
Note: You're reading BLAINESWORLD, a weekly blog published by Blaine Greenfield. It contains some jokes, hopefully, not toooo risqué (typically in Sections 3, 6 and 9); reviews of shows, movies and books; quotes, etc. ... Please feel free to share it with your friends. ... 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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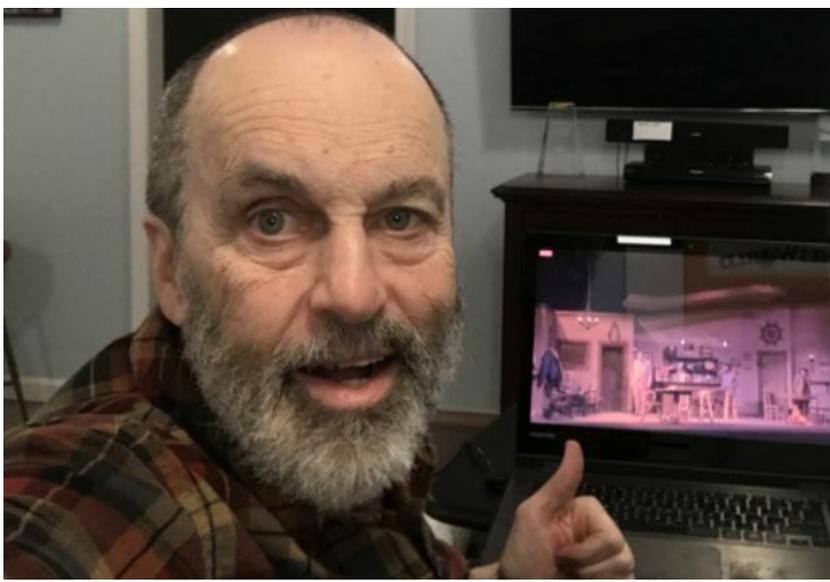
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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I continued to hunker down in Week 53 of the corona pandemic. Fortunately, we were able to take advantage of the nice weather we've been having lately that has enabled us to resume dining outside. That's us at Rye Knot, a place that's rapidly becoming one of our favorite eateries. The food is always good, and we enjoy the friendly service we get. (That night, Michelle was our server.)



B. Thanks, The Hickory Community Theatre, for your live production of THE WEIR that you also made available to me (and others) via streaming. Local favorite Mike Yow was terrific as always, as was the rest of the cast: Jordan Randall, Will Vogler, Mark Woodard and Christy Rhianna Branch. And Eric Seale's direction of this Irish drama was spot on. The show runs through March 28. For tickets, please click: [Here](#).



C. BLAINESWORLD show, 3.17.2021. Guests: (first half) Sarah Benoit, co-founder and lead instructor, JB Media Institute; and (second half): Bill Branyon, freelance historian. ... To view the show, please click: [Here](#).



D. Condolences to:

- (1) Diane Worthington and family on the passing of Ann Louderbough, her mother.
- (2) Debra Oge' Boudreaux and family on the passing of Debra's mom.

E. Congratulations to:

- (1) Howard Smith on the 1-year anniversary of playing his church music every Sunday morning at 8 a.m. To view the most recent clip, please click: [Here](#).

Note: Howard plays such music every Sunday morning at 8 a.m. Regardless of your religion, you will find it uplifting. Join me any Sunday morning by clicking: [Here](#).

- (2) Greg and Ashley Garrison on the upcoming opening of another location for the Hop Ice Cream Cafe ... this one will be in Downtown Asheville, which will be part of the highly-anticipated new Food Hall opening in the historic S&W Building. For all the details, check out [@SWAsheville](#) on Facebook and Instagram.

- (3) Connie Regan-Blake on her newest venture: Fanciful Greeting Cards. For more information about this, please click [Here](#).

F. Reminders:

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

(2) Come join Cynthia in either or both of the virtual courses she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week: Meditation on Monday and Move Your Body on Wednesday. To attend this and/or any of the others (that are open to the public), scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

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

******* CONTEST #6 *******

One lucky winner will win a copy of STRENGTHS FINDER 2.0 by Tom Rath. According to one Amazon reviewer:

This book is quite simplistic and valuable. When I returned to college as an adult this book was a requirement in one of my business classes. It really does nothing but have you go on line and answer a survey that takes very little time and based on your answers comes back to your five greatest strengths. The book is so incredibly accurate that based on one of my strengths it told me I am probably the type of person who collects baseball cards, which I have done for over 40 years. There wasn't a single question about cards in the survey. My wife and I have since bought each of our children one so that they could take the survey before they finished high school in hopes that it might help steer them towards a career that although they might not know it could be something they are actually quite interested in and could do quite well.

