

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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1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I continued to hunker down in Week 57 of the corona pandemic. Fortunately, we managed to find the time to conduct a taste test to see if Cynthia can tell the difference between two different Thousand Island dressings: Drew's vs. Laura Lynn (the Ingles store brand). ... Do you think she can? Do you think you would be able to do so? To see the results, please click: [Here](#).



B. FANTASTIC NEWS FOR THEATRE FANS! ... You can still see Pasquale LaCorte's amazing performance as George Burns in SAY GOODNIGHT, GRACIE this coming April 18 and then again May 7-9 or May 14-16 at HART. ... This show will have you both laughing and crying. ... Kudos, also, to Candice Dickinson for her spot on direction, Nicole Sumpter for her excellent work as stage manager and Jim Thompson for the lighting.

For tickets, please click: [Here](#).



C. The weather has been nice, and we've been able to get in many walks through our neighborhood. When we do, we often get to pet two of our favorite neighborhood dog: Ninja on the left and Olaf on the right.



D. Catch the BLAINESWORLD show from 4.14.21 by clicking: [Here](#)... Guests: (first half) Candice Dickinson, associate director, HART; and (second half): David Riddell, owner, Big Frog Custom T Shirts & More.



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E. Congratulations to Keith Spencer on completing his Executive MBA at the Penn State Smeal College of Business.

F Invites to:

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: [Here](#).

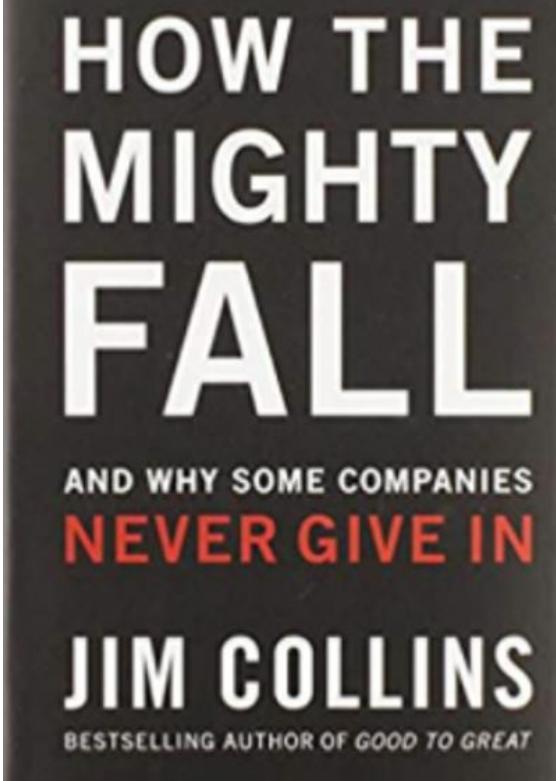
(4) Apply for Leadership Asheville. For more information, click: [Here](#).

(5) Enter

***** 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.



G. Announcing this week's ...

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

I am pleased to recognize Five Step Carpet Care in Asheville, a company we have used several times since we have moved to the Asheville area.

The work performed by owner Scott Finney (centered in the picture below) and all his employees has always been exemplary. We have also been appreciative of the fact they use less water and an eco-friendly cleaning solution, and that they have been most considerate of pets we have had in the house--always carefully working around them.

In addition, they do excellent jobs on both our floors and rugs.

Special thanks to Mitchell Finney and Chris Mackie, the employees who did the work on our most recent cleaning.

For more information about this fine company, please click: [Here](#).



2. FYI

QAnon Candidates Are Winning Local Elections. Can They Be Stopped?

BE FOREWARNED! ... The above is happening, and methinks you're going to see more of it in the future.

... Dozens of recently elected local officials have promoted elements of the outlandish Internet conspiracy theory that views former President Donald Trump as a messianic figure battling a cadre of deep-state operatives, Democratic politicians and Hollywood celebrities who molest and murder children. ... One poll estimated that 1 in 3 Americans believed in some of the key tenets of the extremist ideology. ... The article that follows is longish, but it definitely should be read. To do so, please click:[Here](#).



