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1. Reflections

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Note: Due to space limitations, two "regular" sections (Reviews, and TV alert) have been eliminated this week. They will resume next week.

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Attended the grand opening of Sand Hill Kitchen, a Candler eatery. There was some great food, and best of all, Cynthia won one of the door prizes: a gift certificate and a T-shirt. Pictured, l-r: Charlotte Wade, James Wade, Jamie Wade (the owner), Cynthia Greenfield and Blaine Greenfield.



(2) Saw a terrific play, ALMOST MAINE, at 35 below. Pictured (left photo), l-r: John O'Neill, Reeni Lindblom Dowd, Blaine Greenfield, Cynthia Greenfield, Heather Nicole Bronson and Dylan Murray. O'Neill, Bronson and Murray were all in the play, along with Ellen Soderberg. Dowd provided direction that was spot on. We also bumped into friends (right photo) Jerry and Gladys Podhurst.



(3) Then met other friends at the Korean House for a delicious dinner where we received fine service from Christy. Pictured, l-r: Gloria Schrader, Blaine Greenfield, Cynthia Greenfield, Ginny Plaisted, Andrew Zimmnicki, Dan Randall, Grant Randall, Steve Byas and Jerry Schrader.

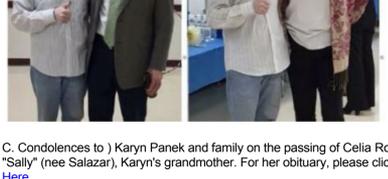


(4) Thanks, David Joe Miller, for the recommendation to and check out Standard Pizza in West Asheville. We did and liked the pizza, as well as the fact that you can get individual slices. Cynthia also enjoyed her salad.

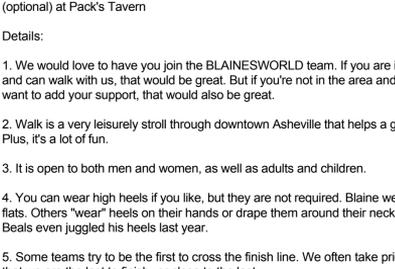


B. During the week, I:

(1) Got a big kick out of the The Magnetic Theatre's production of MONEY AND HOW TO MAKE IT. Pictured, l-r: Blaine Greenfield, Scott Fisher, Glenn Reed, Valerie Meiss and Katie Langwell. Kudos, also, to Steven Samuels for his direction.



(2) Attended the A-B Tech Business Incubation Program Networking Social, at which time I caught up with such friends as (top left photo) Jill Sparks and Duane Adams, (top right photo) Alan Dunlap, (bottom left photo) Patrick Fitzsimmons and (bottom right photo) Rosanna Mulcahy. I also won a door prize: handmade soap donated by Patti Cameron—an employee at the school. Thanks, Patti! ... For other pictures, please click: [Here](#)



C. Condolences to) Karyn Panek and family on the passing of Celia Rose Carlson "Sally" (nee Salazar), Karyn's grandmother. For her obituary, please click: [Here](#)

D. Congratulations to:

(1) Matt Mittan on his new position as District Coordinator with Aflac in Western North Carolina. In addition, he now officially has his own agency: The Matt Mittan Agency.

(2) Abby Felder (and Asheville Creative Arts) for the nice coverage it received recently in the CITIZEN-TIMES. To read it, please click: [Here](#)

(3) Lilly Mills for getting into the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and, also, for receiving a \$5,000 scholarship.

(4) Joshua Collier on being chosen to perform his first Rodolfo in LA BOHEME in Vermont in late August.

(5) Dana and Rob Gardner on the birth of Gia Nicole, their daughter.

(6) Coy Austin Theobalt and Lora Ristau on their engagement.

E. Please join the BLAINESWORLD team at the following event ...

Walk a Mile, the annual fundraiser for Our VOICE (the organization that serves all individuals in Buncombe County affected by sexual assault and abuse) takes place on Saturday, May 6.

Location: Pack Place Park in Asheville. In addition, you can participate virtually by making a contribution.

Time: 10:30 a.m., Register; 10:45, Pictures; 11, Walk; and 12, Celebratory lunch (optional) at Pack's Tavern

Details:

1. We would love to have you join the BLAINESWORLD team. If you are in the area and can walk with us, that would be great. But if you're not in the area and/or you just want to add your support, that would also be great.

