

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 enjoyed still another terrific meal at Pacific Pagoda. We also received excellent service from Caroline. ... Note: if you're in the mood for Asian food, you won't go wrong at this eatery-  
-either to dine in or get something for take out.



B. Thanks, NC Stage, for bringing back a new production of JEEVES INTERVENES--the play that began in 2016 the company's popular series of comedies featuring a valet by the name of Jeeves. ... This laugh a minute production features a stellar cast, including Charlie Flynn-McIver (top photo), Callan White (bottom left) and Scott Treadway (bottom right), Guiesseppe Jones, Faith Lavon and Peter Thomasson, along with spot on direction from Angie Flynn-McIver. ... It runs through March 13 and tickets can be obtained at: [Here](#). ... What's especially convenient is that you have the option of going in-person or streaming at home.



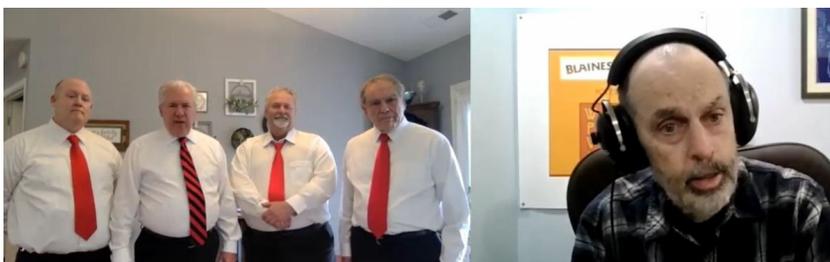
C. WOW! ... Jered Jackson Shults gives a brilliant performance in NOCTURNE, now at HART through Feb. 13. ... This powerful drama is directed with aplomb by [Doug Savitt](#). And kudos to Dakota Mann for his work as stage manager. ... For tickets, click: [Here](#) or call 828.456.6322.



D. Catch this week's BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) David Zack, chief of police, Asheville Police Department ([Here](#)); and (second half) Danny and Rebecca Mullikin, band members, Tuatha Dea ([Here](#)).



E. Catch a special Facebook Live edition of the BLAINESWORLD show this week by clicking: [Here](#). .... Guests: Members of the Asheville Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society--Bruce Crane, Randy Freeman, Jamie Blair and Jim Gordon.



F. Condolences to Helene Peyton and family on the passing of Sylvia Gingold, Helene's mother.

G. Congratulations to:

(1) Howard Debs on having "Would Joan Baez have Performed for the Crowd on January 6th?" included in

DISSIDENT VOICE. To read it, click: [Here](#).

(2) Katie Kasben on her new job as Program Manager for Under 1 Sky Village Foundation.

H. Announcing this week's ...

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

It goes to Amy Przynosch (pictured below)--the amazing producer of my BLAINESWORLD radio/Facebook Live show for the past four years.

She has taken care of both arranging and scheduling guests, as well as handling all sorts of other details each week.

Sadly for me, Amy has just taken a full-time job as a palliative care coordinator for Care Partners Hospice, so she will no longer be working for me as of February 20. But I'm glad for her, as well as for Care Partners. They are fortunate to be gaining her as a member of their staff.

Fortunately, I do have some good news to report: She is being replaced by my friend, the equally amazing Cappy Tossetti, and Amy is already in the process of training her.



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## 2. Invites

A. CONGRATULATIONS to Ray Perisho, winner of Contest #3: a copy of **RADICAL ACCEPTANCE: EMBRACING YOUR LIFE WITH THE HEART OF A BUDDHA** by Tara Brach.

B. All told, there were six entries. And that reminds me it is now time to introduce ..

\*\*\*\*\* **CONTEST 4** \*\*\*\*\*

One lucky reader will win a copy of **ADVANCED ROMANCE: LIBERATION FROM 16 ROMANTIC RULES TO VASTLY ENHANCE YOUR CHANGES FOR LIFE-CHANGING LOVE** by my friend Bill Branyon and Lauren Eavarone.

To quote one Amazon reviewer:

With much wisdom, stunning insight, and plenty of wordplay, Bill Branyon and Lauren Eavarone give us a cutting-edge guidebook on contemporary friending, flirting, dating and loving. Having survived one marriage and four live-ins, having long written for The New Yorker and The New York Times (where I art directed for 30 years and about which I've authored a book), I thought I knew everything; yet I learned a lot (and had a terrific time) while reading *Advanced Romance*.

To enter the contest, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST 4 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. 21.

### 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

### You Can Now Earn \$2k If You Quit Social Media for Two Months

by Rebecca Flood

Most of us are on some form of social media these days, with our phones never far from sight.

As technology has advanced, a good proportion of our lives is now lived in the virtual world, sharing photos, videos and messages online.

One company is now looking to pay you \$2,000 if you can quit social media for two months.

The deadline for applications is February 21. To find out more and to get a link to apply, click: [Here](#).



