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## 1. Reflections

A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I loved THE AZURE SKY IN OZ at SART. Amanda Ladd's performance will knock your socks off in this powerful drama about two real-life Florida women whose lives are changed by their immersion in the world of the autistic and neurodiverse.

The good news: You have one chance left to see it ... Sunday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m. For more information and tickets, click: [Here](#).



B. I had a blast, performing with The Love Collective at a fundraiser for Parkway Playhouse. Pictured with me are three friends who attended the event, l-r: Cappy Tosetti, Nina Deninger and Mary Malloy.

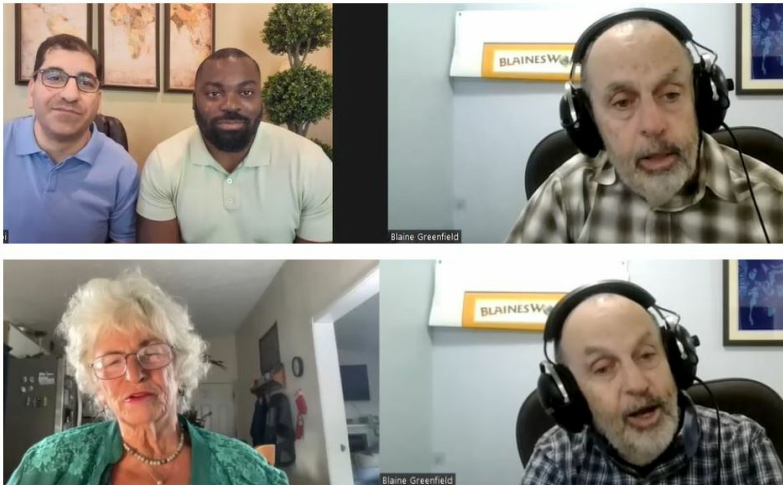


C. And I got a kick out of interviewing Madison Brightwell at the Book Launch Party for *THE WORLD BEYOND THE ROSEBUD TREE*, her latest book. Pictured: (top left) Madison Brightwell, (top right) Denise Lockett and (bottom) Fancy and the Gentlemen.

Note: Fancy and the Gentlemen performed at the event. They rocked, as always. To see them performing for yourself, click: [Here](#) and [Here](#).



D. I hosted two BLAINESWORLD podcasts this past week. ... (Top) Dr. Perry Stamatiades, dentist, and Caleb Owolabi, documentary filmmaker, who discuss "Servants of Smile" ... To view or listen to this one, click: [Here](#) and look for the one dated 5.22.2023. ... (Bottom) Anoeck van Praag, counselor and massage therapist ... To view or or listen this one, click: [Here](#) and look for the one dated 5.23.2023.



E. Kismet, our amazing cat, reminds us of Frank Sinatra and his Ol' Blue Eyes. Methinks we may have to start calling him Young Blue Eyes!



F. Announcing this week's ...

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

It goes to Dr. Meredith Ann Polansky, Cynthia's doctor, who recently passed away. Here's what Cynthia had to say about her:

Most of my doctors are nice enough. But Dr. Polansky was in another category.

I was a patient of Dr. Polansky for many years. My memory of her comes when she would first walk into the room and cheerfully say "hi" as if we were the best of friends. She was warm, friendly and knowledgeable.

I always felt she either had the answers for me or was willing to investigate with me.

I can still hear her voice with her questions about how I was doing, but they were just not clinical questions ...they were caring questions, asked as if she were my friend.

I knew she was sick and wanted to contact her to tell her how much my husband Blaine and I appreciated her. And how we hoped that her health would improve. We never got the chance to do that.

So that said, please tell the people you care for how much you value them--any chance you get. You just may not get the chance.

To read her life story, as well as about how her life will be celebrated on Thursday, June 1, click: [Here](#).



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## 2. Invites

### A. Introducing ...

#### \*\*\*\*\* CONTEST #9 \*\*\*\*\*

One lucky reader will win a copy of CONFESSIONS OF AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER by my friend Matthew Schwartz.

