
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](#).

#1281
4.5.2021

In this issue

1. Reflections
2. FYI
3. Joke 1
4. Reviews
5. TV alert
6. Joke 2
7. Clips/Websites
8. Technology tip
9. Joke 3
10. Two quotes I like
11. Thought for the day
12. Advance planning department

1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I continued to hunker down in Week 56 of the corona pandemic. Fortunately, we were able to dine outside at Rocky's Hot Chicken Shack in Asheville and had some delicious chicken and waffles.



B. We also loved watching the weeping cherry tree bloom in front of our home.



C. Even if you weren't able to catch Friday night's Love Bubble Meets the Beatles show, you can still catch the group's amazing performance by clicking the second video when you scroll down at: [Here](#). And when you do, please then join me in showing Peggy Ratusz, Paula Hanke and Hank Bones some love by clicking: [Here](#). ...PS. Thanks to both Isis Music Hall and Echo Mountain Recording Studio for making this show available.



D. Catch the BLAINESWORLD show, 4.7.2021 by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) Victoria Lamberth, director, Montford Park Players; and John Russell, executive director, Montford Park Players; and (second half): Adrian Mines, volunteer recruitment specialist, The American Red Cross.



E. Congratulations to:

- (1) Jim Freeman on his retirement from Bucks County Community College.
- (2) Shelly Jacobs on the birth of Delaney, his newest granddaughter.
- (3) Beth Mayberry on being named Asheville Primary School's Teacher of the Year.
- (4) Lucas Gregg and Autumn Sharp on their engagement.
- (5) Howard Debs on his appearance on the show "Poetry Hosted Here," hosted by Charlie Rossiter. If you'd like to listen to it, please click: [Here](#).
- (6) Barb Fiedler on being named one of the 2020 Top 100 Realtors from Movement Mortgage.
- (7) Jean Dolan on being named : Assistant Director, Admissions, Community Outreach & Communication, at Bucks County Community College.
- (8) John Murray, winner of Contest #7:a copy of the CD: THE WAR LOVERS: ROOSEVELT, LODGE, HEARST AND THE RUSH TO EMPIRE, 1898 by Evan Thomas. All told, there were four entries. And that reminds me that it is now time to announced ...

***** **CONTEST #8** *****

One lucky winner will win a copy of a HOW THE MIGHTY FALL: AND WHY SOME COMPANIES NEVER GIVE IN, a book by Jim Collins. As noted by one Amazon reviewer, [This is] "another excellent book from Jim Collins, which explores the five stages of decline and why businesses decline. This book is an essential must read for any business owner and business culture because it will help people recognize why businesses fail and what can be done to change course and get the business back on track."

To enter this contest. Send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #8 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 Mon., April 19.

F. Invites:

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 [Here](#).

(3) Be part of the Dementia Society of America's 2021 Ride Against Dementia. Join Over 1,400 Challenge Members. For more information, please click: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/465455877830501>

(4) Still time to apply for Leadership Asheville. For more information, click: <https://leadershipasheville.unca.edu/programs/flagship-program/>

Note: This is a terrific program that I've participated in the past. If you have questions and/or would like me to nominate you, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put LEADERSHIP ASHEVILLE in the subject line.



G. Announcing his week's ...

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

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

We are big fans of our vet (Dr. Scott Pickett ([here](#) for more information)). However, he was recently away at the same time our cat Lovey got sick. ... We were fortunate to find Dr. Leslie Dragon ([here](#) for more information), and she was able to come to us on short notice with her assistant Heather Collins. ... They were both exceptionally kind and informative--coming two days in a row because Lovey seemed very ill. On the second day, a steroid injection made all of the difference.

We highly recommend Dr. Dragon. The good thing is that if she is not available, her husband Dr. Todd White is also a vet, and he could ably fill-in.If we did not already have the exceptional Dr. Pickett as our vet, we would be most comfortable using Dr. Dragon and her Paws Mobile Veterinary Clinic.

Pictured: (left) Heather Collins; and (right) Dr. Leslie Dragon.



2. FYI

I used to drink Coke Zero (now known as Coca-Cola Zero Sugar) on a daily basis. The taste was good, but for some reason, I tended to gain weight when I did--and my stomach also grew larger. ... Thanks to Cynthia, I got off that kick.

She instead got me drinking a bottle or more of water with a lemon flavor. She makes it by taking an empty bottle, putting two tablespoons of lemon juice in it and then adding a pack of a sugar substitute. The lemon juice she uses is Italian Volcano USDA Organic Lemon Juice 1 Liter Bottle that's available from Amazon.

The taste of the above drink is excellent!

FYI, part 2

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

A. Breast Cancer Centers Urge Early, Annual Scans, Countering U.S. Guidelines. B. Need to Dust Off Your Social Skills? C. How to Start Healing During a Season of Grief.

3. Joke 1

We also noticed beds and leather chairs.



