

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 want to express our thanks to the many friends and relatives who expressed their sympathy on the passing of our beloved cat Lovely.

(1) In addition, we wanted to recognize Dr. Casey Wesselmann, Emergency Veterinarian, and staffers Cassie Johnson, Tori Moody and Julie Holladay at MedVet for their sweetness toward Lovey at the end of her life.

(2) And thanks to Chewy for continuing to be such an amazing pet food company. We had a great deal of cat food left over and when we called Chewy, we were told to donate it to any local organization that provided cat relief services. Chewy then gave us credit for the last two orders that we had placed, which was not an insignificant amount.

(3) Lastly, we loved how our neighbors made their pets available to provide some much-needed pet therapy. That's Bailey Turner in the top two photos. And Scout Gallagher in the bottom one.



B. Thanks, Mike Martinelli, for telling us about Dickey's Barbecue. The food was excellent, and we enjoyed speaking to Eric--the establishment's friendly owner.



C. You're in for a treat if you catch AMNESIA'S COUNTRY WESTERN JAMBOREE, now at Hendersonville Theatre through May 8. ... This zany musical features talented cast members Karen Covington-Yow, Leisa Foronda, Sarah Henby, Hogan McLamb, Allison Starling, Trissa King and Dru Dykes. ... You'll also like the fact that there's a live band, comprised of Alex Tapp, Sarah Platt, Robert Forbes and Tate Albert. ... Victoria Lamberth's direction is spot on, as is Laura Williams' music direction and Marilyn Hull's choreography. ... For tickets, click: [Here](#).



D. Please catch this week's BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#) Guests: (first half) Karla Gardner, Director of Community Involvement, Bounty and Soul; and (second half), Tom Balestrieri, Chairman, and Brian Muys, Vice Chair of Marketing and Communications, at the Weaverville Center for Creative and Healthy Living.



E. There was also a special Facebook Live edition of the BLAINESWORLD show that can be viewed by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: Jeff Catanese, director, and Christy Montesdeoca, actor, discuss BOOM--Attic Salt's next play.



F. Announcing this week's ..

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

This week, it goes to Claire McCormac--marketing coordinator at Fleet Feet in Asheville.

She provided the finest service I have ever received when buying a pair of shoes, beginning with a computerized shoe fitting (top picture).

I was amazed to find out that I had been wearing the wrong shoe size for many years: 10, instead of an 11, which she recommended.

She then had me try on several shoes before I came up with the New Balance ones (bottom picture). She even laced them up for me. Upon her recommendation, I also got a pair of insoles.

What was especially cool ... almost immediately, the shoes felt "right" as I wore them out of the store. And I can't even remember when the last time that happened.

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

Note: Special thanks to Michelle Kuhnen, my personal trainer extraordinaire, for making the recommendation that I check out Fleet Feet.



2. Invites

A. There's been an extension, so you now have more time to enter ...

******* CONTEST #7 *******

One lucky reader will win a copy of WAYMISH: Why are you making it so hard for me to give you my money? by Ray Considine and Ted Cohn.

To quote the book's description from Amazon:

WAYMISH means Why Are You Making It So Hard...for me to give you my money? A Waymish; is any dumb mistake made when dealing with a customer. It's the disastrous effect of one minute's lousy service which loses a customer ready and willing to spend money. One Waymish. One customer lost. All future profits gone. The book's examples make excellent staff training material.

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST 7 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, April 25.

B. 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.

C. 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](#).

D. 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

Americans are fleeing climate change — here's where they can go
by Lindsey Jacobson

Millions of Americans are living in communities with precarious climate conditions, in houses that feel overpriced.

There is a solution for many of these people, though: Move to one of the so-called climate havens.

Climate havens or climate destinations are situated in places that avoid the worst effects of natural disasters and have the infrastructure to support a larger population. Many of these legacy cities are located in the Northeast.

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

Note: Look what city is at the top of the list: Asheville!

