

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 our dinners at Baan Thai Kitchen.



B. Please catch this week's BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). .. Guests: (first half) Michelle Marshall, Certified Zentangle Teacher; and (second half) Dr. Beth Hampton Jones, DVM specializing in animal acupuncture.



C. Displayed are greeting cards being made for Bounty and Soul, an area non-profit organization that donates fresh produce and other nourishing food to folks in need. Pictured, l-r: Bonnie Sibner, Dana Zara, Scout Gallagher, Cappy Tosetti, Marcy Gallagher and Cynthia Greenfield. ... Not pictured: Evie Sibner, a dog hard at work operating the camera.



D. Congratulations to:

(1) Amanda Levesque and Tom Kilby on their appearance on WLOS. To view it, click: [Here](#).

(2) Kristin Pedemonti on receiving her Master of Narrative degree in Therapy and Community Work from the University of Melbourne.

E. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to Cynthia Greenfield who is not only my beautiful bride, but also the cook for the many delicious dinners we eat at home. (FYI: We don't eat out every night.)

She is shown below with slob gob, perhaps my favorite of her specialties.

I asked her to share the recipe with y'all, and she has graciously agreed to do so. Here it is ...

Ingredients: One box of pasta, one of your favorite jars of tomato sauce or make your own, really really good beef 1 pound, spices, salt pepper, garlic, add anything else you wish.

Directions: Pan fry the chop meat, Heat up the pasta, take your tomato sauce and mix it all together.



A. DON'T FORGET THE FREE HOUSE CONCERT (Sun., March 27)!

For information, click: [Here](#).

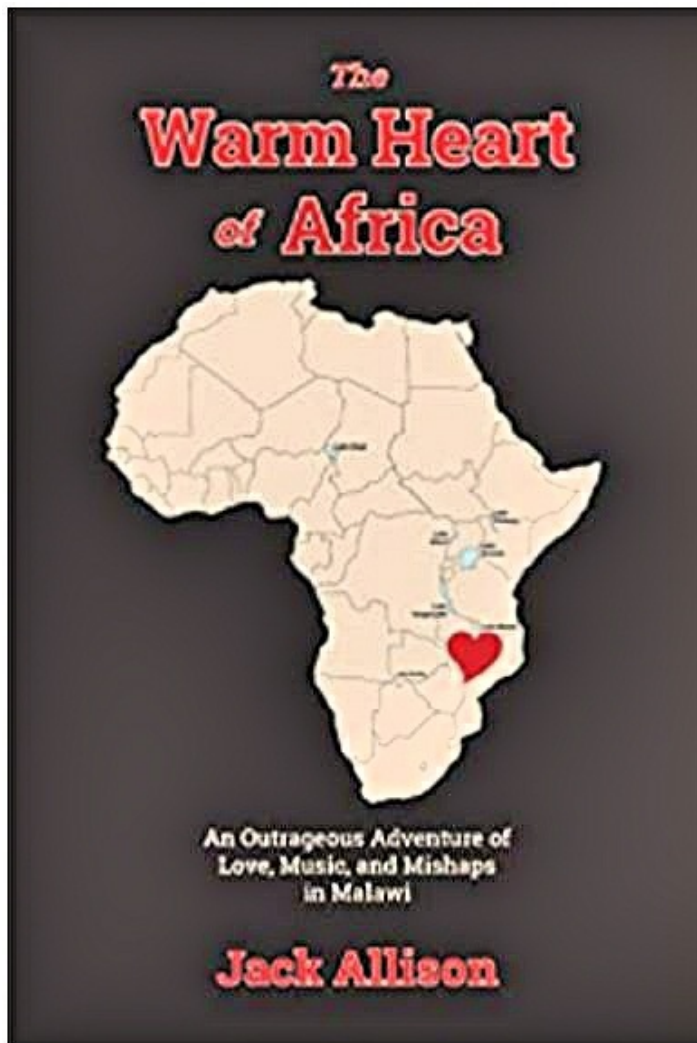
B. Reminder, there's still time to enter ...

