make memorable gifts for not only Valentine's Day, but anniversaries, birthdays, weddings and anytime to say, "I Love You."

Ebooks are sent via email to your email address. Paperbacks and hardbacks usually arrive within 1 week from when you order; eBooks within hours.

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

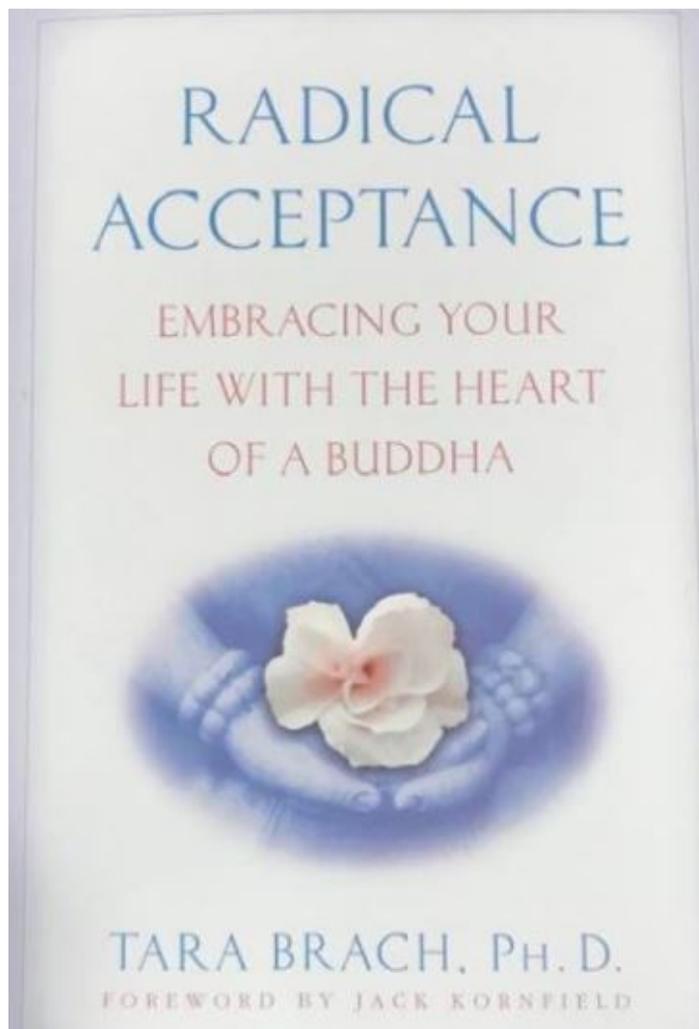
\*\*\*\*\* **CONTEST 3** \*\*\*\*\*

One lucky reader will win a copy of **RADICAL ACCEPTANCE: EMBRACING YOUR LIFE WITH THE HEART OF A BUDDHA** by Tara Brach.

To quote the review from PUBLISHERS WEEKLY:

A psychotherapist and Buddhist meditation teacher in the tradition of Jack Kornfield (who contributes a foreword), first-time author Brach offers readers a rich compendium of stories and techniques designed to help people awaken from what she calls "the trance of unworthiness." ... Interweaving stories from her own life as a hardworking single mother with many wonderful anecdotes culled from her therapy practice and her work as a leader of meditation retreats, Brach offers myriad examples of how our pain can become a doorway to love and liberation.

To enter the contest, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST 3 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, Feb. 7.



C. PLEASE HOLD THIS DATE ....

On Saturday, Feb. 26, I will be presenting a Marketing seminar for Asheville SCORE via Zoom.

Description:

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.

It begins at 9 a.m. and is free, but you must pre-register. The link to do so should be up and running soon, and I will get it to you next week.

D. Want to be a guest on my radio/Facebook Live show? If you have news you'd like to share and/or a story to tell, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put GUEST in the subject line. In the body of the email, include both your name and phone number.

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

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.

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: click: [Here](#).

F. 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).

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### 3. FYI

Worth checking out if you're in need of a TV. If you have ever done this or have worked in a store like Best Buy, please let me know if this works. (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing this idea.)



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Replying to @UberFacts

Best day to get a TV at Best Buy is a couple days after the super bowl. people will buy them for the big game and then return them and we're stuck putting them on open box. You can usually negotiate them down to like 50% off. Also they price match online stores on most things!

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### FYI, part 2

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

A. We Could All Use a Health Coach. B. The Pain Brain. C. Boosted Americans 97 times less likely to die of virus than unvaccinated. D. Why Churches Should Drop Their Online Services.

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### 4. Joke 1

My wife asked me to label the plugs ...