To enter this contest. Send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #6 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include both your name and email address, as well as your mailing address. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Monday, March 22.

G. Announcing his week's ...

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

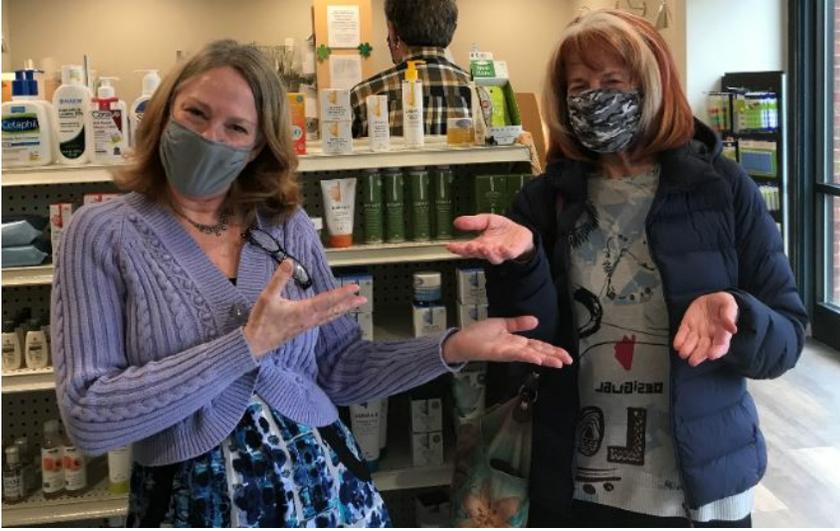
Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for this week's nomination:

It goes to Christine Moody, supplement specialist at Asheville Compounding Pharmacy. She is both delightful and very helpful. When she is not looking up information for me, she can be seen throughout the store assisting others in a friendly manner. She also wears the very coolest clothes and loves cats ... how can you not love her?

Her pharmacy rocks. To quote from its website:

Asheville Compounding Pharmacy is a family-owned, full-service compounding pharmacy that has served the Asheville and western North Carolina community for over 25 years. In addition to filling traditional prescriptions, we also custom compound medications for a wide variety of conditions for both human and veterinary patients. We carry a full line of nutritional supplements and all-natural skin care products.

Note: We have been customers there for several years and been very impressed by all the other employees, in addition to Christine. For more information, please click: [Here](#).



2. FYI

THIS IS INCREDIBLE! ... Recently, I went to my local Ingles to purchase milk. I was slated to be out of town with Cynthia the following week, so I decided to get a half-gallon of 1% milk. The price was \$2.08 (left picture). Out of curiosity, I then looked at the milk in the gallon size (right picture), and the price for that was \$1.69. So for 39 cents less, I was able to get twice as much milk.

This seems to happen quite often. For an explanation of why that's the case, check out this column by John Boyle--my favorite local reporter: [Here](#).



FYI, part 2

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

A. He Went to 105 Shows in One Season. Now He Watches TV. B. Steve Kimmel: 7 ways to avoid becoming a misinformation superspreader. C. What Elliot Page plans to do next.

3. Joke 1

Please take my St. Patrick's Day advice and NEVER iron a four-leaf clover. You don't want to press your luck!