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

One lucky reader will win an autographed copy of THE WARM HEART OF AFRICA by Jack Allison.

To quote Chris Matthews, retired host of the MSNBC show HARDBALL: "A Peace Corps volunteer like I was, Jack Allison writes about the real Africa--the summer heat, the pungent aroma, the sound of children at play, but most of all, the humanity. in THE WARM HEART OF AFRICA, you can hear the continent's voice--and instantly know why it changed our lives."

To enter the 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 mailing address. All entries must be received on or before 9 p.m. on Mon., March 28.



C. 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 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.

D. 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: [Here](#)

E. 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.

3. FYI

Note: When you click any of the following articles, you may see an ad. Click the ad (in the upper right hand), and you should be able to read the article. If you can't, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put NAME OF THE ARTICLE (you saw the link) in the subject line, and I'll be glad to send it to you.

I'm looking forward to seeing The Turtles in Georgia on June 4. If you want to join me, you can find information about the show: [Here](#).

However, why I'm writing is to tell you about the above for another reason; i.e., to show you how you can save money on this concert--and others, too.

If you do a Google search on it, you'll see several links. The ones at the top tend to be from ticket-selling sources that charge big bucks. For example, when I first attempted to get tickets, I saw some sites had them listed for as high as \$150/ticket, plus handling.

Yet I kept searching and eventually found tickets at \$45 apiece if purchased directly from the venue hosting the event. That's what I shared above.

So here's my recommendation: Always first see if you can purchase tickets directly from where the event will take place. And even then, do some comparison shopping. You might well be pleasantly surprised.



FYI, part 2

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

A. You Can Feel Joy Even When the World Seems Bleak—but You Have to Try Harder. B. Job Hunters Take A Stand: We're Not Writing Cover Letters. C. Nicholas Cage Can Explain It All. D. How Long Should It Take to Grieve? Psychiatry Has Come Up With an Answer.

4. Joke 1

Q: What do you call a cow who just recently had a baby?

A: Decalfinated.

(Thanks, Jean Dolan, for sharing.)



5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I both liked UNCLE FRANK on Amazon Prime. It is a moving drama about a teenager who discovers in 1973 that her beloved uncle is gay and living with his longtime time partner. Paul Bettany delivers perhaps his best performance ever, and we also liked the work of both Sophia Lillis and Peter Macdissi. Rated R.

B. We also liked RESCUED BY RUBY, a film based on a true story that we saw on Netflix. It is about a state trooper who dreams of joining the K-9 Search & Rescue team, but no one will give him the chance. At the same time, a shelter dog by the name of Ruby dreams of having a home, but is running out of hope. Fine performances from Grant Gustin, Kaylah Zander, Scott Wolf (remember him from PARTY OF FIVE?), The credits at the end contain a surprise twist that will make it worthwhile for you to watch them. Rated TV-G.

C. My friend Mike Martinelli watches more movies than just about anybody else I know, and he is quite knowledgeable about the whole industry. Therefore, I always value his recommendations on both what to see and miss.

For the past several years, he has also shared his picks with BLAINESWORLD readers. For those he thinks will win tonight, click: [Here](#).

Thanks, Mike. You rock!

6. TV alert

A. MAGIC FOR HUMANS: Now on Netflix

Magician Justin Willman blends good-natured magic with grown-up laughs in this series that sends him out on the streets and into locations like schools to baffle unsuspecting people. There are three seasons of episodes. I've seen most of the first one and am enjoying it. ... To see one clip from the show, click: [Here](#).

B. THE MARVELOUS MRS. MAISEL, Season 4: Now on Amazon Prime

I just binge watched the above and liked it a lot--especially the last few episodes. Look for guest appearances from Jason Alexander, John Waters and Milo Ventimiglia.

C. B POSITIVE, Season 2: Thursdays on CBS

In the comedy series about a retirement community, the grownup take over. I look forward to seeing Linda Lavin, Celia Weston (Lavin's costar on TV's classic ALICE), Jane Seymour, Héctor Elizondo and Ben Vereen.