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## 5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I both enjoyed *THE EYES OF TAMMY FAYE*, the fact-based story of the evangelist Tammy Faye Baker who rose from humble beginnings to create with her husband Jim Baker to create the world's largest religious broadcasting network. Jessica Chastain is superb as Baker, and we also liked the work of Andrew Garfield as her husband and Victor D'Onofrio as Jerry Falwell. I hope that Chastain receives an Oscar nomination, along with makeup designer Linda Dowds. Make sure you watch through the credits to find out what happened to those in the film, as well as for their real-life pictures. Rated PG-13.

Afterward, I kept thinking about how *THE EYES OF TAMMY FAYE* reminded me about a certain former president and how he has managed to swindle so many into believing his lies.

In addition, i wondered if Chastain did her own singing. For more information about that topic, click: [Here](#).

Note: I've added this to my list of favorite films. If you'd like a copy of this list, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

B. Thanks, Ilene Logelin, for this recommendation:

Just wanted to share with you about a heartwarming movie that I saw on Netflix last night. It's called *MY FATHER'S VIOLIN*. It had some unlikely events, but was charming nevertheless if you like the violin.

Cynthia also liked it, so based on these two recommendations I then saw this film, and I loved it.

The story is about a young girl who suffers a heartbreaking loss. Afterward, she tries to connect with a distant uncle who shares her passion for the violin. The music is superb, and the story will move you. Not rated, but appropriate for young children.

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## 6. TV alert

A. HOME TEAM: Now available on Netflix

This family comedy is based on the the story of Sean Payton, the head coach of the new Orleans Saints, who was suspended from the NFL for his role in a bounty scandal. Kevin James stars.

Note: I saw it and found it watchable, though not overly original. You've seen similar films before, yet still you might enjoy it--especially if you are watching it with any young football fan.

B. RACING DAREDEVILS: Monday, Feb. 7, beginning at 6:30 a.m. on TCM

This eight-film marathon features some fast cars and tense chases. It starts with the RED HOT, a 1935 high-speed crime drama, and ends with Elvis in 1966's SPINOUT.

C. MARIAN ANDERSON: THE WHOLE WORLD IN HER HANDS: Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 9 p.m. on PBS (check local listings: [Here](#))

The revered contralto, who also became a civil rights icon, is spotlighted in this documentary.

D. SUPERBOWL LVI: Sunday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m. on NBC

I'm rooting for Cincinnati, the 4-point underdog. (I'm surprised that that the figure isn't higher.) But even if you're not a fan of the game, you can always watch for the commercials, as well as for the halftime performances from Dr Dre, Snoop Dogg, Eminem, Mary J Blige, and Kendrick Lamar.

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## 7. Joke 2

Be forewarned ... future posts cannonli get worse! (Thanks, Kathy Webb, for sharing.)



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## 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: [bjinbc@aol.com](mailto:bjinbc@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) Last week, I shared a reggae cover of "Happy Together." For this week, please view Flo & Eddie's version: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing this clip:

Kido is one smart cat. See for yourself by clicking: [Here](#).

Mr. Curious here: Can you beat my performance? I was only able to get this correct 1 out of 3 times.

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

(1) Laura Nyro: "Eli's coming," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns on 2.6.2022: [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Graham Nash: [Here](#).

(4) Neil (above) mentions Nash's "I Used to Be a King." If you'd also want to listen to it, click: [Here](#).

(5) Jonathan Berg: Revenge: [Here](#).

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

Can a neural network learn to recognize doodling? Help teach it by adding your drawings to the world's largest doodling data set at Quick Draw. To do so, click:

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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## 9. Technology tip

Much of what you see on the internet needs additional scrutiny. Here's a terrific site that will enable you to spot

and avoid shady sellers, products with dishonest reviews and scam websites for free. It is called Fakespot. To get it for Chrome, Firefox, iOS and Android, click: [Here](#).

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### 10. Joke 3

Hooked on phonics! Ain't it wonderful? (Thanks, Ginger Heskett, for sharing.)

My five-year old students, are learning to read. Yesterday one of them pointed at a picture in a zoo book and said, 'Look at this! It's a frickin' elephant!' I took a deep breath, then asked... 'What did you call it?' 'It's a frickin' elephant! It says so on the picture!' And so it does...



