

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 got to see SART conclude its fantastic summer season with a fun, lively production of THE WEDDING SINGER. ... Dillon Giles played the leading role to perfection, and Ness Nowik was a delight as the kind-hearted Julia. ... Kudos, also, to all the the other featured performers who were equally outstanding: Lilly Bartleson, Chelsey Lee Gaddy, Matt Michael, Kendall Paige Parrett, Mario Pando, Ruth Planey and Sage Spiker. ... And they were ably backed up by my Facebook friend Emma-Leigh Brookshire and some 15 other enthusiastic ensemble members. ... Richie Barrella's direction was spot on, as was Misty Rondeau's music direction, Alana Patterson and J. Ethan Henry's choreography, and William Tyler Ezzell and Krystin Ezzell's costume design.



B. When in Mars Hill to see the above, we also got to visit Camden's Coffee House. This family-owned business on 40 N. Main Street features great coffee, smoothies and baked items.



C. Please catch this the first of two BLAINESWORLD shows this week by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) McKenzie Dillingham, owner of M.G. Dillingham Residential Construction; and (second half) Laura McCall, executive director at AIR – Asheville Independent Restaurant Association.



D. The second BLAINESWORLD show this week can be seen by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guest: Wendy Jones, Commercial Voice Specialist/Jazz Vocalist/AEA Actor/Composer/Arranger.



E. HOT OFF THE PRESS! ... Latest humor column that I wrote for THE FAIRVIEW TOWN CRIER. ... Click to see it at full size. ... And please help if you live in Fairview, Fletcher, Gerton or Reynolds ...Send me a funny joke, riddle or quote that I can use in a future column. Keep it both short and clean. ... See the box with the picture on how to get your submission to me. ... Thanks!

Nonversation (n.): A completely meaningless or useless conversation.

Women will never be truly equal as long as they are smarter than men.



If you're being chased by a pack of taxidermists, do not play dead.

"If you're going to do something tonight that you'll be sorry for tomorrow morning, sleep late."

—Henny Youngman



SIGN ON A LOCAL TRUCK ...
Asheville Mobile Tattoo Removal and Welding"



My wife told me to take a spider out instead of killing it. So, we went and had drinks. Cool guy...Wants to be a web designer.



A jazz musician is someone who puts a \$5,000 horn in a \$500 car and drives 50 miles for a \$5 gig.
(Methinks this also applies to rock and classical musicians.)

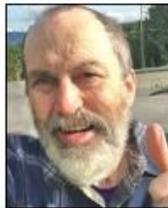
"I wanted to be a brain surgeon, but I had a bad habit of dropping things."

—Gilbert Gottfried

EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 39

Stand on a comfortable surface with plenty of room at each side. With a five-pound potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute and then relax.

Next try 50-pound potato bags and eventually work up to a 100-pound potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag. This is the level I'm at!



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items for possible inclusion in a future issue, send an email to bginbc@aol.com. (You can also reach him there to be a guest on his show and/or to subscribe to his blog).

F. Congratulations to:

- (1) William Tyler Ezzell on being named interim managing director for SART.
- (2) Laura Gregory Parker and Austin Fantana Parker on their marriage.
- (3) Michelle Munson on her marriage to Robbie Persons.

G. Announcing this week's ...

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

This week, it goes to to the following product: Honeywell Home RDWL917AX2000/E Doorbell Portable Wireless Doorbell. We just got one and set it up to play what's arguably the greatest rock and roll song of all time.

You'll have to see for yourself by ringing it the next time you come to our home.

That's Tim Clark, pictured below--our handyman extraordinaire (828.713.0426)--installing it. Cynthia can be seen in the background. She was the oh-so-important bell tester.

To hear it for yourself, click: [Here](#).

Note: The sound quality on the clip is a bit off. It sounds much better when you hear it in person.

For more information about the doorbell or to purchase it, click: [Here](#).



2. Invites

A. SNEAK PREVIEW! ... To see the amazing Sarah Kohrs (one half of the Tumo Kohrs duo) sing one of the songs she'll be performing with Mark Tuomenoksa (the other half of the duo) at ISIS Music Hall on Saturday, Aug. 13, at 8:30 p.m., click: [Here](#).

This is a show you won't want to miss. ... You can get tickets by clicking: [Here](#)



B. Jamie Knox: FRIENDS! HELP! (The Magnetic Theatre)

The theatre that is supposed to produce a play I wrote next month is at risk of getting shut down at the end of this month due to funding. If you can donate ANYTHING it would really help. This company, The Magnetic Theatre

1. Supports local writers
2. Produces work for social change as well as entertainment
3. Is active in the community
4. Is run by badass women

Click to help: [Here](#).