D. JULIA: Coming Thurs., March 31, to HBO Max

This eight-part bio-series comes from the creators of THE MARVELOUS MRS. MAISEL. Among the stars: Sarah Lancaster (so good in LAST TANGO IN HALIFAX), David Hyde Pierce, Bebe Neuwirth, James Cromwell and Isabella Rossellini.

7. Joke 2

Today's history lesson ...



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 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 version from somebody called Quoc Tran: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing this clip:

Imagine walking down the street and seeing this: [Here](#).

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

(1) Dolly Parton, "Jolene," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Steven Tyler: [Here](#).

(3) The above clip references Aerosmith's United We Stand performance. If you'd like to see it, click: [Here](#).

(4) Howard Smith: Hymns (3.27.2022): [Here](#).

(5) Tina FireWolf: 2CELLOS - Wherever I Go: [Here](#).

(6) David Sebren: This Stunning Dance Performance Is Mesmerizing: [Here](#).

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

If you've always wanted to learn how to DIY but didn't know where to start, try Instructables by clicking: [Here](#)

They have community posts with step-by-step instructions to help you become a DIY master in no time.

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](#).

9. Technology tip

I'm usually a savvy computer user when it comes to NOT downloading stuff that pops up on my computer, but the one (below) caught me off guard.

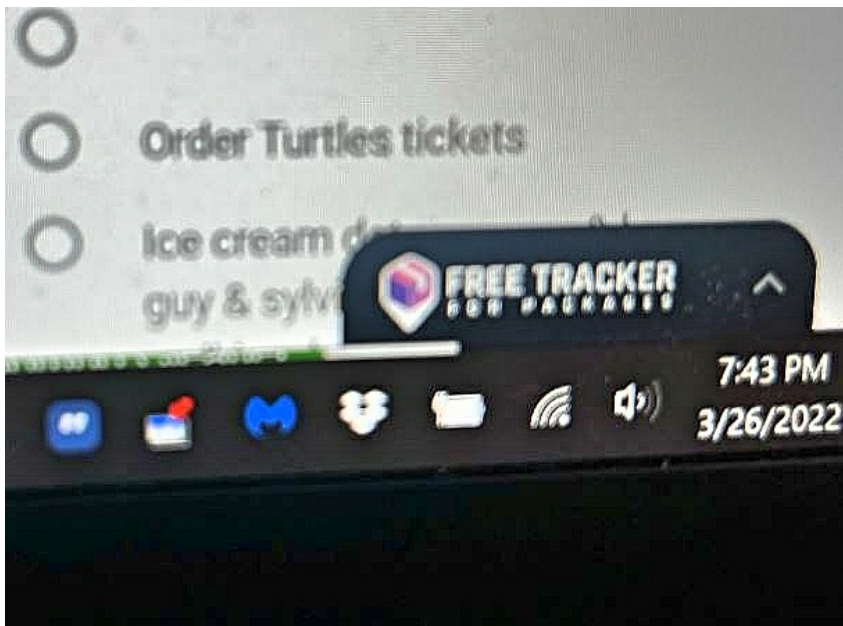
I was trying to track something I had sent via the post office. It seemed simple enough to do, but somehow when I was using it, I wound up in Free Tracker instead.

And that's adware that almost messed up my computer. For more information about why you need to avoid it, click: [Here](#).

Note: You'll see the above invites you to download something known as Combo Cleaner. I then checked out that program. It seems to be OK; however, a better alternative in my opinion is Malwarebytes. That's what I use--and it helped me get out of this particular situation.