4. Reviews

A. Got a big kick out of EUROVISION SONG CONTEST: The Story Of Fire Saga, a comedy now on Netflix. The plot involves two small-town singers who chase their pop star dreams at a global music competition where onstage mishaps test their bond. Will Ferrell and Rachel McAdams are both terrific in the leading roles, and I also liked the work of Dan Stevens. Watch this if you're in the mood for a lot of laughs. Rated PG-13.

Note: At the end of the film, Cynthia and I felt compelled to do some backup singing for both Will and Rachel. You can view how we did by clicking: [Here](#).



B. Enjoyed THE KILLERS on TCM, a stylish crime drama about a hit man (Lee Marvin) and his partner (Clu Gulager) who try to find out why their latest victim, a former race-car driver (John Cassavetes), did not try to get away. It was Marvin's first big role, and he was excellent in it. So was Ronald Reagan in that was his last acting role in motion picture before entering politics. It was the only villainous role in his career. If it had been rated, it would have gotten an R.

Note: This was a remake of a 1946 film with the same name that I also liked, in large part because of the work of Burt Lancaster and Ava Gardner in the leading roles, along with the always excellent Edmond O'Brien.

5. TV alert

A. THE STAND IN: Available on Netflix

Drew Barrymore stars in a comedy about a reclusive actor with a stalled career due to her bad behavior.

B. OUR TOWNS: Documentary premiere on Tues., April 15, at 9 p.m. on HBO

Journalists James and Deborah Fallows explore how communities face challenges (before the pandemic) in inspiring ways

C. RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME: Movie premiere on Fri., April 16, at 9 p.m. on Hallmark Channel

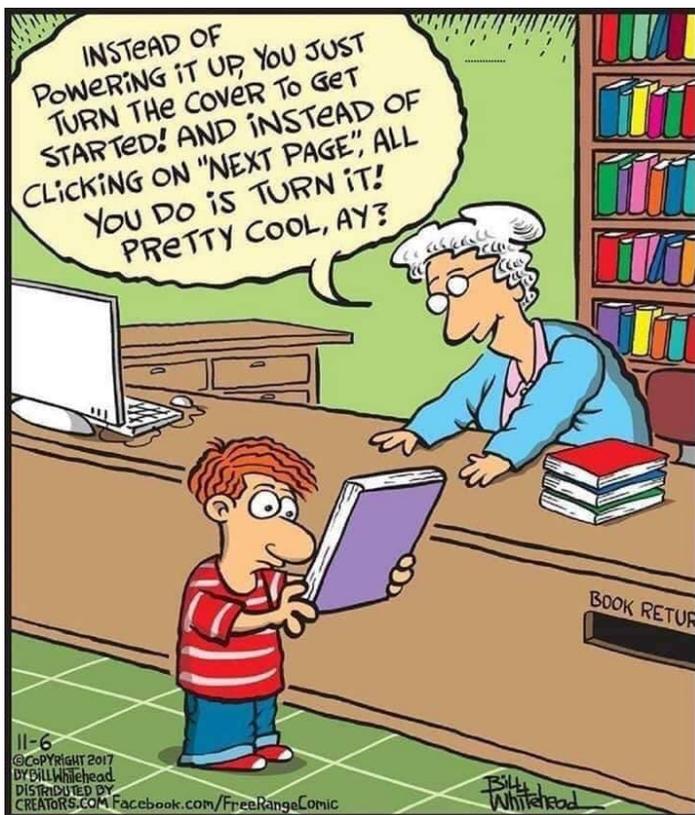
A bridal stylist and a resort's aspiring chef cook up plans that will help him land clients and her the attention of her college crush.

D. 56TH ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS: Sun., April 18, at 8 p.m. on CBS

Keith Urban and New Female Artist of the year nominee Mickey Guyton host the Nashville festivities.

6. Joke 2

To quote Bill Gates, "The internet is just a passing fad." Methinks that books don't quite fit into that category. (Thanks, Paul Marks, for sharing.)



7. 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 join me in singing with the group ... this version will enable you to see the words as you do: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Thanks, Sharon Lewis, for sharing "Every Little Kiss," Deep River's newest virtually video: [Here](#).

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

(1) The Proclaimers, "I Could Walk 500 Miles," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Paul Marks: Our Father (photos are spectacular): [Here](#).

(3) A GRAMMY In 5 Years? Willie Spence BLOWS Away The Judges On American Idol and Shares His Dream! [Here](#).

Note: The above singer is amazing. Here's another song from him:

STUNNING Singer! Willie Spence Shines Brighter Than Any Diamond - American Idol 2021: [Here](#).

(4) Howard Smith: Hymns on the piano, 4.11.2021: [Here](#).

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

When you think you have problems, check "F My Life" to see that there are others who have far worse problems. You can even vote on whether people deserved their misfortune. To do so, please click: [Here](#).