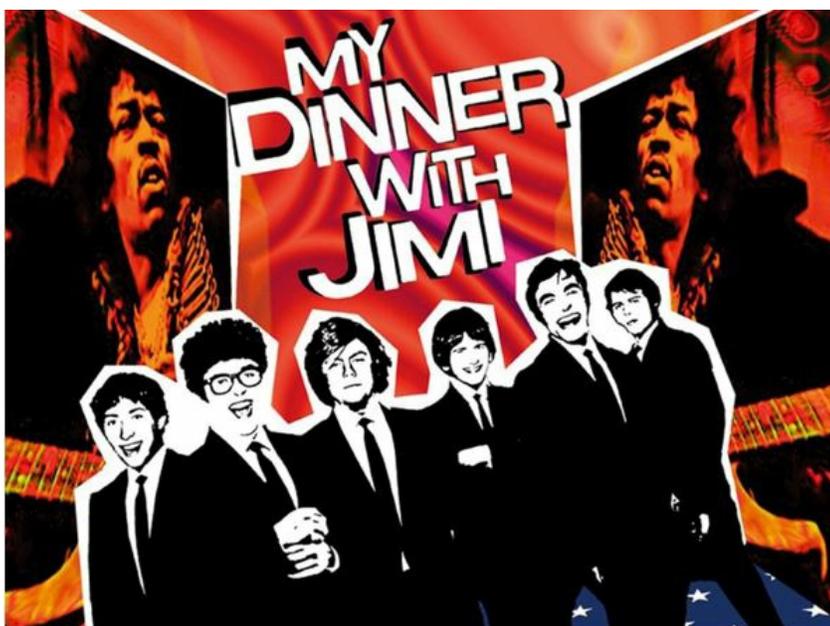
4. Reviews

A. I liked ON MOONLIGHT BAY, a tuneful romance about a teenage tomboy who makes music with a college man in circa-World War I Indiana. Doris Day and Gordon MacRae have great chemistry together. Methinks you'll enjoy the oldie tunes.

B. Thanks, Rich Orth, for this recommendation:

You ever see MY DINNER WITH JIMI [a movie about when the Turtles toured England] on Amazon Prime? It was fun. It was written by Howard Kaylan and narrated by his character. We really enjoyed it. The wigs are bad, but all the acting was good. The guys really had the Turtles stage mannerisms down. The guy doing Hendrix was spot on in speech pattern.

Response: I had not seen it, but because of the above, I just did. Enjoyed it, but didn't love it. I would have liked to have seen more music. Rich is right, though, about the guy playing Hendrix--an actor named Royale Watkins. He was the best part off the film.



C. Thanks, Risa Reavely, for this recommendation:
Documentary to watch: THE LAST BLOCKBUSTER.

Response: I got kick out of learning about the struggles of the manager of the last Blockbuster to keep the store open. It also brought back fond memories of my many visits to Blockbuster.

D. Thanks, Mike Martinelli, for this recommendation:

You and Cynthia have to watch this movie: THE INDEPENDENTS). I found it by a fluke. It's wonderful. The true story of the singing group, The Sweet Remains, who formed the band. All group members play themselves in the movie Greg Naughton (American Werewolf In London), Rich Price and Brian Chartrand. The movie is available to rent or purchase on Amazon Prime. PS. Broadway icon Kelly O'Hara has a small role in this film.

E. Correction: Last week, I mentioned a film I enjoyed: BALL OF COMEDY. I had the title wrong. The correct title is BALL OF FIRE. See below for the corrected version of my recommendation:

Much, much better is BALL OF FIRE, a screwball comedy from 1941 that starred Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwyck in a funny twist on the Snow White story. You'll get a kick out of Cooper when he says, "I've gone goofy, completely goofy" chaos of slang in the film overwhelms his orderly vocabulary. If you can, find this one on TCM or elsewhere if you can.

F. Thanks, Ilene Logelin, for this book recommendation:

I want to make you aware of a book that I just read that has answered all my questions about Trump and the Republicans. I wanted to know why people support them no matter what they say or do, and even if they want to overthrow our government. This book answers it all. It's called "The Power Worshipper," by Katherine Stewart. I got it from the library. Check it out and let me know what you think. It's definitely an eye opener.

5. TV alert

A. FAST-FORWARD: LOOK INTO YOUR FUTURE: Wed., March 24, at 10 p.m. on PBS (check local listings at [pbs.org](https://www.pbs.org))

Four pairs of parents and adult children see what they could look and feel like 30 years from now.

B. TWYLA MOVES: Thurs., March 25, at 9 p.m. on PBS (check local listing at [pbs.org](https://www.pbs.org))

Choreographer Twyla Tharp tells the story of her life and most famous works.

C. TINA: Documentary premiere on Sat., March 27, at 8 p.m. on HBO

TV GUIDE calls this program "a triumphant biographical documentary" [about icon Tina Turner].

D. DON'T GO BREAKING MY HEART: Movie premiere on Sat., March 27, at 9 p.m. on Hallmark Channel

A self-help maven runs a boot camp to heal broken hearts. .

6. Joke 2

This has me thinking that employees will want to wear masks long after COVID-19 has passed. (Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.)



**"OK, which one of you
just called me an
asshole?"**

7. Clips/Sites

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 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 clip of them performing "Outside Chance," "Flyin' High" and "We'll Meet Again": [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Thanks, Mark Jones, for sharing this video that he directed and edited:

Seasons of Love Project: [Here](#).