C There's still time to enter ...

***** Contest #12 *****

The deadline has been extended until one week.

One lucky reader will win a copy of HOW TO MAKE A SPEECH AND INSPIRE YOUR AUDIENCE by Barrie Barton. If you want your speech to be both engaging and memorable, this is the book for you.

To quote one reviewer, "My conference speech was a massive hit. Over 1,300 people heard it, and probably 200 people came up to me and told me how much they enjoyed it. I couldn't have done it without Barrie!"

To enter the contest, send an email to: bginbc@aol.com and put CONTEST #12 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include your name and mailing address. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8.

D. Want to be a guest on my BLAINESWORLD show, now seen on Facebook YouTube and LinkedIn? 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.

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.

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

And please click "Like" when you do check out this link.

E. 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](#).

F. 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 (that you can also attend in person). To attend these and/or any of the other courses, scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

3. FYI

A Neurologist's Tips to Protect Your Memory
by Hope Reese

As we age, our memory declines. This is an ingrained assumption for many of us; however, according to neuroscientist Dr. Richard Restak, a neurologist and clinical professor at George Washington Hospital University School of Medicine and Health, decline is not inevitable.

The author of more than 20 books on the mind, Dr. Restak has decades' worth of experience in guiding patients with memory problems. "The Complete Guide to Memory: The Science of Strengthening Your Mind," Dr. Restak's latest book, includes tools such as mental exercises, sleep habits and diet that can help boost memory.

To learn some of his tips and to read the rest of the informative article, click: [Here](#).

Note: If a paywall prevents you from reading the above, click here to do so: [Here](#).

4. Joke 1

Not sure the wine glasses will make the news any better, but drinking the vino will soon have you not caring--or even remembering that you are watching it. (Thanks, Lori Lynn Mullet, for sharing.)



5. Reviews

A. Saw *GRAY MAN* on Netflix. It is an entertaining action thriller about a prisoner convicted of killing his abusive father who gets his freedom when he works as an assassin for the CIA. Ryan Gosling and Chris Evans both handles themselves well in the leading roles, and there's nonstop action. Rated PG-13, though because of its violence, might not appropriate for younger teenagers. The only thing I didn't like about it was the fact that ending leaves you with the realization that this will just be the first in a series of films with some of the main characters. (I would have preferred just one complete story.)

B. Saw *FOR A GOOD TIME, CALL ...* on HBO. The comedy revolves around two women who find themselves short on funds. so they become reluctant roommates. They also start a phone-sex business. Ari Graynor and Lauren Miller Rogen are good in the leading roles, and they are effectively backed up by Justin Long, James Wolk and Seth Rogen, among others. You'll find it amusing, though not overly original. Rated R.

6. TV alert

A, *NICKI GLASER: GOOD CLEAN FUN*: Now on Netflix

Comedian and actress Nikki Glaser takes on a range of topics in her brutally-honest yet conversational style. It is very dirty, but also quite funny in parts.

B. *DOLLY PARTON: A MUSICARES TRIBUTE*: Now on Netflix

The film presents the 2019 MusiCares Person of the Year concert where Dolly Parton became the first country artist to receive the honor. There are many fabulous Parton song that are covered by various performers.