As an example of what you'll find, there's this one:

Hack it off

Today, I managed to shave a single stripe out of the right side of my beard before the trimmer sparked and caught fire. I have a job interview in twenty minutes. :

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

How to Get a Battery Replacement for Your Aging Smartphone
by Eric Ravenscraft

YOU MIGHT BE in the habit of replacing your smartphone every couple of years, but most phones can last a

lot longer than that. Like your car, they might just need a new part every now and then, and the best repair you can do on your phone to make it last longer is a battery replacement. But most batteries aren't user-replaceable. So how do you actually get one?

Unfortunately, user-replaceable batteries are becoming increasingly rare, and most smartphone manufacturers don't go too far out of their way to let you know that you can get a battery replacement at all. In fact, when Apple briefly lowered the cost of iPhone battery replacements, it resulted in about 10 times as many people replacing their batteries as usual (and, coincidentally, far fewer new iPhones sold that year). However, even if your battery is locked inside your phone, you can get a new one and keep your phone lasting longer.

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

9. Joke 3

The perfect gift for them--and your grandkids, too. ... PS. If you're like me, and you celebrate all holidays (more fun, food and friends that way), HAPPY EASTER!



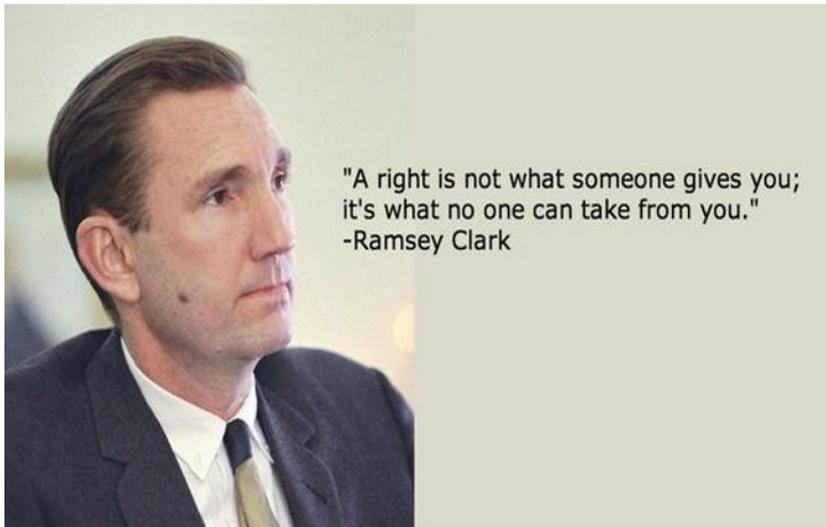
10. Two quotes I like

A. Thanks, Arthur Kopit (1937-2021), for your career as an American playwright that brought you three Tony nominations. I liked the eclectic nature of his work, especially for the book he wrote for NINE. For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).

“Writing honestly doesn’t mean you know everything about your characters. Writing honestly means being inside your characters and allowing them to be as confused as you.”—Arthur Kopit



B. Thanks, Ramsey Clark (1927-2021), for your career as an American lawyer, activist and federal government official. I especially appreciated your opposition to the death penalty and your aggressive support of civil liberties and civil rights, as well as your dedication in enforcing antitrust provisions. For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).



11. Thought for the day

We Expect Sports Stars to Be Heroes. What About Our Politicians?

by Jason Zengerle

The scene is so familiar that it’s practically banal. Damian Lillard, the Portland Trailblazers’ All-Star guard, stands on a basketball court, covered in sweat and breathing heavily, fresh from scoring 50 points to lead the Blazers to a comeback win last month. From a TV studio far away, Dwyane Wade, an All-Star guard turned commentator, asks Lillard how he manages to make commercials, record music, raise three children and still drain 3-point shots from near half-court. This is where the script calls for Lillard to fall back on the usual jock clichés about thanking God and taking it one game at a time.

Instead, he moves in a different direction. “None of those things that you just named would be possible without

the work,” Lillard says. “I wasn’t a highly touted middle school player, high school player or college player. I had to do my work behind the scenes.” He goes on to recall what it was like “to not have the lights on you and to want to be seen” and the methodical process involved in escaping that condition. Then, summoning the underdog spirit of Rocky Balboa and the Protestant ethic of Max Weber, he says: “I don’t forget those steps that it took for me to get here. So even though I got a family and I got all these commercials and these endorsements, I don’t forget the thing that makes all of those things possible. Which is the work, the discipline.”

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

12. Advance planning department

Please click here to read about any of the following events: [Here](#).

A. Laura Richey Podraza: LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS via streaming at Reynolds High School. B. Hunter K. Taylor: virtual performance of A SHERLOCK HOLMES RADIO MYSTERY at Parkway Playhouse. C. Janice Guazzo: Auditions for ALWAYS A BRIDESMAID at Henderson Little Theatre.

PS. Make it a great week!