Signs with various conspiracy theories are on display at a "Save the Children" rally in Los Angeles on Aug. 22. Jamie Lee Curtis Taete

FYI, part 2

To read more about the following items, please click: [Here](#).

A. The Next Level in Office Amenities; Wild Horses. B. A New 'Denim Cycle'? After a Decade, Jeans Move from Skinny to Loose. C. I Have Read Thousands of Résumés , and I Have Some Advice.

3. Joke 1

Reminds me that I also used to be apathetic, but now I don't care!

I used to justcrastinate,
but I got so good, I went pro.

4. Reviews

A. Saw HARDBALL, a 2001 drama about a con man forced to coach a bunch of kids in one of the toughest parts of Chicago. Though it is totally predictable, I liked it--in large part because of the winning performance from Keanu Reeves and Diana Lane. You'll also get a kick of seeing one of Michael B. Jordan's first acting performances. Rated PG-13.

B. Robin Schoen: Just wanted to thank you for sharing your enthusiastic recommendation [of EUROVISION]. LOVED this movie! Keep 'em coming!

Response: Glad you also liked this Netflix flick. Make sure you also see the accompanying video that appeared in BLAINESWORLD #1281; i.e., the one showed Cynthia and me backing up Will and Rachel.

C. Enjoyed reading LOU GEHRIG: THE LOST MEMOIR (Simon & Schuster) by Alan D. Gaff.

The book has two parts. In the first, sports agent Christy Walsh arranged for Lou to tell his story in the midst of the 1927 World Series-winning Yankees. He did so in a series of fascinating columns, written every few days. I'm not so sure that Gehrig wrote every word of these columns (or if, in fact, he wrote any part of them), but they sure were interesting to read.

In the second part, Gaff follows with an essay that gave me the full scope of both man and baseball as it was played in the 1920s and 1930s.

I especially liked the behind-the-scenes stories, such as this one involving Ty Cobb: The real laugh, though, happened at Detroit when I was on first. Cobb came rushing over, swinging his arms and apparently calling me all sorts of names. The fans thought he was going to fight, and they began riding him all over the park. Ty stood there with his jaw stuck out, his fist clenched, and his arms swinging.

And what he was really saying all the time was this:

"Make 'em think you're sore, kid. They like it. Put on the old fighting attitude. Let 'em see you're interested in the ball game. The more fights you put into it, the better the fans like it. Double up your fists. Talk loud. Make 'em think you're going to sock somebody."

I've laughed about that a lot of times. And I laughed most when my mother got hold of the paper and read that Cobb and I had been near coming to blows.

She saved the paper to show me when I came home, and, like all mothers, she wanted me to promise her that I wouldn't get into any fights.

This book is a must read for any baseball fan and if you follow the Yankees, you will love it.

5. TV alert

A. THE SERPENT: Now available via Netflix

Story about a real-life con man who spent much of the 1970s luring unsuspecting young hippie tourists into his hippie pad where he'd drug and often murder them.

B. MARE OF EASTTOWN: Season premiere on Sun., April 18, at 10 p.m. on HBO

According to TV GUIDE, "Kate Winslet shines as a small-time detective with a big-time attitude." In addition, I look forward to seeing Guy Pearce in this seven-episode series.

C. GRETA THUNBERG; A YEAR TO CHANGE THE WORLD: Series premier on Thurs., April 23, at 8 p.m. on PBS (check local listings [Here](#))

In this three-part docuseries, which airs in its entirety tonight, the young climate activist ventures from North America to Europe for a look at how small changes in temperatures are causing big upsets in ecosystems.

D. THE 93RD OSCARS: Sun., April 25, at 8 p.m. on ABC

For the first time in many years, I will not have seen many of the top films up for recognition this year. Yet I'll still be watching to see what I've missed.

6. Joke 2

I'm not sure what is the most frightening here: the car accident, grandma still in the car or grandpa's pants.
(Thanks, Risa Reaveley, 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 view this version with a background I've never seen before: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for sharing the kindness video ever on Earth: [Here](#).

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

(1) Goodbye, Old Girl from Damn Yankees, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Elsten Torres: Love this killer reggae version of our song "This is you This is me" by BomWise: [Here](#).

(3) Howard Smith: Playing hymns on April 18, 2021: [Here](#).