2. Walk is a very leisurely stroll through downtown Asheville that helps a great cause. Plus, it's a lot of fun.

3. It is open to both men and women, as well as adults and children.

4. You can wear high heels if you like, but they are not required. Blaine wears very low flats. Others "wear" heels on their hands or drape them around their neck. Walter Beals even juggled his heels last year.

5. Some teams try to be the first to cross the finish line. We often take pride in the fact that we are the last to finish—or close to the last.

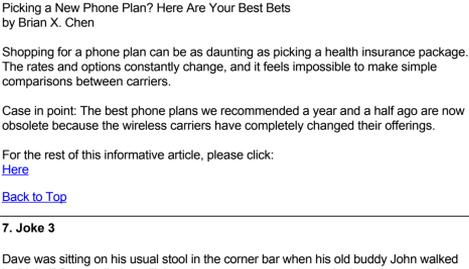
6. To register and/or make a contribution, please click: [Here](#)

Note: You can set up an individual fund raising page, but it is easier if you just click "Join a Team" or "Donate" and then have contributions go to the BLAINESWORLD team that's already been established. You can have your many fans and friends do the same. (They can also indicate that their contributions are going to support your efforts.)

7. Register early, and you also get a T-shirt as long as supplies last.

Questions: Send an email to Blaine: bjnbc@aol.com and put WALK A MILE in the subject line.

PS. See below for a picture of just some of the participants on last year's team.



F. Reminders:

(1) There's still time to enter...

***** CONTEST #4 *****

One lucky reader will win a copy of CREATIVITY & PROBLEM SOLVING by Bran Tracy. The book reveals 21 helpful tools for becoming more creative in virtually any field. I reviewed it in BLAINESWORLD #1048 and enjoyed it. ... To enter the contest: Send an email to: bjnbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #4 in the subject line. In the body of the email, please include your small mail address. All entries must be received on or before Monday, Feb. 27, at 9 p.m.

(2) Join me at the next event of the Asheville Jewish Business Forum ...

Date: Thursday, March 9, at 5:30 p.m. at Strada Asheville

Speaker: David Block--President Insurance Specialties, Inc.

Topic: "Is this the death knell for Obamacare?"

For more information and to register, please click: [Here](#)

Note: You don't have to be Jewish to attend.

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

Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for this week's nomination: I was very impressed with Dr. Lane (Oral surgeon) and her office. I had a blocked salivary gland, and it had been bothering me for awhile. Originally, they could not get me in for just an evaluation for two weeks. The office staff was so friendly and put me on the waiting list. An appointment did come up, and they called me. ... After the evaluation, we set a date for a procedure to be done in the office. Dr. Lane and her assistant were friendly, informative and kind, which is important to me because I get very nervous when getting work done in my mouth. On the day of the procedure, it turned out that I did not have to have stitches and everything was explained to me very clearly as we went along. That night, I received a personal phone call from Dr. Lane asking how I was doing. She also reminded me that she wanted to see me in two weeks to see how I was healing.

This simply shows how a little kindness, courtesy and caring about your patients makes one doctor or dentists experience drastically different from another one where those courtesies are not extended. It really makes a difference.

She can be reached as follows: Dr. Lane, Oral Surgeon, 4 Vanderbilt Park Drive, Suite 210, Asheville, NC. Phone: 828.505.1960.

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2. FYI

MONEY SAVING TIP ... Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I go together to buy greeting cards. We do this every Valentine's Day, anniversary, birthday, etc. ... We spend as much time as is necessary to get just the "right" card that expresses our love. Then we exchange the card, read it out aloud to each other and put it back on the rack. ... Money saved: anywhere from \$10-20, time together: priceless!

Thanks, Bill Lewis, for asking me the following question after he saw the above: Have you ever seen Kevin James do his bit on buying greeting cards during one of his comedy shows? ... I hadn't, but per Bill's question, I looked it up. It's also priceless. To view it, please click: [Here](#)

FYI, part 2

To read each of the following contributions in full, please click: [Here](#)

(1) Diane Boyce: I did purchase some whole grain cereal from Thrive Market a couple of years ago. (2) Kim Hughes: You are so cool Blaine! (3) Lori Rudens: I tried out the Thrive market. (4) Are you ready for math camp? (5) The age of rudeness. (6) Ange Maffei: The Good Fight on CBS. (7) Henry Weintraub: If you want to see an amazing movie based on a true story, go see Lion. (8) When retirement comes with a daily dose of cannabis. (9) (9) Ruth Planey: Thanks so much for putting the link to George's [Pappas] presentation.(10) Carole Biro: I have several friends who love Thrive an online health food store. (11) Adrienne Clark: Thanks for the Super Bowl program. (12) So, um, how do you, like, stop using filler words? (13) Mike Martelli: Oscar picks.