## FYI, part 2

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

A. Jon Bernthal's Guide to Making It as a Supporting Actor. B. Janet Zofchak: She built her Tiny House for only 5K Euros. C. Stray Cats Show Up At Miniature Model Restaurant --And End Up Saving The Day! D. Do I Really Need Travel Insurance?

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## 4. Joke 1

True love ...



## 5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I both loved MARRY ME, a delightful rom-com about two superstars who are about to be married before a global audience of fans. But when one discovers that the other had been unfaithful seconds before their vows, she instead decides to marry a stranger in the crowd. Jennifer Lopez and Owen Wilson are

both outstanding in the leading roles, and we also liked the work of both Maluma (in his feature-film debut) and Sarah Silverman. Rated PG-13.

Note: You may have heard the movie's title song, but "On My Way" is the one we liked best. To listen to it, click: [Here](#).

B. We also liked NIGHTMARE ALLEY, a remake of the 1947 noir thriller about bad people doing very bad things. Bradley Cooper and Cate Blanchett both shine in this film that also featured a memorable performance from Richard Jenkins. It was too long, but a brilliant ending from director Guillermo del Toro saves the day. Rated R.

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## 6. TV alert

A. ABBOTT ELEMENTARY: Tuesdays at 9 p.m. on ABC

TV GUIDE calls this sitcom about beleaguered educators at a low-funded Philadelphia public elementary school its "Pick of the Week." I've seen a few episodes and would also recommend it.

B. ICAHN; THE RESTLESS BILLIONAIRE: Documentary premiere on Tuesday, Feb. 15, on HBO at 9 p.m. Carl Icahn--worth nearly \$17 billion--is both a fascinating figure and raconteur.

C. THE MARVELOUS MRS. MAISEL: Returns on Friday, Feb. 18, on Amazon Prime  
This Emmy-winning comedy series moves further into the Swinging '60s. I can't wait!

D. TCM MEMORIAL TRIBUTE: SIDNEY POITIER: Beginning on Saturday, Feb. 19, beginning on TCM at 8 p.m.

Catch such classics as IN THE HEAT OF THE NIGHT (8 p.m.), THE DEFIANT ONES (10 p.m.), A WARM DECEMBER (midnight) and LILIES OF THE FIELD, his Oscar winner (Sunday at 4 p.m.).

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## 7. Joke 2

On second thought, my preference is to not be buried in a cemetery. I'd never get any peace. Too much coffin. (Thanks, Jean Dolan, for sharing.)



**ON MY TOMBSTONE, PLEASE WRITE  
"NOT APPRECIATING MY PUNS WAS A  
GRAVE MISTAKE."**



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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: [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 view this version from Gerard Way: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Australian comedian Jim Jeffries breaks down the absurdity of America's obsession with guns in his Netflix special BARE:

(Part 1): [Here](#).

(Part 2): [Here](#).

If you'd instead like to read the full transcript, click: [Here](#).

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

(1) Thanks, Bill Branyon, for sharing "Peace Train" featuring Yusuf / Cat Stevens and others, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Carole King: [Here](#).

(3) One of the songs mentioned in the above is "It's Too Late." To see King sing the song, click: [Here](#).

(4) Howard Smith: Sunday hymns on piano: [Here](#).

(5) Cynthia Greenfield: Woman's trip to the water: [Here](#).

(6) Lisa Fowler: Enthusiasm exemplified: [Here](#).

(7) Jonathan Berg: Boogie Woogie Twins: [Here](#).

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

Tired of your basic font; e.g., Times New Roman? Or Arial, the one I use? ... At Da Font, you can spend hours downloading new fonts from typography artists to spice up any document. ... To check out this website, click: [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

Why you shouldn't close idle apps and other ways to save your phone's data and battery  
by Jennifer Jolly

I can tell the time based on how much battery my phone has left. Full charge? I must have just gotten up. Half-dead? It's probably time to eat lunch and start looking for that phone charger I swear I put in my bag this morning. By the time I get the notification that my phone is entering Battery Saver mode, it's not even mid-afternoon and I'm desperate for a charging cable. Why does this keep happening?!

If you're anything like me, you've noticed that little by little your phone has nudged its way into every aspect of your life. Sure, it's always been the primary communication tool, but now it's a to-do list, a business conference room, an entertainment center and a credit card all rolled into one. No wonder our phones are dying before we even sit down for dinner! The good news is, there are a few simple tips that can save your battery from power-hungry apps and preserve your sanity in the process.