(4) Jonathan Berg: Dan Seals - & others ;Everything That Glitters Is Not Gold: [Here](#).

(5) Aaron Ybarra, digital church, 4.18.2021 (worth viewing for the three songs): [Here](#).

(6) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: Thin Lizzy was an Irish band formed by two childhood friends Brian Downey and Phil Lynott. From 1974, they switched to using two lead guitarists a style that was copied by many and they became a major inspiration for many heavy metal bands. [Here](#).

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

Instructables if a community for people who like to make things. Company explore, share and make various projects by clicking: [Here](#).

For example, you can learn how to make such things as:

Minimalist leather wallet

Matzo

Rustic garden bird feeder

There are even contests with lots of winners!

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

Always check the background before you take a selfie. This is even more important if you are going share your effort with the public.

Unfortunately, this guy has spent all of his time building his muscles. So it appears he hasn't been able to make any friends besides his mom. At least she is supportive. She takes his gym pose selfies and looks so proud of him while she snaps them. Has me wondering: Do you think she also counts his reps and spots him on the bench?

For more selfie fails, please click: [Here](#).



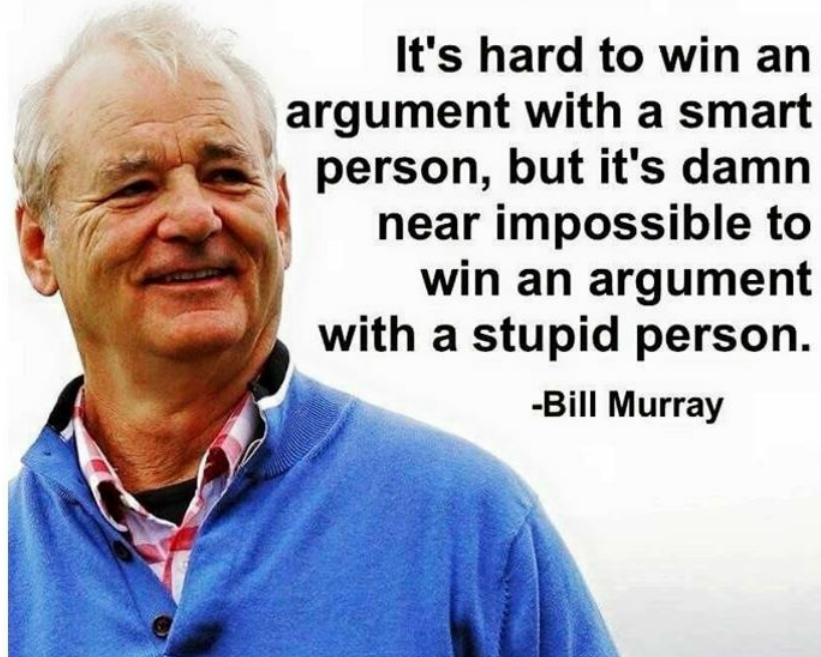
9. Joke 3

This has me writing a note to myself: "Self, do this for my next Zoom meeting." (Thanks, James Wade, for sharing.)



"Good morning, everyone. I brought doughnuts."

10. A quote I like



It's hard to win an argument with a smart person, but it's damn near impossible to win an argument with a stupid person.

-Bill Murray

11. Thought for the day

Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing the following clip:

Mary Chapin Carpenter - Hard Way: [Here](#).

This comment, which he found posted on the video, helps explain why it is so powerful:

"We start off with the song "The Hard Way." So we're already at awesome. Then we have Wynonna and Kathy Mattea join in. Patty, Suzy, Michelle, Pam, Trisha, Emmylou. Tammy Wynette?? We're officially at dumbfounded. Now a tidal wave of legendary singers all taking a bow for their achievements. Every ingredient of this video is wonderful, but none more so than the fact that everything these ladies got, they indeed got the hard way. Imagine 50+ women writing the same autobiography--that's what we've got here. I defy anyone not to be inspired by this."

12. Advance planning department

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

A. Katie Jones: IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE. B. Jamie Knox: Magnetic U course, Shakespearean Monologues. C. Chelsey Gaddy: WOMEN OF COUNTRY.

PS. Make it a great week!