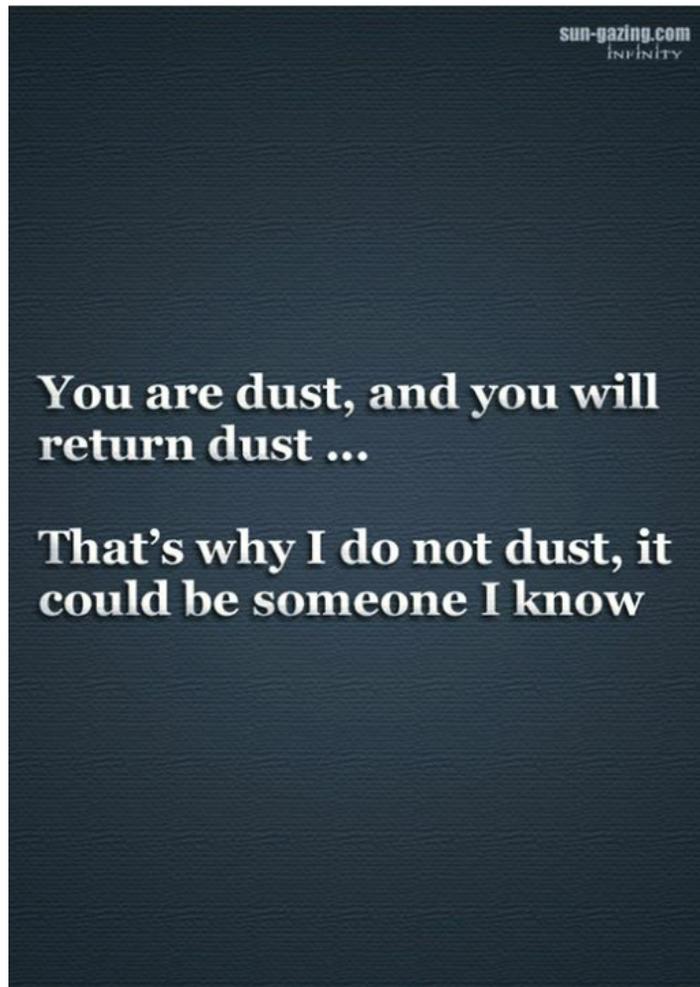
C. *PASSWORD*: Season premiere on Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 10 p.m. on NBC

Keke Palmer hosts and Jimmy Fallon appears as a celebrity partner in this revival of the popular game show.

D. THE PRINCESS: Documentary premiere on Friday, Aug. 12, at 8 p.m. on HBO
Princess Diana's life and tragic death unfolds through archival footage.

7. Joke 2

Why I feel soooo good today ... I've saved a lot of lives! (Thanks, Debbie Gurriere, for sharing.)



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 cover from The Underdogs: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

Women Take Charge Early: [Here](#). (Thanks, Jonathan Berg, for sharing.)

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

(1) Gilbert O' Sullivan: Alone Again (Naturally), one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

Note: Thanks, Neil Ratner Rock Doc, for your informative Facebook post that provided more information about the above song:

This week in August 1972 Gilbert O'Sullivan had the number one song in the Us with Alone Again Naturally. This was Irish-born singer Gilbert O'Sullivan's only American #1. It sold 2 million copies, spent six weeks at the summit in America and earned him three Grammy Award nominations (Best Male Pop Vocal Performance, Song of the Year, and Record of the Year). It was the second best-selling single of the year in America behind Don McLean's "American Pie." Gilbert O'Sullivan has denied that this song is autobiographical or about the death of his father when he was 11. O'Sullivan said: "Everyone wants to know if it's an autobiographical song, based on my father's early death. Well, the fact of the matter is, I didn't know my father very well, and he wasn't a good father anyway. He didn't treat my mother very well."

(2) Howard Smith: Sunday hymns (8.7.2022): [Here](#).

(3) "Peace Train" featuring Yusuf / Cat Stevens | Playing For Change: [Here](#). (Thanks, Meg Hale Brunton. for sharing.)

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

Reddit is a a social news aggregation site, ranging from branded media to original content. To view it, click: [Here](#).

It's a great website to look at if you want to waste time.

There are a million subreddits--and the list is growing. And each one is dedicated to a particular niche topic. Whatever you're a fan of, you'll find like-minded people there.

For example, you can check out "Today I Learned" by clicking: [Here](#).

I just did and found out that after the Portuguese dictator Salazar went into a coma, he was dismissed as Prime Minister. When he emerged from it and recovered lucidity, no one wanted to tell him he had been removed from power, instead he was allowed to "rule" in privacy until his death two years later.

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](#).

Do you have trouble reading the font size on webpages? If so, here's how to change the setting to make life easier for you ...

1. On your computer, open Chrome.
 2. At the top right, click More. Settings.
 3. Click Appearance.
 4. Make the changes you want: Change everything: Next to "Page zoom," click the Down arrow. . Then select the zoom option you want. Change font size: Next to "Font size," click the Down arrow .
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10. Joke 3

So you now know why I have trust issues! (Thanks, Sharon Lewis, for sharing.)