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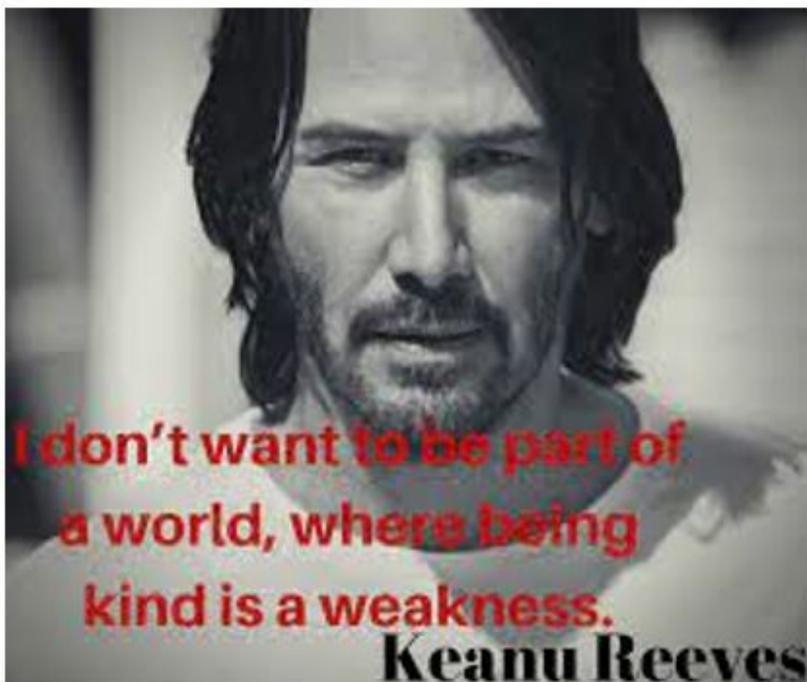
### 11. Two quotes I like

Thanks, Yvette Mimieux (1942-2022), for your career as an American actress perhaps known best known for THE TIME MACHINE. ... I also liked her work in WHERE THE BOYS ARE, LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA and as an epileptic surfer in a two-part DR. KILDARE. ... For more information about her life, click: [Here](#).

**“Have you noticed that they write parts for mute women  
but not for mute men? It must be a masculine dream:  
a woman who can feel and hear but not talk!”--  
Yvette Mimieux (pictured below on the left)**



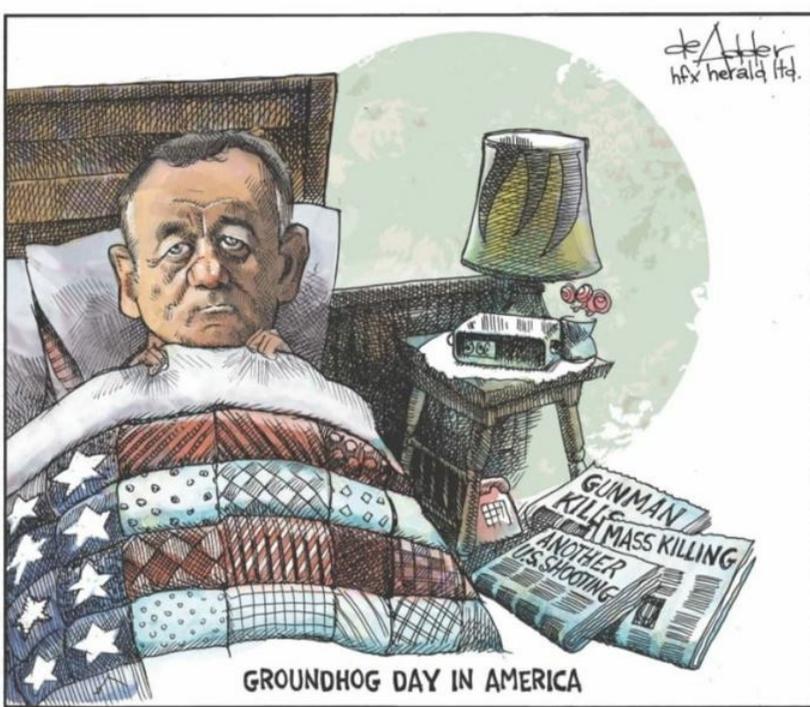
Keanu Reeves (born 1964) is a Canadian actor best known for such films as BILL & TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE, POINT BREAK, SPEED THE MATRIX and JOHN WICK.



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## 12. Thought for the day

Soooo true! (Thanks, Jimmy Ferraro, for sharing.)



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### 13. Advance planning department

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

A. Randy Freeman: The Asheville Barbershop Chapter. B. Marc Cameron: LOVE LETTERS. C. Peggy Ratusz: The Asheville Lounge Sessions Launch Party. D. Connie Regan-Blake: Explore the Landscapes of Story & Telling in 4 Weekly Sessions.

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

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