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

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## 10. Joke 3

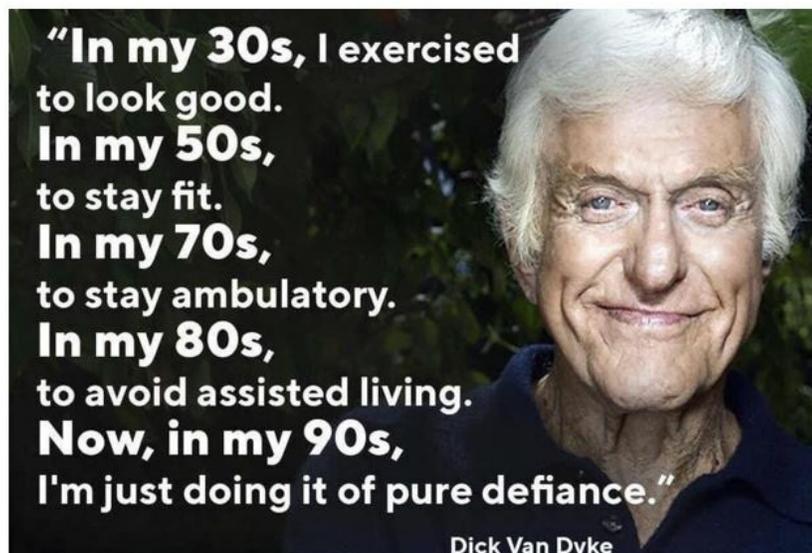
Yesterday, I had my annual Medicare wellness check. The doctor said that at my age, I should have a bar in the shower. So I took her advice. (Thanks, Charlie Ianni, for sharing.)



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### 11. A quote I like

Dick Van Dyke (born 1925) is an American actor, comedian, writer, singer and dancer, whose award-winning career has spanned seven decades in film, television and the theatre. Van Dyke is the recipient of five Primetime Emmys, a Tony and a Grammy Award, and he was inducted into the Television Hall of Fame in 1995.



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### 12. Thought for the day

Thanks, David Car, for granting me permission to use the following blog entry ...

To: The next occupant of this desk

From: David Carr, HR Consultant, Human Resources, City of Asheville

Welcome!

I was at this desk for over 9 years! I hope you find your work to be as fulfilling as I did while using this desk!

The people I worked with were wonderful. I hope you find them equally enjoyable.

Here is my advice to you on the use and care of this desk:

First, use this desk as a tool not as a barrier! Whenever people came in to see me, I moved my chair so the desk was not a barrier between us.

When people came into this office, I gave them 100% of my attention! I avoided the distractions of computer screens and smartphones. I was fully present. (This was also important when I attended meetings.)

Second, this desk gets really old after being at it for more than eight hours. I tried not to stay late. I went home! There is no work-life balance – there is just balance. When people ask me what I do, I tell them, I am a collaborator in God's creation, a significant other to my wife, a father to my children (even though they are grown!), a friend to my cohorts and friends, and then an HR Consultant to the City of Asheville. These were my priorities, thus the City of Asheville got just over 40 hours of work from me per week. The rest of my time went to my priorities!

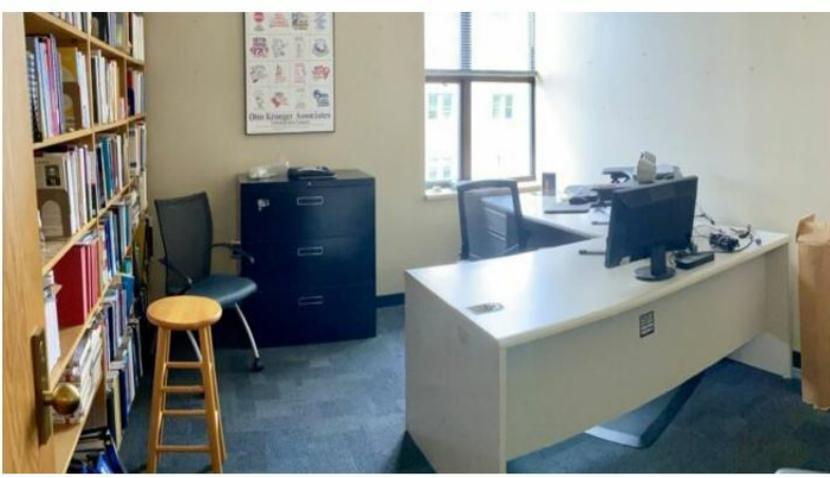
Third, I emailed less and went to see people face-to-face as much as possible! In fact, if an email took longer than 5 minutes to write, there was emotion involved, and I would meet face-to-face. Emails hurt relationships! I cannot tell you how many people came into this office with a stack of printed-out emails who were in conflict with a cohort just a couple of doors down from them!

Fourth, this was a great desk to handwrite notes to people to let them know I saw them doing something right, or to thank them for helping me with a project or for being a part of the team!

Fifth, this desk was essential on late Friday afternoons! I closed the door, reflected on what went well this week; what got accomplished; who helped me; who I helped. And then I would plan for the next week. This made Sunday evening less stressful and prevented me from thinking about Monday's work!

Best wishes for the work you are doing here at the City of Asheville! You are part of a vibrant community that makes a difference!

Carrpe Diem!



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### 13. Advance planning department

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

A. Cheyenne Dancy: Parkway Playhouse: Auditions. B. Sharon Lewis: Deep River will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary as a band on July 9th. C. Dominic Michael Aquilino: Currently looking for a 1950s style motorcycle. D. The Magnetic Theatre: THE SHORTHAND JOB.

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

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