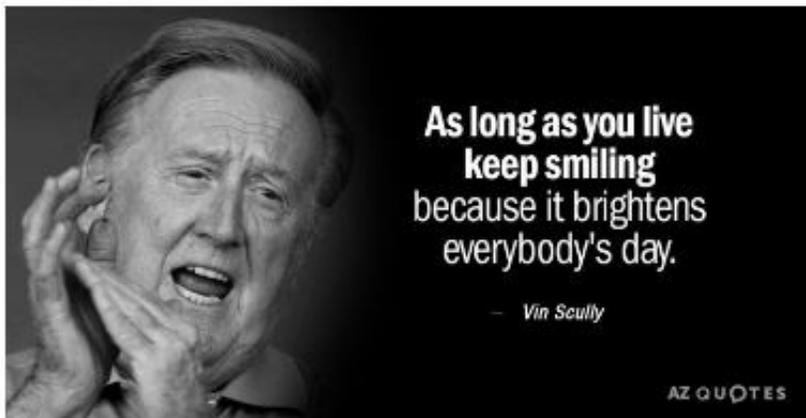


11. Two quotes I like

A. Thanks, Bill Russell (1934-2022), for your career as a basketball player and coach that had you win five NBA Most Valuable Player awards, get named as an NBA All-Star 12 times and lead your Boston Celtic teams to 11 NBA championships during your 13-year career. For more information about his life, click: [Here](#).



B. Thanks, Vin Scully (1927-2022), for your career as a sportscaster, best known for your 67 seasons calling games for Major League Baseball's Los Angeles Dodgers, beginning in 1950 when the franchise was located in Brooklyn) and ending in 2016. For more information about his life and clips of his broadcasting, click: [Here](#).



12. Thought for the day

BE FOREWARNED: The following satirical piece contains language that might be considered offensive to some Democrats and/or liberals. So if that possibility bothers you, please don't read any further. Personally, I think it is spot on—especially with respect to the points that are made.

If you would prefer listening to it, click: [Here](#). (Thanks, A. Nonymous, for sharing this narration.)

A day in the life of Sue Republican

Sue gets up at 6 a.m. and fills her coffeepot with water to prepare her morning coffee. The water is clean and good because some tree-hugging liberal fought for minimum water-quality standards.

With her first swallow of coffee, she takes her daily medication. Her medications are safe to take because some stupid commie liberal fought to insure their safety and that they work as advertised.

All but \$10 of her medications are paid for by her employer's medical plan because some liberal union workers fought their employers for paid medical insurance - now Sue gets it too.

She prepares her morning breakfast, bacon and eggs. Sue's bacon is safe to eat because some girly-man liberal fought for laws to regulate the meat packing industry.

In the shower, Sue reaches for her shampoo. Her bottle is properly labeled with each ingredient and its amount in the total contents because some crybaby liberal fought for her right to know what she was putting on her body and how much it contained.

Sue dresses, walks outside and takes a deep breath. The air she breathes is clean because some environmentalist wacko liberal fought for laws to stop industries from polluting our air.

She walks to the subway station for her government-subsidized ride to work. It saves her considerable money in parking and transportation fees because some fancy-pants liberal fought for affordable public transportation, which gives everyone the opportunity to be a contributor.

Sue begins her work day. She has a good job with excellent pay, medical benefits, retirement, paid holidays and vacation because some lazy liberal union members fought and died for these working standards. Sue's employer pays these standards because Sue's employer doesn't want his employees to call the union.

If Sue is hurt on the job or becomes unemployed, she'll get a worker compensation or unemployment check because some stupid liberal didn't think she should lose her home because of her temporary misfortune.

It's noon and Sue needs to make a bank deposit so she can pay some bills. Sue's deposit is federally insured by the FSLIC because some godless liberal wanted to protect Sue's money from unscrupulous bankers who ruined the banking system before the Great Depression.

Sue has to pay her Fannie Mae-underwritten mortgage and her below-market federal student loan because some elitist liberal decided that Sue and the government would be better off if she was educated and earned more money over her lifetime.

Sue is home from work. She plans to visit her father this evening at his farm home in the country. She gets in her car for the drive. Her car is among the safest in the world because some America-hating liberal fought for car safety standards.

She arrives at her childhood home. Her generation was the third to live in the house financed by Farmers' Home Administration because bankers didn't want to make rural loans. The house didn't have electricity until some big-government liberal stuck his nose where it didn't belong and demanded rural electrification.

She is happy to see her father, who is now retired. Her father lives on Social Security and a union pension because some wine-drinking, cheese-eating liberal made sure he could take care of himself so Sue wouldn't have to.

Sue gets back in her car for the ride home, and turns on a radio talk show. The radio host keeps saying that liberals are bad and conservatives are good. He doesn't mention that Republicans have fought against every protection and benefit Sue enjoys throughout her day. Sue agrees: "We don't need those big-government liberals ruining our lives! After all, I'm self-made and believe everyone should take care of themselves, just like I have."

Source: Author unknown. If you know who wrote it, please let me know.



PS. Make it a great week!