The author has had approximately 10,000 stories on television stations across the country for four decades. He has won more than 200 awards, including four New York Emmys and four regional Edward R. Murrow Awards for investigative reporting.

He did a half-dozen interviews with a real estate developer who was not yet well known outside New York: Donald Trump.

He went undercover to catch a car dealership rolling back odometers and selling the cars as new. He did a series on pets dying in airplane cargo holds. It led to a federal law making air travel safer for pets.

To enter the contest, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #9 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include your name and mailing address. All entries must be received by EXTENDED DEADLINE of 9 p.m. on June 5.

B. Update on Contest #8: There were four entries. Howard Berkowitz won the prize, a copy of HA HA HISTORY; THE FIRST HISTORY BOOK YOU'LL WANT TO READ! by Neil Berliner, Michael Morse, Joey Novick and Ron Beau Phillips.

C. Please LIKE and SHARE the Facebook page for At the Café, the new musical written by Marcy Gallagher with music by Sarah Kohrs that will have its world premiere at The Tina McGuire Theater at The Wortham Center for the Performing Arts on August 18-20 and 25-27. For more information, click: [Here](#).

D. I'm participating in the 3rd Annual 100-Mile Ride Against Dementia for the Dementia Society of America! Please support me as I raise funds by taking on 100 miles to help Dementia Society of America achieve their amazing mission. Every donation, big or small, counts. Cheer me on in making a difference!

To join me, click: [Here](#).

Note: You don't have to participate in the race to help out. ... As a Board member of the Dementia Society of America, I've already made my annual contribution. .. Feel free to join me. Any amount would be much appreciated. ... Thanks for your consideration.

E. Want to be a guest on my BLAINESWORLD podcast, now seen on YouTube or you can listen to it on your favorite podcast player? If you have news you'd like to share and/or a story to tell, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put GUEST in the subject line. In the body of the email, include both your name and phone number.

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 evening.

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

F. Are you interested in shows, concerts, movies, TV, etc.? ... If so, I encourage you to join a 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](#).

G. Come join Cynthia for the one course she'll be teaching for Arms Around ASD this week: Move Your Body on Wednesday via Zoom or in person. To attend this and/or any of the other courses that are offered, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#)

Note: For others, see Sect.13 (at the bottom of this issue).

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### **3. FYI**

As you have probably heard by now, I got hacked on Facebook some two weeks ago. And my old account was taken down.

I tried to get reinstated by Facebook, but received no help, So I've had to reestablish my Blaine Greenfield account. What a pain!

I'm now in the process of sending out Facebook friend requests. If you get one, please accept it, so we can again become friends. You will know it is from me because you'll see a picture of me wearing a black shirt with flowers on the front.

If you can't wait to receive the above, please send me a Facebook friend request by clicking: [Here](#). (Or looking up "Blaine Greenfield" and finding the picture of a guy wearing a black shirt with flowers on the front.)

Sorry for any difficulties this may have caused.