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3. Joke 1

I'm going to retire and live off of my savings. Not sure what I'll do that second week. (Thanks, Ivan Winegar, for sharing.)

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4. Joke 2

My request! (Thanks, Chuck Welsh, for posting a variation of this that cited beer bottles. Wine would work better in my case because that's what most of my friends drink.)

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5. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Meredith Bennett ... Willie Nelson: Just Breath [Here](#)

(2) Jerry Crouch ... This vet climbs into cage with a starving stray dog to bring back its trust [Here](#)

(3) Roberta Gurwood ... The Greatest Response to Jew Hatred I Have Ever Seen [Here](#)

(4) Herb Spiegel ... Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the Perspective That Comes With Motherhood [Here](#)

(5) Sheldon Hamash: NBA Legends' CRAZY Reactions to 6'11" Dunker [Here](#)

B. In BLAINESWORLD #1053, I gave a website for alphabetizing results. It was pretty good. This one is perhaps even better. To use it, please click: [Here](#)

It enables you to alphabetize, sort by last name, make all characters lower case, remove duplicates and a whole lot more. Check it out!

C. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running ... to view it, please click: [Here](#)

D. 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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6. Technology tip

Picking a New Phone Plan? Here Are Your Best Bets by Brian X. Chen

Shopping for a phone plan can be as daunting as picking a health insurance package. The rates and options constantly change, and it feels impossible to make simple comparisons between carriers.

Case in point: The best phone plans we recommended a year and a half ago are now obsolete because the wireless carriers have completely changed their offerings.

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

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7. Joke 3

Dave was sitting on his usual stool in the corner bar when his old buddy John walked in. "John!" Dave called out. "I thought you gave up coming to the bar so you and the wife could spend more time together and, you know, work on having children?" ... "That's why I'm here," John said, sliding into the next seat. "We were just fighting about it." ... "Aw!" Dave said. "I thought you two were in total agreement that you both wanted kids!" ... "That's what I thought too," John said as another shot glass was set in front of him. ... "Well, what happened?" ... "Well," John said, taking a big gulp. "I found out we're not in total agreement. She only wants me to have them with her!"

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8. A quote I like

"My Mama always said, 'Life was like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're gonna get.'" --Tom Hanks as Forrest Gump in FORREST GUMP

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9. Thought for the day

A friend, Cappy Tosetti, recently posted the following on Facebook. She has graciously allowed me to run it here: Tears stream down my face this morning after hearing about Dakota, a dear dog I had the pleasure of knowing only for two days—but he touched my heart deeply. I took care of Dakota last fall at the Grove Park Inn. An exceptional pet sitting service and his parents, a lovely couple from Florida, developed. We have since formed a wonderful friendship.

I just learned Dakota died unexpectedly last night from a fast-acting tumor. He was fine on Thursday. I still can't believe it shows in an email received today. Life is so special ... so fragile. One moment all is well, and then the rug is pulled out from under us the next.

I always hug my three dogs close each day, but this morning I sat down with each, giving them extra kisses and thanking them again for being in my life. My oldest is Penny with 14 years on her birthday cake this month. I am so grateful for her love and devotion, having adopted her 12 years ago a few months before Jim died. She's been my best friend, my rock, my soulmate.

We never know what today and tomorrow will bring. Hold those you love close, both humans and pets. Let them know just how much they mean to you. Celebrate the moment. It's a gift to cherish always.

I'm going to plant a tree and lots of flowers in Dakota's honor to match those eyes of blue.

Note: Cappy heads Happy with Cappy Pet Sitting, an exceptional pet sitting service in the Asheville area. She can be reached at cappyi@att.net; 828.707.7203.

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10. Advance planning department

To read about each of the following events in full, please click: [Here](#)

A. NC events

(1) THE LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD SHOW. (2) Tina Firewolf presents COLLECTIVE SOUL EXPERIENCE. (3) SONGS FOR A NEW WORLD.

B. PANJ event

(1) TWELFTH NIGHT.

PS. Make it a wonderful week!

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