FYI, part 2

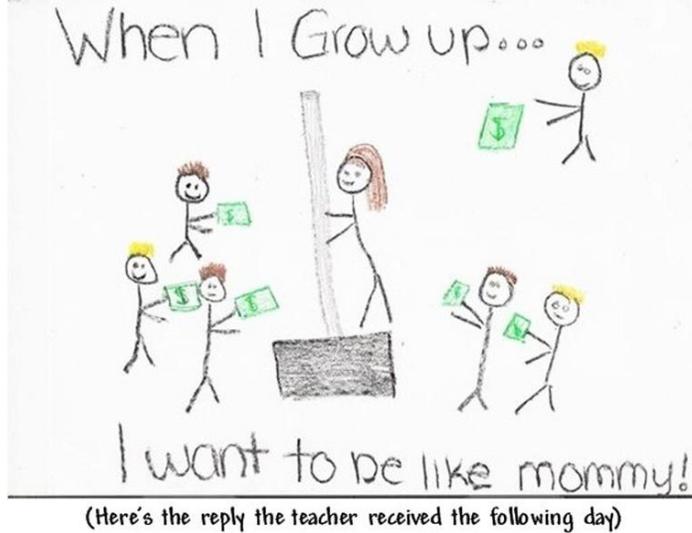
To read the following articles, click: [Here](#).

Note: If a paywall prevents you from reading any of these, send me an email, and I'll see if I can get you the article. Send to: bginbc@aol.com and put in the subject line the name of the article you are trying to read.

A. How Loneliness Is Damaging Our Health. B. I Lived the #VanLife. It Wasn't Pretty. C. Cut Your Retirement Spending Now, Says Creator of the 4% Rule.

4. Joke 1

Looks like something my daughter would have drawn. After you view the artwork, please read the mother's letter right below it. (Thanks, Ed Nasta, for sharing.)



Dear Mrs. Nolan

I wish to clarify that I am not now, nor have I ever been an exotic dancer. I work at Home Depot and I told my daughter how hectic it was last week before the blizzard hit. I told her we sold out every single shovel we had and then I found one more in the back room and that several people were fighting over who would get it. Her picture doesn't show me dancing around a pole. It's supposed to depict me selling the last snow shovel we had at Home Depot.

From now on I will remember to check her homework more thoroughly before she turns it in.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Thompson

5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I were both disappointed in *THE UNBEARABLE WEIGHT OF MASSIVE TALENT*, the comedy action film that stars Nicholas Cage playing himself. We liked the premise; i.e., a guy poking fun at his celebrity in a self-deprecating way. But aside from a few funny scenes (one of which had been given away in the coming attractions), much what was on screen dragged for us. Nevertheless, Cage's performance did have us laughing, at times, as did Pedro Pascal as a dangerous superfan. Rated R.

B. Saw *METAL LORDS* on Netflix, and that was another film that didn't amount to much. Two kids want to start a heavy metal band in a high school where exactly two kids care about heavy metal. They also went to win an upcoming Battle of the Bands. This comedy drama was nothing out of the ordinary, and it feels like I've seen similar films like it previously. I'm also not a big (or even little) heavy metal fan, so that probably impacted my judgement. Rated R.

6. TV alert

A. *ANATOMY OF A SCANDAL*: Now on Netflix

Cynthia and I loved this 6-episode series about parliamentary minister James Whitehouse, a happily married man with a loving family home ... until a scandalous secret comes to light.

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

B. MAINFEST: Now on Netflix

When Montego Air Flight 828 landed safely after a turbulent but routine flight, the crew and passengers were relieved. But in the span of those few hours, the world had aged five years--and after mourning their loss, their friends, families and colleagues had given up hope and moved on.

To quote Cynthia: "I was engrossed from the very beginning. The twists and turns keep you saying, 'Oh my goodness' with each surprise---iike that just could not have happened. The characters also pull you in from the beginning."

C. BARRY: Returns on HBO on Sun., April 24, on HBO at 10 p.m. and subsequent episodes will run at the same time through June 12

After a two-year hiatus, Bill Harry and Henry Winkler in this dark comedy about a hitman from Cleveland who travels to Lose Angeles to join an acting class. I liked the first two seasons and am looking forward to this one.

D. THE SURVIVOR: Movie premiere on Wed., April 27, at 8 p.m. on HBO

Notes Movie critic Jason Fraley: Ben Foster gives a tour-de-force performance, virtually unrecognizable as an emaciated Auschwitz prisoner before trading his scrawny frame for punch-drunk pounds the way that Robert De Niro famously did as Jake LaMotta in "Raging Bull."