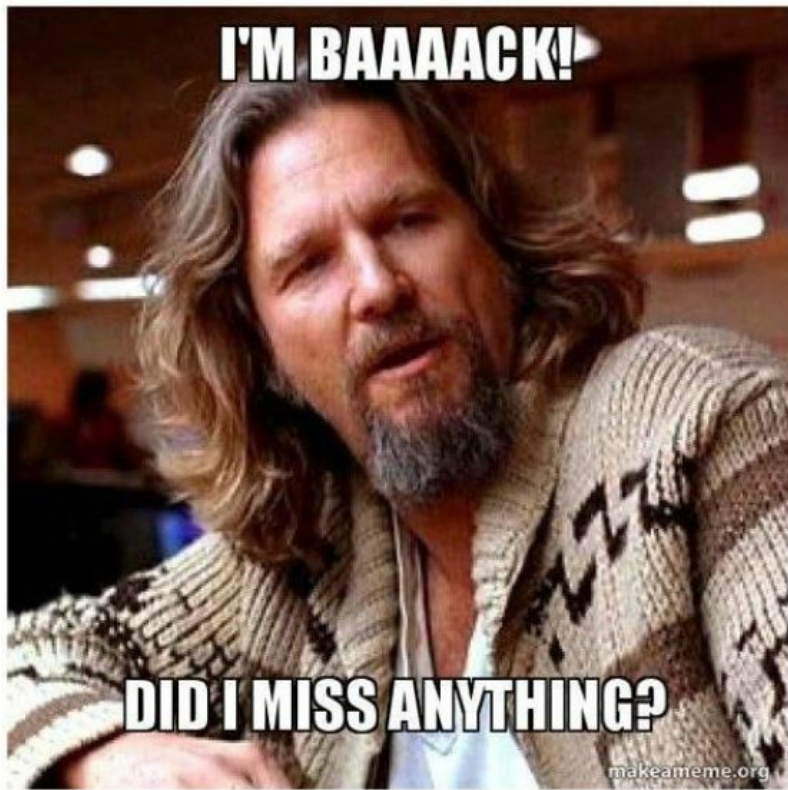
Hope all is well with you!

Note: Three things I have learned from being hacked:

(1) Always utilize two-factor authentication for Facebook, your bank accounts, etc.

(2) Have at least one backup administrator for any business account you maintain.

(3) Beware that you're going to get inundated with offers to help you out--and many of these, if not all of them, will be bogus. For more information, read: [Here](#).



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#### 4. Joke 1

For my next career, I could see myself being a physician who is always on call. ... I'd be a regular on-call-ologist. (Thanks, Jean Dolan, for sharing.)



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## 5. Reviews

A. Cynthia and I saw *YOU HURT MY FEELINGS* a smart, funny comedy about a novelist whose marriage is suddenly upended when she overhears her husband giving his honest reaction to her latest book. Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Tobia Menzies excel in the leading roles, and there were excellent performances from everybody else in the film (especially those featuring Menzies' patients). My only nitpick: Some good parts seem to have not made it to the final cut; e.g., more from the woman playing Dreyfus' mom, a scene with a security guard, etc.

And we loved the dialogue; e.g., this tidbit:

Don: I wasn't lying. I was encouraging

Beth: That's not true. You were lying to be encouraging.

Rated R, though certainly appropriate for mature teenagers.

B. I enjoyed revisiting *FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL* more than Cynthia did (who saw it for the first time). It is a romantic, raunchy comedy from 2008 about a struggling musician and his TV star girlfriend. The film featured Jason Segel, Kristen Bell, Mila Kunis and Russell Brand in the leading roles. I got a kick out of seeing several other actors who were just starting to approach success in their careers, including Bill Hader, Jack McBrayer, Paul Rudd, Jonah Hill and Jason Bateman. The first half was hilarious and though it tailed off at the end, I'll still recommend catching it. Rated R.

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## 6. TV alert

A. *LOOT*: Now on Apple TV+

Cynthia and I binge-watched this comedy about a woman who must decide what to do with her \$87 billion divorce settlement. Maya Randolph is excellent in the leading role, and she received excellent support from Michaela Rodriguez, Nat Faxon, Joel Kim Booster, Joel Kim Booster and Ron Funches. I'm glad that there will be a second season.

B. *THE MORNING SHOW*: Seasons 1 and 2 now on Apple TV+

This interesting drama looks at the modern workplace through the lens of the people who help wake America up, pulling back the curtain on early morning TV. The outstanding cast includes Jennifer Aniston, Reese



Witherspoon, Steve Carell, Billy Crudup and Mark Duplass.

**C. BEING MARY TYLER MOORE:** Now on HBO

Moore and many famous friends explain her family tragedies and heroic battle with diabetes. As she told one pal in her last years, "It feels great to remember!"