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

(1) Jimmy Cliff: Better Days are Coming, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Neil Ratner, The Rock Doc, about James Taylor: [Here](#).

(3) Aaron Ybarra: Digital Church (3.21.21): [Here](#).

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

Google Drive: [Here](#).

Why should you do so? Ditch the desktop-based apps and embrace the cloud with Google Drive. It brings a full-featured office suite experience to your browser and, more importantly, allows for multi-user collaboration. Files automatically save, with easy access to previous versions, and since they exist online, they are reachable from any browser. You can sync files to your desktop as well, ala Dropbox.

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](#).

8. Technology tip

Last week, I provided a link that will enable you to colorize old black-and-white photos. That same link will also enable you to provide animation to old photos.

To see how this works, see below for a picture of yours truly from a few years back. I was with my teddy bear Boopsie. For the animated version, click: [Here](#).

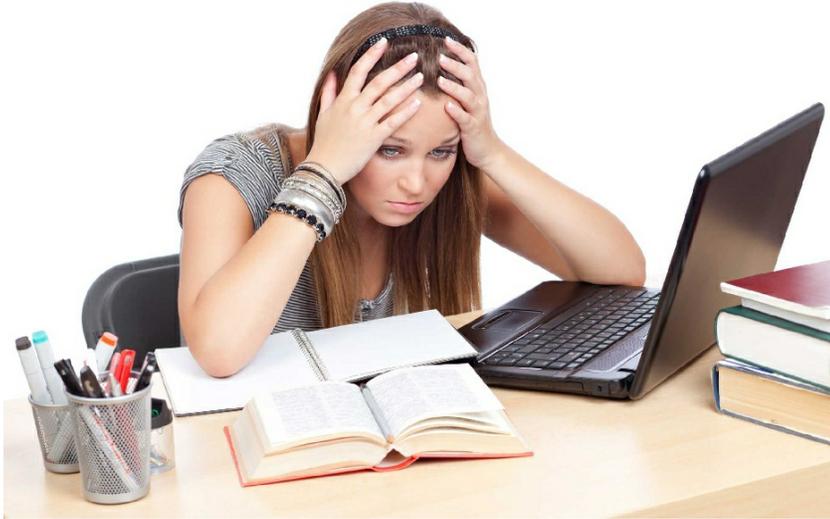
If you would like to make your own animated clip, click: [Here](#).

Note: For more information on this amazing technology, click to read this article: [Here](#).



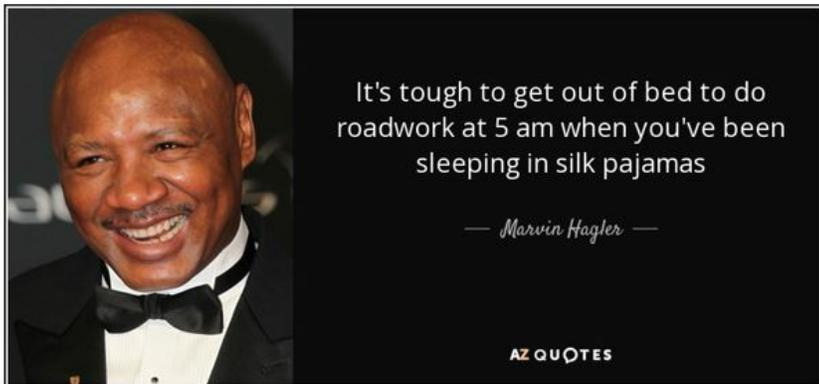
9. Joke 3

The college student was given an assignment for her Creative Writing class that had her baffled. She was directed to include religion, sexuality and mystery in a short story and, also, to use as few words as possible. Hours and then days went by. She couldn't think of anything to write. Finally, just before the deadline, she remembered that her professor had advised the class to always consider using real life as the basis for any writing. ... So she wrote this story: "Good God, I'm pregnant. I wonder who did it." ... She was the only student who received an A+ for her efforts.



10. A quote I like

Thanks, Marvin Hagler (1954-2021), for your boxing career that saw you reign as undisputed middleweight champion from 1980 to 1987 and had you become a inductee of both the International Boxing Hall of Fame and the World Boxing Hall of Fame. For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).



11. Thought for the day

DEFINITION OF THE DAY ... helping hand (noun) ... see picture below.



12. Advance planning department

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

A. Pasquale LaCorte: SAY GOODNIGHT GRACIE. B. SART: Summer 2001 lineup. C. The Magnetic Theatre: PLAYING WITH OUR FOOD.

PS. Make it a great week!