7. Joke 2

Amazing what some guys will do to spice things up!



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 saxophone version from Edgar Red: [Here](#).

(3) And please note: There's still time to join us when we see The Turtles (along with Chuck Negron, formerly of Three Dog Night; The Association; Mark Lindsay, formerly of Paul Revere & the Raiders; The Vogues; and The Cowsills in Hiawassee, Georgia, on June 4. For tickets, click: [Here](#). ... And do let us know if you'll be going.

B. Video of the week

My friend Elsten Torres' new video: "Mentiras" ... to view it, click: [Here](#).

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

(1) Neil Sedaka, "Oh Caro," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns on 4.24.2022: [Here](#).

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: When the Beatles met the Stones: [Here](#).

(4) Above is the type stuff I wish that I had been covered in my Lawrence Highs School days with Neil. ... Naturally, his lesson had me dig up the two songs he mentioned ... If you want listen to them ... Love Me Do with John on chromatic harmonica: [Here](#)

and

Love me Do with John on harp: [Here](#).

Note: To join Neil Ratner Rock Doc for other history lessons, click: [Here](#).

(5) Easter with Robin Williams: [Here](#).

(6) Jonathan Berg: My Favorite Broadway: The Leading Ladies - Someone Like You - Linda Eder: [Here](#).

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

You already know BuzzFeed is a great place to waste time on the internet, but scroll down to the "comments" section of pretty much any article for the really crazy stuff people are saying. To look at the BuzzFeed "Comments" Sections, click: [Here](#).

One that had me laughing was this one under "People Are Sharing the Most Out of Touch Things They've Heard" ...

"During a break room discussion on how one of my co-workers had to go to food stamps because the job didn't pay enough, the new CEO, who for the first and last time decided to have lunch in the break room, chimed in with, 'Yeah, I know what you mean. We had to let our second nanny go.'"

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

A friend recently wrote me that he had been hacked on Facebook and that he had changed his password.

Here was my response:

I hate when that happens, but thanks for the heads up. Good thinking on changing your password But also consider some tips that can be found in the following: [Here](#).

In addition, delete anything that had been posted when you had been hacked. You don't want others to click any links by mistake!

10. Joke 3

When I'm old, I'm going to leave snacks in little bags on the floor all over the house in case I fall down. (Thanks, Janeen Ravkin, for sharing.)



11. A quote I like

Thanks, Robert Morse (1931-2022), for your career as an American actor, best known as the star of of both the 1961 original Broadway production, for which he won a Tony Award, and the 1967 film adaptation of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, as well for his work in the critically acclaimed AMC dramatic series *Mad Men*. He won his second Tony Award for playing Truman Capote in the 1989 production of the one-man play *Tru*, and he reprised his role of Capote in an airing of the play for American Playhouse, winning him a Primetime Emmy Award. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).

"The stage can be defined as a place where Shakespeare murdered Hamlet and a great many Hamlets murdered Shakespeare."--Robert Morse



12. Thought for the day

Years ago, anthropologist Margaret Mead was asked by a student what she considered to be the first sign of civilization in a culture. The student expected Mead to talk about fishhooks or clay pots or grinding stones.

But no. Mead said that the first sign of civilization in an ancient culture was a femur (thighbone) that had been broken and then healed. Mead explained that in the animal kingdom, if you break your leg, you die. You cannot run from danger, get to the river for a drink or hunt for food. You are meat for prowling beasts. No animal survives a broken leg long enough for the bone to heal.

A broken femur that has healed is evidence that someone has taken time to stay with the one who fell, has bound up the wound, has carried the person to safety and has tended the person through recovery. Helping someone else through difficulty is where civilization starts, Mead said.

We are at our best when we serve others. Be civilized.

Source: [Here](#).

(Thanks, Andrew Gall, for sharing.)



13. Advance planning department

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

A. Jeff Catanese: BOOM. B. TJ Shimeld: Help celebrate the grand re-opening of Magic Central and The Vanishing Wheelchair. C. Victoira Lamberth: Sister Amnesia's Country Western Jamboree.

PS. Make it a great week!