**D. PLATONIC:** Now on Apple TV+

Will (Seth Rogen) and Sylvia (Rose Byrne) used to be best pals in youth, but they went their separate ways: She became a harried mom, he a divorced brewmaster hanging with young barflies, yearning to grow up and settle down (and dreading it). This comedy has received excellent reviews. I look forward to seeing it.

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**7. Joke 2**

This guy just threw milk at me ... how dairy!



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**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](mailto: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 2017 guitar version version from Gabriella Quevedo: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Tired and Worn Down: [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

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

(1) The Marvelettes - "Please Mister Postman," one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Howard Smith: Hymns (5.28.2023): [Here](#)

(3) Neil Ratner Rock Doc: This week in May 1960 the Everly brothers had the number one song in the US with Cathy's Clown. inspired by one of Don Everly's ex-girlfriends, this song is about a guy Cathy dumps. He tries to be strong, but everyone knows him as "Cathy's Clown" because she treated him so bad. Don Everly did the arrangement, which was influenced by the conductor Andre Kostelanetz's version of the orchestral piece "Grand Canyon Suite." This was the first Everly Brothers single for Warner Bros. Records. They signed with the label in 1960 after cranking out a string of hits for Cadence Records, which couldn't afford to re-sign them. Warner Bros. launched in 1958 and was struggling - their only big hit was a novelty song by Edward Byrnes and Connie Stevens called "Kookie, Kookie (Lend Me Your Comb)," which hit #4 in 1959. They paid the Everlys a reported \$1 million (it was likely less) and expected a hit, so the pressure was on. The duo delivered with "Cathy's Clown." Recorded on March 18, it was released in early April and made #1 in the US on May 23, holding the top spot for five weeks. ... To hear the song, click: [Here](#).

(4) A classic baseball moment: Sandy Koufax vs. Mr. Ed: [Here](#). (Thanks, Steve Shulman, for sharing.)

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

Pinterest is one fun site if you're looking to kill some time. You'll find cartoons, recipes outfit ideas, quotes and a whole lot more. To check it out, click: [Here](#)

For example, there's this one from Abe Lincoln: "Don't believe everything you read on the internet just because there's a picture with a quote next to it."

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](#).

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## 9. Technology tip

Facebook has changed Notifications for ALL groups again. They have automatically switched members of most groups to receive "Highlights" instead of "All Posts."

So to make sure you see all of the posts made on Bluntly Speaking [or any other Facebook group you belong to], follow these instructions:

1. Go to notifications (click the 3 dots on the top right of the GROUP HOME page ... or if on a mobile device, click on the dots at the top right of your screen).
2. Click Notifications.
3. Change from "Highlights" to "All Posts."

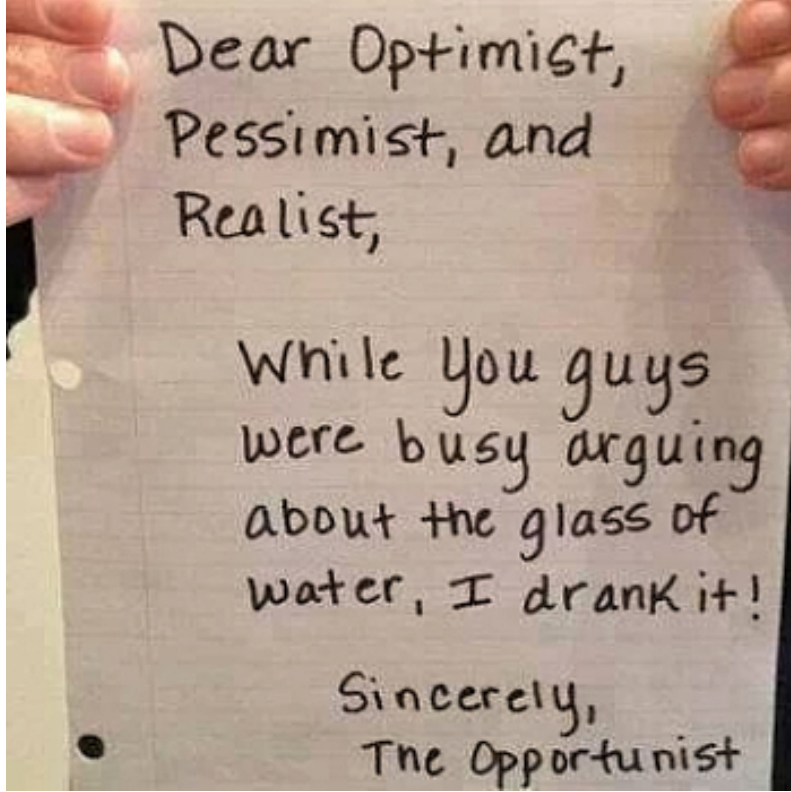
Done!