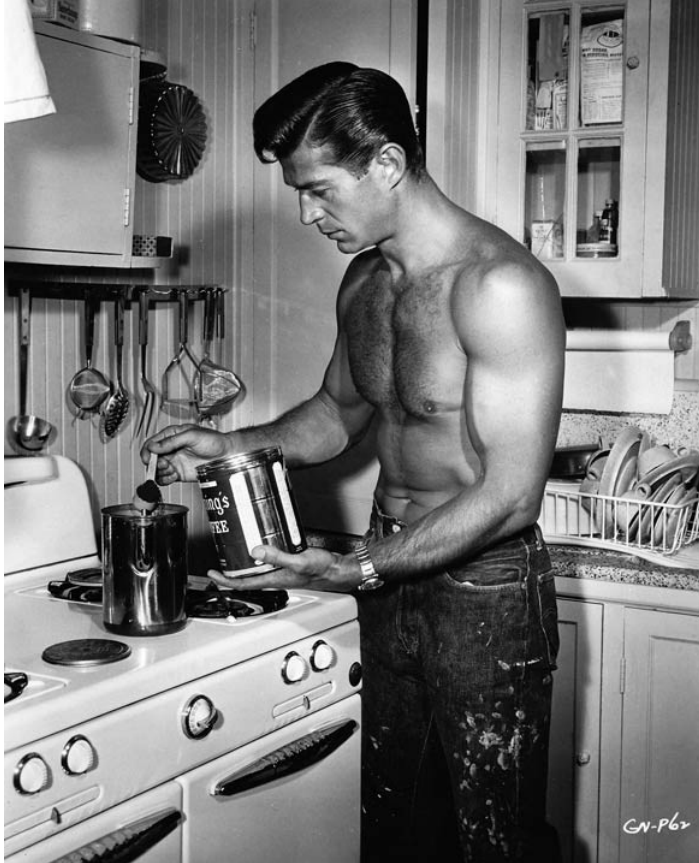
But, and this is an important but, make sure you turn off exceptions when you set up Malwarebytes. Otherwise, when you do a scan, it might miss certain adware and/or other bad stuff.

And SPECIAL THANKS to my friend Danny Brice who guided me through the above removal process. He is THE BEST!



10. Joke 3

Every woman needs a decent coffee maker. (Thanks, Lorre Diamond, for sharing.)



11. A quote I like

Thanks, Madeleine Albright (1937-2022), for your career as an American diplomat who served as the 64th secretary of state for this country. What's especially noteworthy is the fact that she was the first female to hold that position. For more information about her life, click: [Here](#).



12. Thought for the day

Thanks, Honor Moor, for putting this thought-provoking article on my radar screen:

The Trans Swimmer Who Won Too Much

by Louisa Thomas

Lia Thomas has been swimming since she was five years old. As a high schooler, she was one of the top swimmers in Texas, an All-American. She followed her older brother onto the men's team at the University of Pennsylvania, and established herself as a strong competitor in distance races; in her sophomore season, at the Ivy League championships, she finished second in three events. Out of the pool, though, she was struggling. Her body, with its solid pectorals and compact, muscled hips, characteristic traits of a male athlete, didn't align with her sense of who she was, she later told the podcast SwimSwam, in one of the two interviews she has given this season. She read the personal stories of trans women online, and was paired with a trans mentor through a group at Penn. She saw her own feelings reflected in their stories, she recently told Sports Illustrated. In the summer of 2018, after her freshman season, she realized that she was a woman, not a man.

It took her a while to come out to her teammates and coaches. She didn't want to jeopardize her swimming career. And she was swimming well: setting personal bests, breaking pool records. Still, the suffering became too much; knowing that she was a woman and competing as a man "caused me a lot of distress," she has said. In May, 2019, she decided not to put off hormone-replacement therapy any longer. Almost immediately, she told Sports Illustrated, she felt better. She was determined to hold on to that part of herself that was a competitive swimmer. She came out to her coaches. They were immediately supportive, she said, and they stood by her when she decided to join the women's team. So were her friends.

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

My take: As you may have heard me say before, there are two sides to every issue--if not a lot more. ... On this one, my thinking is definitely evolving. But as of this morning, I would like to see USA Swimming and the NCAA get together to develop a joint position that both groups could support. I would then also support that stand.



13. Advance planning department

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

A. BJ Leiderman: Show at White Horse Black Mountain on April 1. B. Victoria Lamberth: THE ARSENIC AND OLD LACE RADIO SHOW. C. Laura Boswell: PATIO SHOW: Hannah Kaminer, Kathryn O'Shea, Laura Boswell at The Grey Eagle.

PS. Make it a great week!