(Thanks, Jan Blunt, for sharing.)

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## 10. Joke 3

My kind of attitude. (Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.)



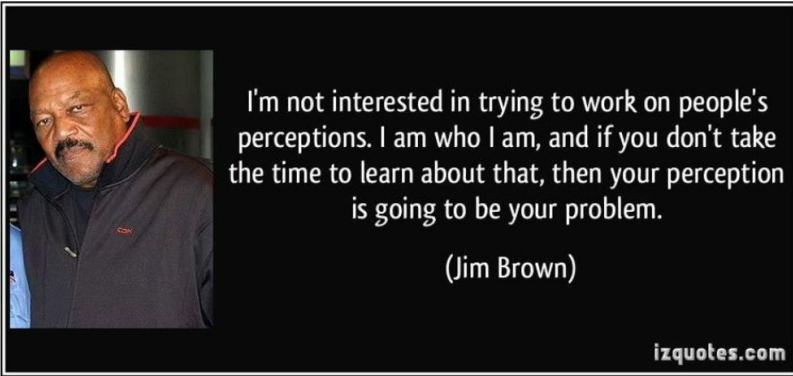
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### 11. Two quotes I like

A. Thanks, Tina Turner (1939-2023), for your career as an American-born and naturalized Swiss singer, dancer, actress and author. Widely referred to as the "Queen of Rock 'n' Roll", she rose to prominence as the lead singer of the Ike & Tina Turner Revue before launching a successful career as a solo performer. She received 12 Grammy Awards, which include eight competitive awards, and she was twice inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, with Ike Turner in 1991 and as a solo artist in 2021. For more information about her life, as well as for two clips of her singing, click: [Here](#).



B Thanks, Jim Brown (1936-2023), for your career as an an American football fullback, civil rights activist and actor. He was named to both the College Football Hall of Fame and the Lacrosse Hall of Fame, as well as to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).



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## 12. Thought for the day

I Hate To Break It To You, But If You Did Literally Any Of These 40 Things Growing Up, You Are Officially Old As Dirt  
by Dave Stopera

And I mean that lovingly.

If you've ever...

1. Spent way too long watching the TV guide channel to see what was on TV...
2. Printed out a whole page of directions and still got lost...

For the rest of this list (and accompanying pictures), click: [Here](#).

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## 13. Advance planning department

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

A. Michael Truffa: Knowledge Fusion: Stand-Up Comedy & Small Business. B. Sharon Lewis: An Evening with Deep River. C. Jeff Catanese: Montford Park Players Opens 51st Season with World Premiere Wendy and Peter. D. Connle Hurst: Casting Call for THE TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL. E. Steven Samuels: ROBERT RETURNS. F. Jimmy Ferraro: FUNDRAISER for The COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY and The AMERICAN LEGION. G. Victoria Lamberth: HELLO, DADDY. H. Connie Hurst: Seeking two cast members for OLD FORT, BEYOND THE VALE.

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**PS. Make it a great week!**

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